

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *Call to the Disciples* (1934), New St. James

## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Frank Walsh

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *I Bind Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)*

J. Schaffner (2001)

\* **Processional Hymn** Dear Father, Lord of humankind (REPTON)

451

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 25:1, 4-5

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation.

### 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** *O Christian, Love Your Sister and Your Brother*

A. Scott-Gatty (1902)

O Christian, love your sister and your brother! Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; to worship rightly is to love each other, each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Follow with reverent steps the great example: Jesus whose holy work was doing good; so shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple, each life a psalm of gratitude.

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn** Lead me, Jesus; I will follow (LEAD ME, JESUS)

646

### Word to the Children

**Anthem** *Follow Me to Jordan*

J. Althouse (2004)

Follow Me to Jordan. Follow Me on home. Follow Me to Jordan. Follow Me all the way home. I will follow King Jesus. I'll wait for His command. Every day He will show me the way, until I reach the promised land. He said: *follow Me...*

### Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honour and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 9:1-4

p. 638 in O.T.

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.  
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy:  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

\* **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 4:12-23

p. 3 in N.T.

**Sermon** “Follow Me”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn** Will you come and follow me (KELVINGROVE) **634**

**Offertory Anthem** *Just Two Words*

H. Frombach (2004)

Follow Me... Jesus speaks just two words and starts His ministry. Follow Me... Jesus speaks just two words, and blind men now can see. Just two words, two small words... with these small words He fulfills the prophesy. Follow Me... Jesus speaks just two words that lead to Calvary. Come now and see, with these two simple words He changes history. With these two simple words Jesus changes you and me. Follow, follow Me.

\* **Doxology** **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**

**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** I heard the voice of Jesus say (KINGSFOLD) **671**

\* **Commission and Benediction**

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

**Postlude** *Toccata*

D. Wagner (1984)

## 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](http://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.

**2023 Budget Q&A:** Following worship today, please join the Board of Managers for a preliminary 2023 budget presentation and 'question and answer' time. Those who wish to attend may linger in the sanctuary after the morning service and we will begin after others have moved to the coffee hour. Jeff Goud and Steve Harris will be available to discuss details of the proposed budget.

**Garage, Baking and Deli Sale** – Saturday, May 13 is the day! Women's Council will be having a garage sale, bake sale and deli sale all in one! Are you hungry for more turkey pies, cabbage rolls, fruit crisps, frozen pies? Hungry for home-made baking? Need to get rid of some of that clutter in your home—DONATE it to our sale. Save the date, tell your friends, and plan to help. For further information, please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6875 or [denvh1@hotmail.com](mailto:denvh1@hotmail.com)) or Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or [karenbuchwald@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbuchwald@hotmail.com)).

As the church building has become a busy place again, a reminder to all NSJ groups and committees: please remember to **book your meeting space** in advance by contacting Judi Le Blanc in the Church Office.

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](http://www.newstjames.ca/donate-2)
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Judi Le Blanc (Office Administrator) at [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto:admin@newstjames.ca)

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