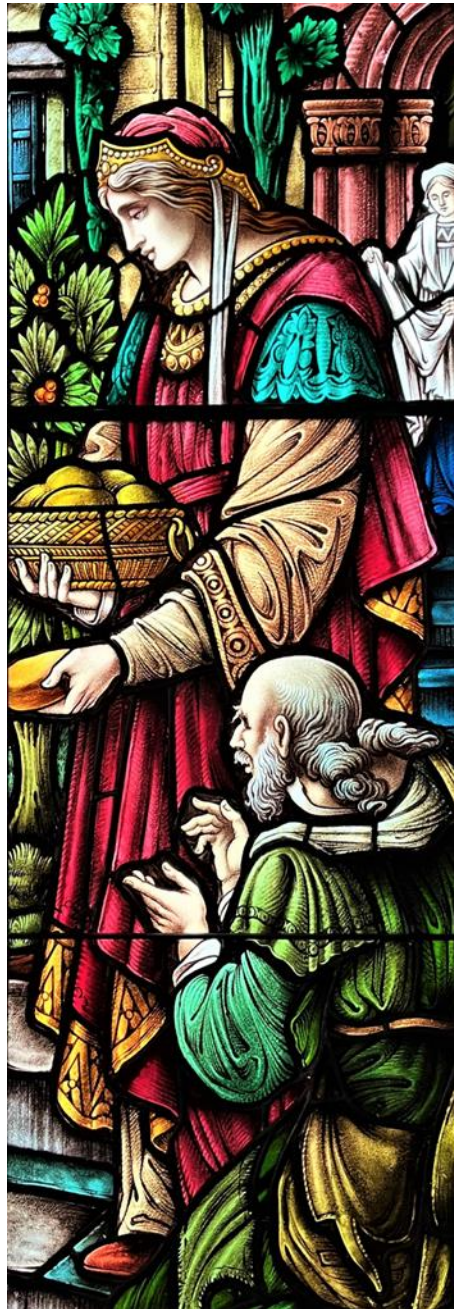


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *Dorcas* (1943), New St. James

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Janice Mark

Choristers: Janaki Butterworth, Nathan Dyck, Ariel Harwood-Jones,
Robert Hutson, Angela Myshkowsky

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun Danket)*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Processional Hymn** For the beauty of the earth (DIX)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 100:2, 4

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance (sung in unison) Psalm 103:12, 22 (DUNLAP'S CREEK)

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As far as east is from the west,
so far God bears away
our sins and all our brokenness;
bless God, my soul, this day!

Introit *The Lord Is Good*

Ch. Tye (1500-1572)

The Lord is good! His love will raise a joyful harvest song. Sing "He is good!" and let His praise from every tongue be heard. He gives us bread; He gives His children more. By Him their souls with grace are fed a rich and endless store.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** We plow the fields and scatter (WIR PFLÜGEN [DRESDEN])

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Fill Your Hearts with Prayer*

K. Daniel (1944)

Why art thou cast down? Fill your hearts with prayer. Why are thou disquieted? Fill your hearts with prayer. He who clothes the lilies fair, marks the sparrow's fall, though a thousand foes assail, God is over all. Our spirits faint, our hearts are fearful – have we forgotten our Saviour reigns? Bliss he wakes and woe he lightens – have we forgotten our Lord? God has promised to deliver; God is watching over all.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:21-27

p. 847 in the O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:25-33

p. 6 in the N.T.

Sermon "Do Not Worry about Your Life"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** For the fruits of all creation (AR HYD Y NOS) **802**

Offering and Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun Danket)* G. F. Kaufmann (1679-1735)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH) **830**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Solo *Consider the Lilies* N. Sleeth (1930-1992)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Meredith Donaldson Clark, flute

Consider the lilies and how they grow, blossoming there on the field, 'tis not for their labour they flourish so, flowers of beauty to yield. *Through the grace of God above, tending all in constant love, every want shall be supplied, for God the Lord will provide.* Consider a moment the birds in flight, everywhere filling the air, with never a worry they seek the height nourished in bountiful share. *Through the grace of God above...* Store not up in great array treasures for the coming day; in the Kingdom first believe, and all good things you shall receive. For more than the lilies that bloom and grow, more than the birds of the air, your Maker forever your need will know and feed you with heavenly care.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration,
and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* **Recessional Hymn** Now thank we all our God (NUN DANKET) **457**

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH) **780**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun Danket)*

J. A. Behnke (2001)

Announcements

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the **Guest Book** in the Narthex, located at the back of the Sanctuary. An Usher would be pleased to offer you directions.

Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary. Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

Sunday Coffee Hours Women's Council has posted a list on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall where you can offer to help prepare, serve, and clean up for coffee hours on Sunday mornings. You will work with Karen Buchwald to help her get the refreshments ready before the start of the service. As you know your own schedules, please consider signing up to help.

There will be no **Bible Study** this Monday, October 14; it will resume the following Monday.

Highland Group, Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. The highland ladies will be hosted by Cathy Taylor at the home of her daughter for a social evening. For further details, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or at karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

There will be a **Fire/Evacuation Drill** following the worship service on Sunday, October 20 (with a rain date of Sunday, October 27).

Please join a **Celebration of Life** for Annabel Sells on Sunday, October 27, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Rd. Please RSVP by October 22 (<https://www.westernconnect.ca/site/Calendar?id=149134&view=Detail>). For details, please see the bulletin boards or contact Charlene Beynon at cbeynon@newstjames.ca or 519.473.1743.

New St. James Women's Missionary Society and London Presbyterial WMS invite you to meet Rev. Dr. Silas Ncozana, of Chulochosema, Malawi. A pastor, preacher, teacher, administrator and statesman, Silas has played a major role in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and in the history of his country. He has also been a strong supporter and facilitator of New St. James' work in the children's centre in Chipagala. He will speak at the Presbyterial Mission Day here at NSJ at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$15. Please let Marg McGugan, Presbyterial President (me5mcgugan@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend by October 16.

MARKETPLACE 2024, Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help at the Marketplace. Please contact Karen if you would like to help. We will need baking for our bake table so please think about what you could donate. Also, please donate to the deli table and the Christmas table if you are able to. Be sure to tell all your friends and family about our sale. Any questions, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or at karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

We will be **receiving New Members** on November 24. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be in New St. James Hall following the service.

Financial Update, end of September, 2024:

| | Jan – Sept 2024 | Jan – Sept 2023 | \$ Change | % Change |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Total Income | \$234,136 | \$220,737 | \$13,399 | 6.1 % |
| Total Expenses | \$280,171 | \$277,946 | \$2,225 | 0.8 % |
| Net Income | -\$46,035 | -\$57,209 | \$11,174 | 19.5% |

As of September 30, our bank balance is **-\$5,668** and we are paying interest on our overdraft balance.

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