

St. James United Church

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship on this Thanksgiving Sunday. Today we acknowledge that we live and work and worship on lands that are the ancestral, and by law, the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw peoples. May we strive to live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.

The Life and Work of St. James United Church

Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines in all of creation.
May that light shine in each of us.

Introit (MV 2)

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come now and worship the Lord!

Call to Worship

We come to give thanks,
for blessings abound.
We come to give praise,
blessed by our Maker.

Opening Prayer (together)

Great Creator, you call us to love you and to love all of creation. Help us to live in a way that is a blessing for your world. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: VU 519 (tune 112) "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: MV 46 "Bless the Lord"

The children may leave for Sunday School

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Creator God, breathing your own life into our being,
you gave us the gift of life.

You placed us on this earth, with its minerals and waters,
flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty!

You gave us the care of the earth.

Today you call us, "Where are you; what have you done?"

**O God of love, you gave us the gift of peoples,
of cultures, races and colours, to share our lives with.**

Today you ask, "Where is your brother, your sister?"

The refugees, the oppressed and voiceless cry out to you.

Forgive us, Creator God, and reconcile us to your creation.

Teach us, O God of Love, that the earth and all its fullness is yours,
the world and those who dwell in it.

Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. Amen.

-Konrad Raiser, God's Good Earth: Praise and Prayer for Creation (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2018), p. 13.

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn VU 344 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU 549)

For all your goodness, God, we give you thanks:
thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet,
for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Loving God, we give you the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. Bless our gifts and use them for your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU 236 "Now Thank We All Our God"**Benediction****Song for the Journey (VU 649 Refrain) (repeat)**

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned,
where love shines through.

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Sunday School: We welcome back the children and teacher, Jennifer Moss! Classes will meet on Oct. 11, Nov. 15 & Dec. 6.

"After-church Social": Today stay for refreshments and conversation! Don't forget that volunteers are needed for Nov. 15 & Dec. 6. Our sign-up sheet is at the church.

Sambro Pumpkin Palooza: 11 am-1 pm, Sat., Oct. 17 at James McPhee Ball Field with costume parade, scarecrow contest, other Fall themed events, sponsored by SACA (check their FB page).

St. James Swordfish Supper: 4-6 pm, Sat., Oct. 17. Come out for the best swordfish supper in the world! Dine In or takeout, includes roll and dessert. Adult \$25.00 (cash only). Kids 12 & under eat free.

Memorials

In Memory of Jodi Kirk
from
Vivian Horton
Clyde, Theresa & Ricky Gray,
&
Darrell & Aronda Garrison

St. James United Church**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

October 11, 2026

