

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *Supper at Emmaus* (1942), New St. James

## **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Jeff Goud

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Houston)* W. Wold (1998)

\* **Processional Hymn** We have come at Christ's own bidding (HYFRYDOL) **187**

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** 2 Corinthians 4:6  
For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'  
who has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

### 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** *Every Pilgrim Has a Mountain* T. Weed (2014)

Every pilgrim has a mountain that is hers alone to climb, rising from the deepest places, standing with the rush of time. Every mountain has a summit calling out to him who seeks, though the way is often winding and the summoning oblique. Every summit has a threshold with a path from either side, where the hopeful meet the hoped-for and the guided know their guide. Guide us now and guide us always, God of pilgrimage and peak, source of all that draws and drives us, Sum of everything we seek. [text: M. Hudson (2004)]

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn** Father, we love you (GLORIFY THY NAME) **300**

### Word to the Children

**Anthem** *O Splendour of God's Glory Bright* T. Matsumura (1988)

O splendour of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; thou light of life, light's living spring, true day, all days illumining. Come very sun of heaven's love in lasting radiance from above; and pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today. [text: St. Ambrose (340-397)]

### Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** 2 Kings 2:1-12 **p. 332 in O.T.**

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

\* **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** Mark 9:2-9

p. 44 in N.T.

**Sermon** "Six Days Later"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

<b>We Respond in Faith and Service</b>
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\* **Hymn** We have this ministry (MINISTRY) **590**

**Offertory** *O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair (Wie schön leuchtet)* J. C. Bach (1642-1703)

\* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH) **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**

**Solo** *Within These Walls* P. Choplin (2010)  
Briana Sutherland, mezzo-soprano

Within these walls, we assemble. Within the walls, we gather in Your name. As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in Your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony, a common bond, a Spirit from above. And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by Your love. *We are the branches, You are the Vine. We are the vessels, and You are the Wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, you are the Bread.* Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm. *We are the branches...* Within these walls, give us Your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls there are hurting people who have never felt Your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let Your will be done. We are Your people; You will leave us never, and we shall work together until Your kingdom comes. Your kingdom come! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

**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** Be thou my vision (SLANE) **461**

\* **Commission and Benediction**

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

**Postlude** *O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair (Wie schön leuchtet)* M. Sedio (1996)

## Announcements

New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. If you are feeling unwell, please consider joining Worship online, avoiding in-person attendance, and wearing a mask.

Please join us following the Annual Congregational Meeting for a **luncheon** in New St. James Hall.

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

A **Bible Study** on the Psalms will continue on Wednesdays. The study will be held in the Parlour from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and last for about 5 more weeks. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Linda Robinson (519.474.4986 or robinson516@sympatico.ca) or just come, everyone is welcome. Please bring a Bible with you.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** will begin its annual project called “Back to Basics” on the first Sunday in Lent, February 18. It will run until March 31, Easter Sunday. The Committee is looking for donations of NEW socks and underwear. This year, added to the “basics” list are feminine hygiene products. They are one of the most requested items at some agencies. Donation baskets will be at all entrances. If you can’t get out to shop and would like to participate in this project, donation envelopes are available from Lyn Hill.

The musical outreach program of New St. James, **Musical Meditations**, will be making another musical offering on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Our soprano section lead, Ariel Harwood-Jones, will be joined by pianist Chris Ryan. They will offer a program entitled *Sweeter than a Rose*. This performance will include music by Purcell, Handel, Poulenc, Strauss, and some Newfoundland folk songs arranged by Vaughan Williams! Freewill offering. We do hope you will join us.

**Spring Garage and Rummage Sale**, Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Are you planning on doing some winter decluttering? Women’s Council is here for you! We have a room available across from the upstairs kitchen (you will see a sign) where we will store your donations. Please call Karen or Deb to arrange a time to bring your donations in during the week or bring your donations on a Sunday. We would appreciate good, CLEAN clothing, household items, linens (CLEAN and not torn), books, toys, small appliances (CLEAN and in good working order), small furniture items, jewelry, lawn and garden tools and other items you would sell at a garage sale. Please do NOT donate underwear, bathing suits (unless new with tags on them!), magazines, and bits and pieces of things that are of no use. Please recycle these items elsewhere. You can contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com) or Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6857 or denvh1@hotmail.com).

On behalf of the congregation, the **Mission and Social Action Committee** has made donations to the following agencies: Ark Aid Mission, Camp Kintail, Mission Services of London, the Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London, and ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). This agency is concerned with social and economic justice in London (affordable housing, tenant rights, and social assistance). Nawton Chiles, a member of the Committee, is very involved with this organization.

**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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