▲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 – 'There is Room for All' MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;**
**there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.**
**And I rejoice and sing,**
**"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."**
**There is room for all, there is room for all!**

**CROSSING THE THRESHOLD**

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

▲Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather as a community of faith, following in the
footsteps of Jesus for a long time.
Where is God calling us next?

**We seek to follow, sometimes joyful, sometimes**
**weary, we will always follow Jesus.**

In this time, we invite relationship-building, praise and
thanksgiving to God who welcomes us all.

**Jesus invites us to be here; aware of the past, living**
**in this moment, looking to the future**
**God has waiting for us.**

May God lead our every step. May God be with us,
in this moment in history and this time of worship.
Amen!

Opening Prayer

▲Opening Hymn - 'Let All Things Now Living' VU 242

Choir: 'Roots and Wings' by Linnea Good

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

A Time of Wondering

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon – 'Bringing Our Life and Faith Together in Past,
Present, and Future'

Music for Reflection

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

▲Hymn – 'Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore'
VU 563

▲Affirmation of Faith – Page 918

Stories of Mission & Service

Invitation to Generosity & Offering Prayer

▲Musical Response – 'What Can I Do?' MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?**
**What can I say? What can I sing?**
**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**
**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD**

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

▲Hymn – 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' VU 371

▲ Blessing

▲Song of Dismissal – 'Now Thank We All Our God'
VU 236, v 1&3

**Now thank we all our God,**
**with heart, and hands, and voices,**
**who wondrous things has done,**
**in whom this world rejoices;**
**who from our mother's arms**
**has blessed us on our way**
**with countless gifts of love,**
**and still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God**
**for all that has been given,**
**the Son, and Spirit blest**
**who dwell in highest heaven,**
**the one eternal God,**
**whom heaven and earth adore;**
**for thus it was, is now,**
**and shall be evermore.**

*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 22-Nov 28, 2026

| Day | What | Where | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday | Coffee and Conversation | Sanctuary | 11:00 am |
| Monday | Carillon Choir | Hall | 7:30-9:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Food Bank | Hall | 8:30-11 am |
| Wednesday | Wellness | Gym | 11:00 am |
| Wednesday | Workshop | Parlour | 1:30 pm |
| Friday | Choir | Sanctuary | 9:30 am |
| Friday | Decorating for Advent | Sanctuary | 10:30 am |

**We celebrate St. James 199th Anniversary**! Donations will go to the Mission and Service fund.

**Wellness Wednesday**, Nov 25, last Wednesday of the Month: join us for chair yoga, lunch (free!), and a chance to get to know one another.

**Christmas Magic December 5, see insert**. If you have items for our silent auction, let us know.

It's time for our **Christmas Poinsettia Project**. This lovely tradition was started by the St James UCW. Poinsettia plants will grace the sanctuary in memory or celebration of those we love. Place your dedications and donation in the offering plate or send to the church office by December 13.

**Kin Club Brunch today has been cancelled!** In past years the November brunch also supported their annual Christmas Miracle project that provides toys and clothing for children. This year they will again partner with local churches and for the first time Alice House. If you would like to provide a toy or financial support they will be accepting donations at the East Dartmouth Community Centre Sunday December 13th, 9:30-11:30 am.

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

### Upcoming Dates!

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|---|---|
| Nov 22 | Anniversary Sunday – 199 yrs! |
| Nov 27 | Decorate for Advent, 10:30 am |
| Nov 29 | First Sunday of Advent - Hope |
| Dec 5 | Christmas Magic 1-3 pm |
| Dec 6 | Advent 2 – Peace; Honouring victims of Halifax Explosion and Ecole Polytechnique |
| Dec 13 | Advent 3 – Joy! |
| Dec 13 | Concert and Carols, 2 pm |
| Dec 20 | Advent 4 – Love |

**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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**Food Bank** (Nov 10, 24)

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