

St. James United Church

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Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

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 the darkness.
May that light fill our hearts and our world.

Introit (MV 18)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)

We may look to the hills and the mountains for our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.
Our Creator may be found everywhere,
in all times and all places, never far away.
God neither slumbers nor sleeps,
but is always by our side.

Opening Prayer of Confession (together)

Gracious God, you have brought us to this season of Lent, a time of preparation for Christ's journey to the cross. Too often we are drawn to easy answers and instant solutions. Forgive us, O God. Strengthen us to be open to your Spirit in our lives. Give us the vision and courage to follow you on the journey to which we are called. Amen.

Hymn: VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

Lenten Candles

(Light five purple candles.)

Questions in the night. Searching. It's a beginning.

A journey starts with one step. God is where we are... and God is also where we haven't yet been.

Let us journey through the shadows toward the light.

(Extinguish a purple candle)

Sung response (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: MV 92 "Like a Rock"

Responsive Psalm 121 VU 844

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4; Genesis 15:1-6; John 3:1-16

Anthem

Sermon: "Being Reborn"

Hymn: VU 634 (tune 112) "To Abraham and Sarah"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (MV 79)

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

With these gifts we offer ourselves as well, O Lord. Use our hands, our feet and our voices to share your love and healing in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 657 "He Leadeth Me"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 117 v. 5)

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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Rev. Helene and Gary Burns thank everyone for cards, gifts and prayers following her surgery. We are blessed by your friendship!

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

Sessions Meeting: Tues, Mar 10 at 7pm via Zoom

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!

Auction items at each show.

Tickets go on sale March 8th, \$50.00 <https://tinyurl.com/sambro2026>

Or

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/the-haunting-of-sambro-island-st-james-united-church-sambro-dinner-theatre--2026>



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March 1, 2026
10:30 am

Worship Leaders:

Sara Scarfe and John Hennigar-Shuh

