

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Candles
(Christ Candle, for Inclusion, for Peace)

▲ We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky # 135 MV

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We believe God still creates–
We want to see more clearly.

We believe God still speaks–
We want to listen more carefully.

We believe God still guides–
We want to walk more faithfully.

We believe God still breathes life into the world–
We want to inhale more deeply.

May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking, breathing.
May this be a time of true worship. Amen

▲ Hymn – Teach me, God to Wonder # 299

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Thank you, God, for the breath of life
you placed within us, for the gift of rest, a
and for your constant presence.
Remind us that we are complete in you
and grant us the grace
to trust in your timing and direction.**

(Silent pause)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
and so we pray with confidence and faith,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

Theme Conversation: Fact or Myth?
An Anishinaabe creation story

Ancient Words: Genesis 2:4-25

Reflection: The Same Old Story?

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

▲ Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful # 291
(sing refrain only at beginning and end)

▲ Our Covenant: A Song of Faith (Responsive)

God is Holy Mystery,
beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

**Yet, in love,
the one eternal God seeks relationship.**

So God creates the universe
and with it the possibility of being
and relating.

**God tends the universe,
mending the broken and
reconciling the estranged.**

God enlivens the universe,
guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

**Each part of creation reveals unique aspects
of God the Creator,
who is both in creation and beyond it.**

All parts of creation, animate and inanimate,
are related.

All creation is good.

We sing of the Creator,
who made humans to live and move
and have their being in God.

**Grateful for God’s loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.**

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication

Praying Together

THRESHOLD INTO GOD’S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing -
#481

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Week at St James – Sep 13 - Sep 19, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Food Bank	Hall	8:30-11 am

Thank you to **Susan Dean** for leading us in Worship today. She will be here for three more of our services this fall.

We have received news that **Elaine Wilson**, one of our longtime members, has died. She has been living in New Brunswick for the past number of years. Elaine's funeral will be held Thursday Sep 17, at 2 pm, Salisbury Baptist Church in New Brunswick.

Wellness Wednesday, starting Sept 30: Would you like to be healthier in mind, body and spirit? Join us once again for chair yoga, lunch (free!) interesting speakers and an opportunity to get to know one another.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Yard Sale will be Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:00 – noon

This is your chance to assist this fall with the **readings during the Sunday service**, let the office know your availability.

Hospitality — Circle of Service

We're back from summer and ready for a new season! Would you be interested in helping with Sunday morning Coffee Time? What about volunteering to operate the elevator before and after church or greeting people arriving at church? Training available! If any of these areas of service interest you, please contact Melanie 902-469-5220.

Please note, our services are livestreamed, and photographs may be taken. You are welcome to take photos and video as well.

Note: The emergency exit from the sanctuary (next to the piano, front left) is not in use. For evacuation, please use the main front doors or the staircase on the right.



If you would like to contribute to our ministry, there are **offering plates** at the back, or you can e-transfer to **stjamesfinancials181@gmail.com**. This QR code will take you directly to our Canada Helps page.
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Food Bank (Sept 1, 15, 29)

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