▲Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome/Introductions/ Acknowledging the Territory

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

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

▲We Sing – Open Our Hearts MV #21

Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.
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▲Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, you who are weary from the week behind you.
Come, you who are hopeful for the week ahead.
Come, for God has prepared a place at the table.
We come, wondering if there is room for us.
We come, carrying our joys and burdens.
We come, longing for welcome and grace.

Jesus tells stories of invitations and feasts,
of unexpected guests and open doors.
So we gather from many places
and many walks of life.
We gather to hear God's invitation again.

Come to the feast of love and justice.
Come to the table where all are welcome.
Let us worship God.

▲Hymn – For Everyone Born TLUS #23

Opening Prayer (Together)

With open hearts we gather today,
happy to come to your table.
By your Spirit, draw us into community,
where all are welcomed, all are loved,
all are fed by your feast,
and everyone finds a place.
Amen

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

Ancient Words – Luke 22:14-20

Reading – And the Table Will be Wide by Jan Richardson

Reflection – A Place at the Table

Reflective Music

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

▲We Sing – When We Gather at the Table MV #198

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is with us. **We are not alone.**
Christ is present here **The Spirit is among us.**
Let us give thanks to God **in memory and in hope.**

God of abundance and hospitality, generosity and grace…
Therefore, with people of every nation and generation,
with saints and disciples past and present,
we join our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy God, Source of Love and Life.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering

We remember that on the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends around a table. He took
bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and shared it with them, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in God's love, poured
out for you and for many. Whenever you drink it,
remember me."

And so we remember: his life of compassion, his death on
the cross, his resurrection hope, and his call to build a
world where all have a place at the table.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit and The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Though we are many, we are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.
The bread which we break is a sharing
in the body of Christ.
The cup which we bless is a sharing in the love of Christ.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served in the pews,
please wait till everyone is served
before eating and drinking.
Our bread is gluten free.

As we share in the gifts of bread and wine,
We will sing Eat This Bread # 466

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, we thank you for this feast of love.
In bread broken and cup shared, you have reminded us
that there is a place for everyone at your table.

Send us now into the world to make room for others,
to seek justice with courage, to love with generosity,
and to work for the day when all are fed,

all are welcomed, all are valued,
and all may live in peace.
Through Christ, who invites us and sustains us.
Amen.

THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲Hymn – Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah #VU 651

▲ Blessing

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 – Oct 18 - Oct 24, 2026

Day	What	Where	Time
Sunday	Coffee and Conversation	Sanctuary	11 am
Monday	Carillon Choir	Hall	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Workshop	Parlour	1:30 pm
Friday	Choir	Sanctuary	9:30 am
Saturday	Yard Sale	Gym	8-Noon

Thank you to the Rev. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis for leading this **Communion Service**.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Yard Sale, Saturday, Oct 24, 8-noon. We can begin collecting items this week. We hope as many of our regular crew as possible will be available for setup Friday at 9:00, working Saturday or teardown afterwards on Saturday. If you could let Joan or Jackie know as soon as possible re your availability, that would be much appreciated. Phone, in person, or by email (joan.clark@hotmail.com or we-eble@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continued support!

On **October 25th we will have a Musical Service**, featuring the senior and handbell choirs, with the theme "If you want to walk on water you have to get out of the boat!". There will be hymns, and if you have a hymn for consideration, let us know the reason why!

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!

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Food Bank (Oct 13, 27; Nov 10, 24)

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The Joy in the Great Banquet

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