

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, March 17, 2024 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: Janice Mark

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Lord Whose Love (*Beach Spring*)

W. Wold (2000)

* **Processional Hymn** O love, how deep, how broad, how high (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) **205**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 36:5, 9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

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 Praise to the Holiest

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise: in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Jesus loves me, this I know (JESUS LOVES ME)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *It Is a Thing Most Wonderful*

Winnagene Hatch (1984)

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heaven, and die to save a child like me. My love for Him so faint and poor. His love for me so sure and free. And yet I know that this is true: He chose a poor and humble lot. He wept and toiled and mourned and died for those who loved Him not. It is a thing most wonderful...

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

p. 220 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

* **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 John 12:20-33

p. 106 in N.T.

Sermon “And Where I Am”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth (DUNLAP’S CREEK)

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Offertory *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* (*An Wasserflüssen Babylon*)

M. Sedio (1996)

* **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

Duet *Lamb of God*

T. Paris (1995); L. Larson (2002)

Patricia Wrigglesworth, soprano; Briana Southerland, mezzo-soprano

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love we crucified, we laughed and scorned him as he
died, the humble King we named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet
Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the
Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by
your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the
holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood, ’til I am just a lamb of God.

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, whose love (BEACH SPRING)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude *Ah, Holy Jesus* (*Herzliebster Jesu*)

J. Ferguson (1994)

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 worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

This morning, 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 March 28 at 7:00 p.m. On **Good Friday** (March 29) 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** (March 31), we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with an in-person and livestreamed service, featuring guest instrumentalists.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** is running its annual project called “Back to Basics.” 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 are 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.

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

Please continue to gather donations for this upcoming sale. Donations can be brought in and put in the room designated across from the upstairs kitchen. Thank you for continuing to support Women’s Council. Help will be needed so please note this date on your calendars. For more information, please contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com) or Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6857 or denvhl@hotmail.com).

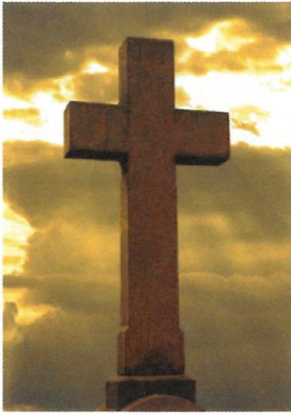
There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- 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
- 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.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)

One: On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.

All: **We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.**

One: In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

All: **And so we pray, as Jesus taught us,
"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."**



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From Leprosy Recovery to Empowering Others



Gulam Hasmad, a 29-year-old man from Banke district in Nepal, was diagnosed with leprosy after experiencing symptoms such as blisters and swelling. Due to a delay in diagnosis, he developed complications, including a hand deformity and eye issues.

Gulam was able to undergo corrective surgeries at Green Pastures Hospital, supported by PWS&D. Gulam and his family were grateful that the procedures meant he regained the use of his hand and eye.

Afterward, Gulam started a self-help group for people affected by leprosy, including those recently diagnosed. He now actively raises awareness about leprosy and what can be done about it. Additionally, Gulam helped his mother and brother seek medical help, leading to their own leprosy diagnoses. Today, Gulam continues to be a positive impact on his community.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide healthy futures for all. PWS&D is working to provide access to medical care and treatment for those who need it most.