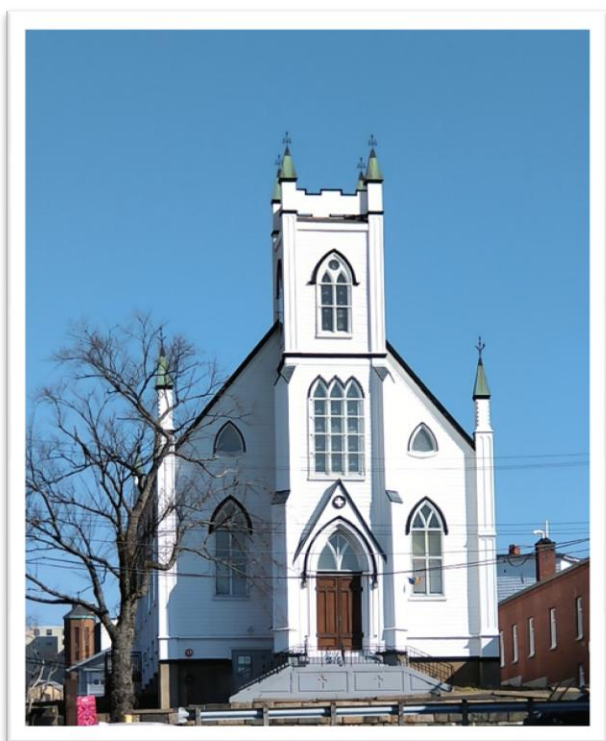


# St. James United Church

United by Faith  
Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community of Love and Justice



October 29, 2023 @ 10:00 AM  
ALL SAINTS DAY

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(▲Rise in body or in spirit/Responses in bold)

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Welcome & Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Candles

Gathering Song – We Are Circling

**We are circling.  
Circling together.  
We are singing,  
singing our heart song.  
This is family, this is unity.  
This is celebration, this is sacred.**

Call to Worship

For all the saints who went before us  
who have spoken to our hearts  
and touched us with your fire,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us  
whose weaknesses and strengths  
are woven with our own,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us  
who challenge us, to change us  
to change the world with them,  
**we praise you, O God.**

Opening Prayer (Together)

**Thank you for witnesses of the faith, O God;  
for those who have helped us hear the story of your people,  
for the ways the story has touched our lives.  
Thank you for the evangelists who have written the gospels;  
for the power of their telling.  
Thank you for the prophets who have disturbed us;  
for their ability to help us examine our living.  
Thank you for those people we have known  
who have lived out the faith;  
for the inspiration they have been to us.**

*Silent Prayer...*

**We turn to you,  
knowing that you understand us,  
forgive us,  
and love us like a Mother,  
and so we pray with confidence and faith,  
“Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**ALL SAINTS LITURGY OF REMEMBERING**

Statement of Purpose

Lighting of Candles

For Those Who Walked with Us – Jan Richardson

For those who walked with us,  
**this is a prayer.**  
For those who have gone ahead,  
**this is a blessing.**  
For those who touched and tended us,  
who lingered with us while they lived,  
**this is a thanksgiving.**  
For those who journey still with us  
in the shadows of awareness,  
in the crevices of memory,  
in the landscape of our dreams,  
**this is a benediction.**

▲ Hymn – For All the Saints # 705

# LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

A Time of Wondering

An Ancient Word – 1 Kings 12: 1-17, 25-29

Reflection – Leadership of the Saints

Reflective Music

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ Hymn – You Call Us Out # 569

▲ A New Creed – Page # 918

Minute for Mission

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community – Please See Insert

▲ Hymn – God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian # 514

▲ Commissioning & Blessing

▲ Song of Dismissal – We Are Circling

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Music Takes Us into the World

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*Please note, our services are livestreamed  
and photographs may be taken.  
You are also welcome to take pictures and video.*

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