

## St.James United Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 8, 2026

### The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines in the darkness.  
**May that light fill our hearts and our world.**

#### Introit (MV 115)

Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

#### Call to Worship

You are the light of the world!

**We're here to make sure nothing puts out our light!**

You are the salt of the earth!

**We're here to make sure nothing makes our salt go flat!**

You are the people of God!

**We're here to learn about God's love and to live in God's light!**

#### Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of love and light, we know that you sent your son Jesus to be the light of the world. Help us bring your light to the world too. Help us shine with your love. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn 87 “I Am the Light of the World”**

**Scripture Reading**      Matthew 5:13-16

#### Anthem

#### Growing In Faith Time

##### Hymn “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let anyone (*whiff*) it out, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (*repeat verse 1*)

#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

##### Offering Hymn (VU 540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living,  
we may offer faithfully.

##### Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Loving God, may the offering we give today make a difference in the lives of others. May it be a reflection of our love for you, and a sign of hope for the world. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

##### Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me! Shine on me!

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! **Refrain**

3. As we gaze on your kindly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me! Shine on me! **Refrain**

**Benediction**

Please pass the salt.

**Jesus said he was the salt of the earth;  
we'll share Jesus with others.**

Please turn on the light.

**Jesus said he was the light of the world;  
we'll let his light shine in our lives.**

Amen.

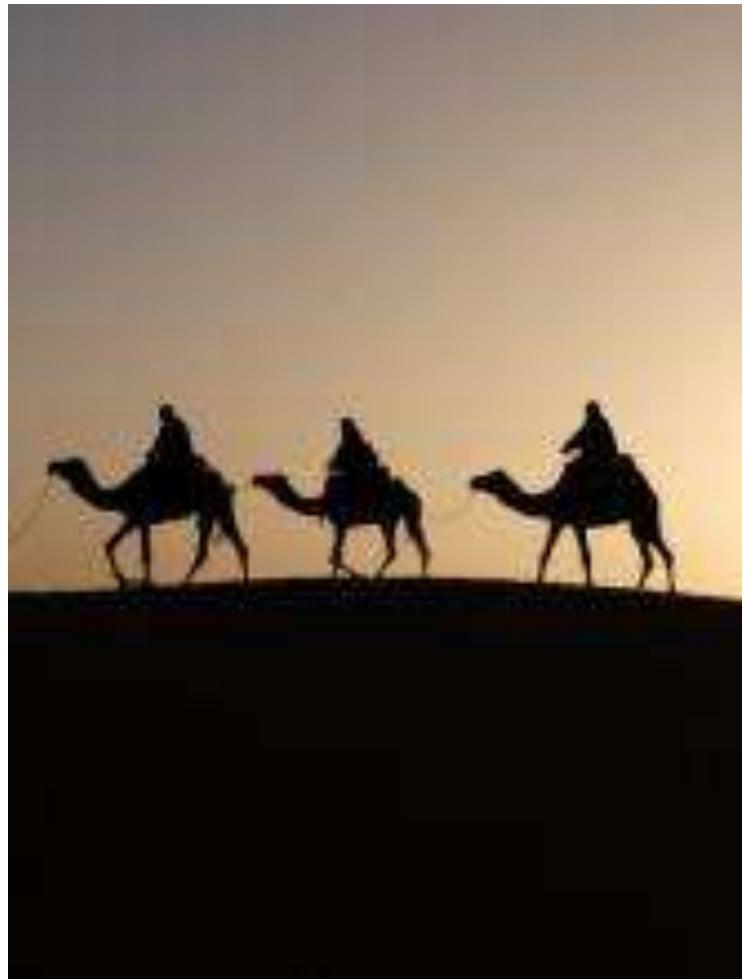
**Amen!**

**Song for the Journey (VU 964)**

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go!

**St. James United Church  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship Leaders: Cyndi Garrison & John  
Hennigar-Shuh  
Feb 8, 2026  
10:30 am**



### **The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge**

**Shrove Tuesday** - February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. James United Church, 5pm-6:30 pm. Adults \$8, Children (5-12) \$5, kids under 5 eat for free.

**Ghost Island Documentary** will be shown in the church hall on Sat March 7 from 1pm to 3:30pm.

**St. James Dinner Theatre presents** "The Haunting of Sambro Island", April 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2. As always, this show features a 3 Course Lobster Dinner, an original and entertaining show, and lots of great music!

This year, we are looking for musicians to play in our St. James Dinner Theatre Band. If you play the guitar (electric and acoustic), bass, drums or accordion, we want to hear from you! Please contact the St. James United Church office @ 902 868 2791

**65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Bill and Fran Stewart are celebrating their 65th year wedding anniversary and welcome everyone to join them in the church hall on Sat Feb 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm onwards. In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Food Bank.