▲Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement

As we gather for worship,
let us pause to remember that in this region
we live and work and worship
on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories
of the Wabanaki peoples - predominantly the lands
of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy.

May we live with respect on this land,
and live in peace and friendship with its people.

▲Gathering Music – Spirit of Life #381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

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

▲Call to Worship (Responsive)

As we wake in the morning,
we are conscious of the need
to gather together,
to bring our minds and hearts
into the presence of sacred space.
Here, we gather in God's name.

The divine shapes and shifts us, challenging,
promising, and calling us into and out of this place.

The church is this community of people,
and all people who gather in God, through Jesus.

Let us come rejoicing,
with gladness and mindfulness
of how the Spirit dwells within and among us.

Then come, people of God, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

▲Hymn – Let Us Build a House MV #1

(Silent prayer)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon – What Does it mean to be Blessed?

Music for Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲Hymn – Like a Healing Stream MV #144

▲Affirmation of Faith – Page 918

Stories of Mission

Invitation to Generosity & Offering Prayer

▲Musical Response –
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying # 400

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power,
send us grace!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

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▲Hymn – Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV #150

Blessing

▲Song of Dismissal – Go Make a Difference MV #209

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. X2

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R

Liturgy – Rev. Dr Darlene Brewer, PhD

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

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

This Week at St James – Nov 1– Nov 7, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Meet & Greet	Hall	11:00 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30-9:00 pm
Wednesday	Workshop	Parlour	1:30 pm
Friday	Choir	Sanctuary	9:30 am

Today we welcome the Rev. Darlene Brewer, who will be with us for the next six months. Please join us for a Meet and Greet in the lower hall after the service for a chance to chat.

We have had the sad news that our longtime member Shirley Paquette has died. Her beautiful voice was a part of our choir for many years. We offer condolences to her family. A funeral will be held at St James at a later date.

The flowers you see in the sanctuary today were placed by Mary Smith; they graced her husband Claude's Celebration of Life service yesterday.

Next Sunday we will mark **Remembrance Day**. Please bring in pictures of your family in uniform, past & present, for our display table.

Save the Date - Christmas Magic!
Saturday, December 5, 1-3 pm
St James Church Hall
This family friendly event is a highlight of the St James' Christmas Season. There are many ways you can help:
1. Donations for the Silent Auction. This has been very popular in the past and lots of fun.
2. "New to You" Christmas items for the sale table. Treasures you have enjoyed can go to a new home and bring new pleasure.
Thank you and contact Bonnie or Melanie with your donations.

We need more volunteers!
Can you help with the Sound System?
Audio Visual?
Webpage?
Facebook?
Contact us, training is available!

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.
Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, please email st.james.dartmouth@gmail.com

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