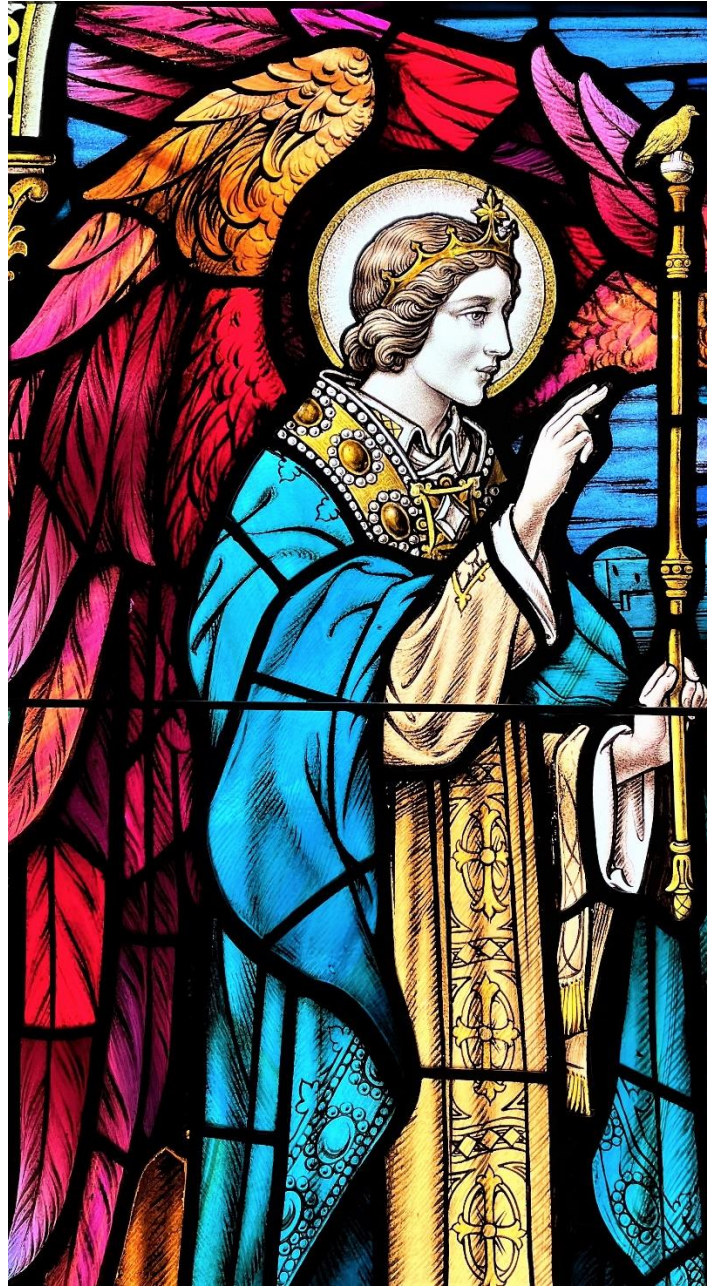


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *The Annunciation to Mary* (1933), New St. James

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Jeff Goud

Advent Candle: Telly Lengkey, Joy Kuhon, Jayden Kuhon

Choristers: Nathan Dyck, Ariel Harwood-Jones, Robert Hutson,
Briana Sutherland, Patricia Wrigglesworth

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Wake, O Wake! (Wachet auf!)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Processional Hymn** Lo! Christ comes with clouds (HELMSLEY)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Romans 13:11-12

For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first believed;
the night is far gone,
the day is near.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance for Advent (sung in unison) Titus 3:4-6 (RICHMOND)

118

The kindness of our God appears
to pour out richest grace;
as we are saved from sin and fears,
we see the Saviour's face!

Introit *Wake, O Wake! (Wachet auf!)*

Ph. Nicholai (1556-1608); arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

“Wake, O wake!” with tidings thrilling the watchmen’s cry the air is filling: “arise Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! No more delaying: the hour has come” we hear them saying; “where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The bridegroom now is nigh: stand forth! Your lamps raise high! Hallelujah! In bright array this nuptial day go forth and meet him in the way!” Zion hears the watchmen singing, her heart for joy within her springing: she wakes, and eagerly attends. See her Friend, from heaven descending, adorned with truth and grace unending! Her light shines clear, her star ascends. Appear, thou precious crown! God’s Son, to earth come down! Sing “Hosanna!” Now rise we all to that glad hall where to thy feast thou dost us call.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children’s Hymn** Hope is a star (MOON BEAMS)

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Word to the Children

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

PWS&D Liturgy (see insert)

Sung Response Hope is a star (MOON BEAMS)

119, v. 1

Anthem *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*

M. Sirett (1995)

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, nor by His manner, nor His airs, nor by anything He wears. Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or by His gown, but His coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

p. 631 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

* **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.

Epistle Lesson Romans 13:11-14

p. 162 in N.T.

