

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Soloist: Ariel Harwood-Jones

Reader: Nawton Chiles

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude**    *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* (*Liebster Jesu*)

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### Welcome and Silent Reflection

\* **Call to Worship in Unison**                      Psalm 33:4-5

For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

\* **Hymn**            The Spirit breathes upon the word (HORSLEY)

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### Prayers of Adoration and Confession

### Word of Assurance

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn**            Thy word is a lamp unto my feet (THY WORD)

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### Word to the Children

**Solo**            *How I Love Your Word*                      (Ariel-Harwood Jones, soprano)                      M. Hayes (©2004)  
*I love Your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night. Your law is perfect in every way.*  
*How I love Your Word. Sweeter than the honeycomb, more precious than the finest gold, rich with*  
*treasures new and old, Your Word gives life to me. When I am frightened, You calm my fears.*  
*When I am troubled, Your Word is clear that in every moment in every moment You are here.*  
*Your Word brings peace to me. I love Your Word... I choose to follow Your commands. Your ways*  
*I want to understand. I long to learn all that I can from the wisdom in Your Word. Your words I*  
*treasure deep within. They comfort me and discipline that I may have no cause to sin. Your Word*  
*brings righteousness. I love Your Word...*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**p. 436 in O.T.**

### Psalm in Unison                      Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.  
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

\* **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 4:14-21

p. 61 in N.T.

**Sermon**

“For the Joy of the LORD is Your Strength”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn** God’s law is perfect (ST. ANDREW)

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**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Word of God, Come Down to Earth (Liebster Jesu)*

G. Walther (1684-1748)

\* **Doxology**

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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**

**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** Word of God, across the ages (AUSTRIA)

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\* **Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude** *By Thy Strong Word*

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*Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able.*