

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Frank Walsh

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

* **Processional Hymn** God is here! As we your people meet (BLAENWERN) **799**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 145:10-11

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

and tell of your power.

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 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

M. Haugen (1987)

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds and customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many-hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** I am the church! You are the church! (PORT JERVIS) **475**

Word to the Children

Anthem *Would I Have Answered When You Called*

R. Hopp (2008)

Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow me!" Would I at once have left behind both work and family? Or would the old familiar round have held me by its claim and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame? Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee, on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security? Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew, where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew? Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!", when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky? Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone, a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne? O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways, nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise. I only pray, that when you call, "Come, follow me!", you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God of mercy, amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 15:1-11

p. 176 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

* **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 5:1-11

p. 62 in N.T.

Sermon "Which You in Turn Received"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** We have this ministry (MINISTRY) **590**

Offertory *I Love to Tell the Story (Hankey)* E. L. Diemer (1927-2024)

* **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

Anthem *Together as One* Meredith Donaldson Clark, flute L. Fletcher (2020)

As a congregation, we've built our faith in God above. Christ is the foundation; we're firmly planted in His love. In this place of worship, where your people stand as one: *praising the Father; praising the Spirit; praising Christ, the Son. Serving as a family; sharing our faith with one another. Building on our differences; growing together as one.* Looking towards the future, we are building on our past. Jesus as the cornerstone, a foundation holding fast. Through the years together, we've learned to follow in His word. *Praising the Father...*

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** The church's one foundation (AURELIA) **479**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *A Trumpet Fancy* L. Nelson (2008)

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.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place in the Sanctuary immediately following worship this morning. After the meeting, we will enjoy a luncheon in New St. James Hall hosted by the Women's Council.

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.

New St. James Women's Missionary Society will meet on Friday, February 14 at noon. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10 and everyone is welcome. Our programme will be the Nepal Study written by Rev. Theresa McDonald Lee.

Please join us on Friday February 14 for a **chili supper**. We are looking for members to supply their favourite chili and/or pie. Great opportunity to bring family and friends to enjoy chili and fellowship. \$15.00 for those 15 and over, \$5.00 for 14 and under. Please contact Tom Dekay (tdekey@dokay.ca) or Rob McGugan (rgmcgugan@gmail.com)

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.

The **WMS mission trip to Malawi** in May is fast approaching. We wondered if there is anyone who would like to join us as we travel to work on projects with our friends in Chipagala. Please speak to Cathy Reid (reidc@rogers.com) for more information.

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!

A reminder to all NSJ groups and committees: please remember to **book your meeting space** in advance by contacting Felicia Pereira in the Church Office.

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