

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *In the Garden* (1958), New St. James

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Karen Buchwald

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude**    *Out of the Depths I Cry to You (Aus tiefer Not)*

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

\* **Processional Hymn**    I waited for the Lord my God (BALERMA)

**23**

\* **Responsive Call to Worship**    Psalm 40:1, 3

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

### **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

**Word of Assurance for Lent (sung in unison)**    Hosea 6:1 (KILMARNOCK)    **194, verse 1**

Come, let us to the Lord our God  
 with contrite hearts return;  
 our God is gracious, nor will leave  
 the desolate to mourn.

**Introit**    *Out of the Depths I Cry to You (Aus tiefer Not)*

H. Schütz (1585-1672)

Out of the depths I cry to you: Lord, hear me, I implore you; bend down your gracious ear to me,  
 let my prayer come before you! On my misdeeds in mercy look, O deign to blot them from your  
 book, and let me come before you.

### **Welcome**

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn**    Simply trusting every day (TRUSTING JESUS)

**689**

### **Word to the Children**

**Anthem**    *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

C. F. Mueller (1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy  
 presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and  
 uphold me with thy spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted  
 unto thee.

### **Prayer for Illumination (in unison)**

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive  
 your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**    Ezekiel 37:1-14

**p. 806 in O.T.**

**Responsive Psalm**    Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

\* **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 8:6-11

**p. 157 in N.T.**

**Sermon** "Out of the Depths"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn** Up from the depths I cry to God (MACPHERSON'S FAREWELL) **90**

**Offering and Offertory** *Out of the Depths I Cry to You* (Aus tiefer Not) M. Reger (1873-1916)

\* **Doxology for Lent** (ROCKINGHAM) **231, verse 4**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**Solo** *Be Near Me Still*

F. Hiller (1811-1885)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

Lord, in my heart's love deep I hide thee. Be near me still! Thou tower of strength, whate'er betide me. Be thou near me. Oh, be my guard in life's bright places, lest pride prevail, when fear or self-mistrust o'erride me. Be near me still! Like dew upon the vine thy grace is. I'm not alone. But when I storm the heights, then guide me to do thy will. Be near me still! O thou my hope, my power unshaken, my soul's true sun, 'til death's dark days shall be forsaken – be near me still!

**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** Praise, my soul, the God who crown you (PRAISE, MY SOUL) **467**

\* **Commission and Benediction**

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

**Postlude** *Out of the Depths I Cry to You* (Aus tiefer Not)

F. W. Zachau (1663-1712)

## Announcements

New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. Masking is now optional, however, we continue to encourage masking (especially while singing or when distancing is difficult). If you are feeling unwell, please consider joining Worship online, avoiding in-person attendance, and wearing a mask.

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.

Join us for **Holy Week** at New St. James!

An in-person **Maundy Thursday** service, with Holy Communion, will take place on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

On **Good Friday** (April 7) at 10:30 a.m., an in-person Cantata will be offered, featuring guest instrumentalists and the Choir of New St. James.

On **Easter Sunday** (April 9) at 10:30 a.m., we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with an in-person and livestreamed service, featuring guest instrumentalists.

**From the Mission and Social Action Committee:** Our **“Back to Basics”** project is well underway. To date, 205 pairs of socks and 79 pairs of underwear have been received. Please check the donation graph in New St. James Hall to see which items are most needed. Deadline for donations is Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

New St. James turns 190 years old! We would love to add some special events this year to celebrate this special **anniversary**. Would you like to be part of the special events team? Please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (at [denvh1@hotmail.com](mailto:denvh1@hotmail.com) or 519.471.6857).

### Financial Update, end of February, 2023:

	Feb. 28, 2023	Feb. 28, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$43,134	\$35,206	\$7,928	23%
Total Expenses	\$63,564	\$48,659	\$14,905	31%
Shortfall	(\$20,430)	(\$13,453)	(\$6,977)	52%

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)

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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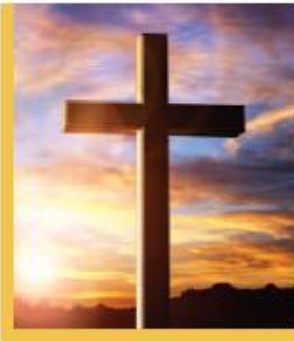
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**GARAGE, BAKING and DELI SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 13.**

Women's Council is needing your help to make this sale a success. Please volunteer to help on May 11, 12 and 13. Please prepare some frozen deli items—we have room to keep them in the church freezer. Please plan to bake—baking could be kept in the church freezer as well. Please plan to donate—good, clean clothing, shoes, purses, housewares, small furnishings, books, garage sale items. Plans are in place to make cabbage rolls. Turkey pies will be made—does anyone have a turkey in their freezer that they would like to donate? Does anyone know where we could get reasonably priced turkeys?

To volunteer or with any “turkey information,” please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6875 or [denvhl@hotmail.com](mailto:denvhl@hotmail.com)) or Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or [karenbuchwald@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbuchwald@hotmail.com)).





# Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and  
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty  
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Here we are taught to pay attention to those calling out for care.
- P: Jesus knew that God is revealed at unlikely times.
- L: Like him, sometimes we arrive too late,  
when tragedy has already occurred:
- P: after the war has torn lives apart, after the earthquake  
has crumbled homes, after the drought has killed crops.
- L: With Lazarus already in a tomb, Jesus cared for the grieving  
before turning his attention to his dead friend.
- P: Let us pray for and support the medics as well as the injured,  
the aid workers as well as the homeless,  
the food providers as well as the hungry.
- L: Tragedies may show us the worst of humanity,  
when greed and malice flourish.
- P: Yet, we celebrate those who respond with  
love and compassion, bringing Christ to the  
places where death has brought devastation.



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# Responding to Drought in Somalia

"The weather is harsh; life is more difficult for the children, they are very thin and sick due to lack of food," says Siman Sokorow.

In Somalia, the general humanitarian situation is worsening, with famine alerts being declared in some parts of the country—needs are extremely high.

Siman's eight-month-old son, Farhan, is one of the many Somali children under five who has been admitted to hospital for treatment this year. Farhan was dehydrated due to vomiting and diarrhea. At hospital, he was admitted for severe malnutrition and started medication and rehydration treatment.

Farhan is now receiving the treatment he needs to recover, including therapeutic milk, antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs.

"He had been sick and weak, but after the treatment he has improved, he can now play and run around. Thanks to all those involved for the invaluable support," shares Siman.

This life-saving project, which PWS&D supports through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is helping treat severely malnourished children under the age of five, and lactating women.

**This Lenten season,  
help ensure that  
children have access  
to critical food and  
medical care.**

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