

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.



## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa Walsh

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *Lord of All Power (Slane)*

H. Willan (1880-1968)

\* **Processional Hymn** Lord, whose love (BEACH SPRING)

722

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 89:1, 14

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

### 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 for a Closer Walk with God*

Scottish Psalter, 1635; English Hymnal, 1906

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast. The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from Thy throne, and worship only Thee. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn** Jesus' hands were kind hands (AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE)

631

### Word to the Children

**Solo** *Church without Walls* (Dr. Jennifer Pasini, soprano)

P. Choplin (2010)

Lord, we gather in Your Spirit, living within Your love and grace. As we enter in with family and friends, we feast on the blessings You bring. Though we glory in Your presence, help us remember who we are. Let us heed Your call to go beyond these walls to be the church You send us out to be. *Make us a church without walls, open to all, sharing holy love with all the world. And forgive us when we hide and hold Your love inside. O Lord, we hear the call to be a church without walls. Break down the walls that hold the people out. Break down the walls that hold us in. Lord, set us free, empower us to be a people that will go into the world. Send us to the world! Make us a church without walls...*

### Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Micah 6:1-8

p. 866 in O.T.

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

\* **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 5:1-12

p. 4 in N.T.

**Sermon** "What Does the LORD Require"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn** What does the Lord require (SHARPTHORNE) 710

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus (Ach, bleib mit deiner Gnade)* M. Reger (1873-1916)

\* **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**

**Anthem** *We Are Called* M. Hayes (2014)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. *We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.* Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united by love. *We are called...*

**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** Lord of all power (SLANE) 626

\* **Commission and Benediction**

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

**Postlude** *Festive Trumpet Tune* G. M. Martin (1969)

## 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.

The **Minister** will be on **Study Leave** January 30-February 5 (inclusive). Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district elder. You may also contact The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, who is providing pastoral coverage. Dr. Fullerton may be reached at 519.438.3492.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on February 12, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

More **Ushers and Greeters** are needed. These volunteers have an important role in welcoming and assisting worshippers. Training is provided. Come and join the Team! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Ruggi ([kruggi@newstjames.ca](mailto:kruggi@newstjames.ca)).

**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:

- 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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