

▲ Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

▲ We Sing – Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
18 MV

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (x 2)***

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God, like a bakerwoman,
You bring the leaven
which causes our hopes to rise
**With your strong and gentle hands,
Shape our lives.**

Warm us with your love.
Take our common lives
And touch them with your grace,
That we may nourish hope among humanity.
**We pray trusting in your name,
through Jesus our Christ.
Amen**

▲ Hymn – I Love to Tell the Story # 343

Opening Prayer (Together)

**God is with us all the time:
With us when the war clouds swirl;
with us, working for peace.
With us when there are fires and floods;**

**with us, enabling us to be helpers.
With us, meeting the needs of the lonely;
with us, giving an invitation to community.
With us when there is hard testing;
with us, encouraging patient endurance.
With us when the harvest fails;
with us, offering to share from our plenty.
With us when our faith is downplayed,
calling us to live out our Christianity,
hour by hour and day by day.
When it seems the time of trial will never end,
in Christ, our hope is eternal. Amen.**

(Silent prayer)

**We turn to you,
knowing that you understand us,
forgive us, and love us like a Mother,
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 those 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

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words: Proverbs 22: 1-2; 8-9; 22-23
Mark 7: 24-37

Reflection

Reflective Music

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – My Love Colours outside the Lines #138 MV

▲ A New Creed – Page 918

Stories of Mission and Service

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of the People

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲ Hymn – Amazing Grace # 266

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

Let us go into the world with gratitude
partnering with friends and neighbours
as we seek God's love and peace
May God, who loves us from our borning cry,
go with us.
May Jesus, who welcomes us into relationship,
stay with us.
And may the Spirit's persistent call for peace
be with us.
This day. This week. And always. Amen.

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

**Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed
of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY
This Week at St James – Sep 6 - Sep 12, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Refreshments and Conversation	Sanctuary	11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you to Jackie Clark for leading the service on this first Sunday of September, as we resume our regular services. We look forward to our usual fall activities, as well as the changes and challenges ahead for St James.

We have received news that the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council has approved the appointment of **the Rev. Darlene Brewer to St. James for 6 months**. She will be with us full time, as we work through the process of finding a new minister. Darlene's first Sunday with us will be Nov 1. Until then we have pulpit supply in place for the Sundays in September and October.

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.



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This QR code will take you directly to our Canada Helps page.
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Food Bank (Sept 1, 15, 29)

St. James United Church

United in Faith
Strengthened by Friendship
Building a Community
of
Love and Justice



Sept 6, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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