

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"

Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Margaret McGugan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Soloist: Ariel Harwood-Jones

Reader: Pam Johnston

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

He Comes to Us as One Unknown (Repton)

R.J. Powell (©1996)

Welcome and Silent Reflection

* **Call to Worship** Psalm 100

The days shorten. The summer sun fades. The fields are golden. Look. God is present. The birds prepare for flight. Leaves crackle under footsteps. The wind whistles. Listen. God is present. The air cools. The fruit falls. We lift our hearts in gratitude. Know. God is present here. Let us worship God.

* **Hymn** Come now, you blessed, eat at my table (COME NOW, YOU BLESSED)

724

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** What a friend we have in Jesus (WHAT A FRIEND)

746

Word to the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

p. 803 in O.T.

Psalm Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* **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

Matthew 25:31-40

p. 29 in N.T.

Sermon

“The Homeless Jesus”

Margaret McGugan

We Respond in Faith and Service

Solo *When a Poor One* arr. A. Schumaat (©1989)

When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others, then we know that God still goes that road with us. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us, then we know that God still goes that road with us. When joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, then we know that God still goes that road with us. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbour, then we that God still goes that road with us.

Announcements

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.

* **Hymn** Our cities cry to you, O God (THE THIRD TUNE) **720**

* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *Built on a Rock (Kirken)* L. Lindeman (©1970)