

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Nancy Giles-McIntosh

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Beautiful Saviour (Schönster Herr Jesu)* G. Hamilton (2001)

* **Processional Hymn** Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts (MARYTON) **366**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 36:7-8
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance (sung in unison) Psalm 103:12, 22 (DUNLAP'S CREEK) **702**

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 *Open the Heavens* T. Chiles (2013)

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus interceding for us; may we be willing to share his baptism, ready to share his cup and strengthened to serve him forever. Amen.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Give me oil in my lamp (GIVE ME OIL) **655**

Word to the Children

Solo *Come, Join in Cana's Feast* D. A. White (2010)

Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honoured guest. He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed. The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart. No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart. But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine. He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine. For us the Crucified now lives and reigns through all eternity with Father, Spirit, Three in One, the glorious Trinity! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5 **p. 692 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm Psalm 36:5-10
Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

* **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 John 2:1-11

p. 93 in N.T.

Sermon “The First of His Signs”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** All praise to you, O Lord (ST. ETHELWALD)

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Offertory *Beautiful Saviour (Schönster Herr Jesu)*

G. Hamilton (2001)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH)

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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

Special Presentation

Solo *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* American Folk Hymn; arr. J. Richards (2001)
Janaki Butterworth, mezzo-soprano

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures green he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessing overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be mine abode, and all my works be praise; there would I find a settled rest, while others go and come – no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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** Songs of thankfulness and praise (SALZBURG)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

J. Prentiss (2006)

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.

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!

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