Sermon "The Day Is Near"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

Offertory Anthem *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

A. Hovhanness (1964)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Traveller, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star. Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell? Traveller, yes, it brings the day, promised day of Israel. Watchman, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends. Traveller, blessedness and light, peace and truth, its course portends. Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth? Traveller, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth. Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn. Traveller, darkness takes its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn. Watchman, let thy wand'rings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home. Traveller, lo, the Prince of Peace, lo, the Son of God is come! [text: John Bowring (1792-1872)]

* **Doxology for Advent** (WINCHESTER OLD)

138, verse 6

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin, and never cease!"

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

* **Communion Hymn** Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (THE CALL)

565

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(see insert)

* **Recessional Hymn** Hail to the Lord's Anointed (ST. THEODULPH)

115

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

780

Postlude *Wake, O Wake! (Wachet auf!)*

W. Wold (1996)

Announcements

New St. James COVID Protocols:

The safety of everyone attending gatherings at New St. James remains as a primary concern.

- New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. Masking is now optional, however, we continue to encourage masking (especially while singing and when in group settings where distancing is difficult).
- If you feel unwell, are recovering from COVID, have been exposed to someone with COVID, or are suffering from a respiratory illness, please consider joining Worship online, avoid in-person attendance, and wear a mask.
- COVID protocols will require continued change in response to the public health situation and the COVID Response Team will continue to monitor and adjust these protocols as necessary.

For the complete list of current COVID protocols, visit www.newstjames.ca

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

Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

From the Mission and Social Committee: **White Gift Sunday – a Poem!**

On December 4th let's bring a "white gift"; Its contents surely will give someone a lift.

Boxes of chocolates and lots of canned food – Any of these items would be really good.

They'll be taken to Social Services down at St. Paul's To ensure a Merry Christmas to one and to all!

The Salvation Army is again offering the **Christmas Hamper** program this year. In a time of so much struggle, our support at Christmastime will bring smiles to many kids' faces (and the parents!). What a wonderful way for NSJ to make a difference in our community. Your generous **donation** of new, unopened, unwrapped gifts with a value of up to \$50 will help The Salvation Army provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community. A nonviolent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. You will have until Sunday, December 11 to drop off your toy in the large toy box near the entrance of the NSJ Hall. To find out more and to see their "Wish List" visit <https://londoncfs.ca/christmas-hamper-donations>.

There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- On Sunday mornings, offering plates are available as you enter the church. 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 Judi Le Blanc (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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First Sunday in Advent Hope

*Written by the Rev. Mavis Currie,
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Reader 1: We are people of hope.

Reader 2: God longs for a day when weapons will be replaced with tools for rebuilding.

People: We see your goodness and signs of new life all around us.

Reader 1: The first candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of hope.

Reader 2: We light this candle to remind us to see God's hope shining in our world.

(Light the candle of hope)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

People: Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.

Sing verse 1 of #119 Hope is a star



Scholarship Provides Hope for the Future

Despite facing challenges during her childhood, 16-year-old Emmice was doing exceptionally well in school in Malawi.

Raising Emmice alone, her mother found it difficult to find jobs with only a grade eight education. Leaving Emmice with her grandmother, Emmice's mother moved to South Africa in search of employment to help her support her family. But, after a xenophobic attack on her small business, she returned to her family in Malawi empty-handed.

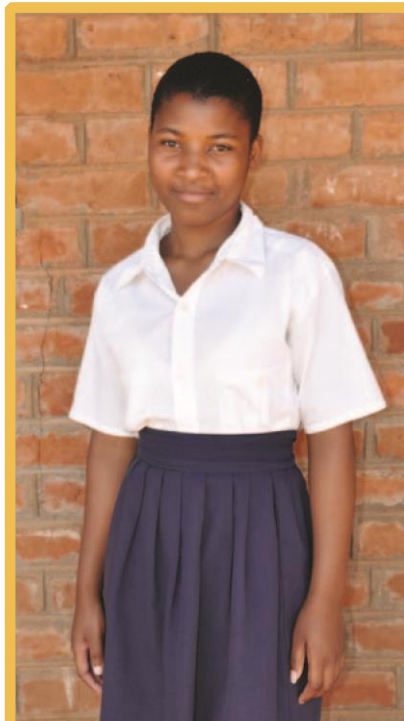
At this time, Emmice was attending her first year at Neno Girls Secondary School, where PWS&D funds bursaries for marginalized students who might be at risk of dropping out without support.

Due to financial troubles, Emmice's mom decided to withdraw Emmice from school. But knowing how successful Emmice's studies had been, the school selected her to receive a bursary, allowing her to continue attending.

Today Emmice is working to earn her high school diploma, which will provide her with more opportunities for the future.

This Advent season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to support those in need. In countries around the world, PWS&D is helping children access opportunities to create brighter futures.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*** The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Grace

Narrative of the Institution and Taking of the Bread and Wine

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and sing your praise in the angels' song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...dedicated and fit for your acceptance;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours,

almighty Father, now and forever.

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.

Breaking of Bread

The Communion

The Peace

Prayers after Communion