

Announcements – January 19th, 2025

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.

Celebrate Judi Le Blanc's Retirement! Please join us for a special reception in New St. James Hall following the service as we honour Judi Le Blanc and celebrate her retirement.

The **flowers** on the Communion Table are placed as an expression of our thanks and appreciation to Judi Le Blanc as we celebrate and honour Judi on her retirement as the Office Administrator from January 2, 2018 to December 31, 2024.

We will be taking **photos** today. Photos are a great way to let others know about NSJ. The photos may be posted on our website, on social media or in other print publications. If you prefer that your picture or that of your child (less than 18) not be taken, please let an Usher/Greeter know and for future photos days, please contact the Church Office (admin@newstjames.ca) to be added to the "Do Not Photo List."

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.

The 149th **General Assembly** adopted "The Apology of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for its Complicity in Colonization and the Residential School System." You are encouraged to read the full text, which has been posted at www.newstjames.ca and on bulletin boards.

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38). Thank you to the Congregation of New St. James for your tremendous response to the **Advent Appeal**. Your generosity resulted in the church meeting, and even exceeding, the commitments in the 2024 Budget! In all of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we help to fulfill the missions of New St. James Presbyterian Church. For a more detailed review of finances, please join us for a preliminary 2025 budget presentation by the Board after Church on Sunday, January 26. Also, the Annual Congregational Meeting follows quickly on February 9. Please mark your calendars!

World Day of Prayer 2025 Service will be held here at New St. James on Friday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. This year's focus is on the Cook Islands located in the south Pacific. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" based on Psalm 139:14. Six different denominational churches in the area will be participating. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome.

There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- For Offering Envelopes, please call the Church Office (519.434.1127)
- Cheques may be mailed to NSJ: 280 Oxford St. E., London, ON N6A 1V4
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give—and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Felicia Pereira (Office Administrator) at admin@newstjames.ca

Income Tax statements are issued by New St. James each year by the end of February.

Thank you for supporting the life and mission of New St. James!