

## Announcements – February 23, 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.

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

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.

**Musical Meditations** has a special offering this month! Our five section leads from the church choir (The NSJ5) will be performing on Wednesday, February 26th at 7pm here in our beautiful sanctuary. Ariel, Angela, Janaki, Robert, and Nathan will present a musically varied program; from beautiful solos to selections of famous choral works, from Bernstein to Mozart to Vaughan Williams. Come support your family of church musicians! Please speak to Ariel ([arielharwoodjones@gmail.com](mailto:arielharwoodjones@gmail.com)) for more information.

**World Day of Prayer 2025 Service** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 746 Colborne Street, 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.

**Mark your calendars!** Karen Plater, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be presenting on **Legacy Givings**, following the service on March 23, 2025. Everyone is welcome. Learn about special tax benefits; how stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real property can be used to support NSJ now; and how a gift in a will, life insurance or a charitable gift annuity can support future ministry at NSJ. A free will offering lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 17 by contacting the Church Office 519.434.1127 or [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto:admin@newstjames.ca). Stay tuned for further details.

**Did you know** that if, on average, each member of NSJ increased their givings by only \$1.73 per week, that would add up to more than \$20,000 more for the ministry of our church? Together our givings make a big difference--and a little extra goes a long way!

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit [www.newstjames.ca/donate-2](http://www.newstjames.ca/donate-2)
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Felicia Pereira (Office Administrator) at [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto: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!

**Announcements** are an important way to keep the congregation informed about the ministry of NSJ. The weekly deadline for submitting a requested announcement is Wednesday at noon. Announcements are reserved for information regarding the ministry of New St. James and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.