

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Kathy Ruggi

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Andante con moto* (Tune for Ann)

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

* **Processional Hymn** To show by touch and word (LODWICK)

763

* **Responsive Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another

As I have loved you, you also should love one another

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 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** This is the day (THIS IS THE DAY)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Teach us to Pray*

L. Kempinski (1891-1958)

Teach us to pray, O Lord, that we may know Thy will; that not through our desires, but Thine, we may Thy plan fulfill. Teach us to wait, O Lord, 'til Thou show the way, not knowing all that life may bring, but following day by day. Teach us to trust, O Lord, that Thou wilt choose the best; teach us to put our faith in Thee, and on Thy promise rest. Teach us to strive, O Lord, Thy teachings to obey, that in each thought, each word and deed, we may Thyself portray.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O Lord our God, you have searched us and know us and yet continue to love and challenge us.

Open our hearts and minds this day as we seek to hear what you have prepared for us. Amen

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45: 1-11, 15

p. 42 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers.

for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

* **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 Luke 6: 27-38

p. 64 in N.T.

Sermon "The joy and challenge of sharing God's love"

The Rev. Linda Robinson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** Help us accept each other (BARONITA) **632**

Offertory *Musette*

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

* **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 *Lord, Make me an Instrument*

J. Willcocks (2001)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union; where there is doubt, faith. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is despair, let there be hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, may there be joy! Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

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** O God beyond all praising (THAXTED) **448**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)*

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

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) 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. 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 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!

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.

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