

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



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

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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** *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

\* **Processional Hymn** God is love: come heaven, adoring (ABBOT'S LEIGH) 314

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 116:8-9

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

### Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**Word of Assurance (sung in unison)** Psalm 103:12, 22 (DUNLAP'S CREEK)

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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** *Live into Hope (Prospect)*

Walker's Southern Harmony (1834)

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

**Anthem** *A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays*

J. Berger (1962)

A rose touched by the sun's warm rays all its petals gently does unfold; so you, when touched by God's great mercy, let joy and gladness win your soul.

### Word to the Children

### Reception of New Members

\* **Baptismal Hymn** Child of blessing, child of promise (STUTTGART) 521, vv. 1-2

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

(see insert)

\* **Baptismal Hymn** Child of blessing, child of promise (STUTTGART) 521, vv. 3-4

**Prayer for Illumination (in unison)**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 25:6-9

p. 652 in O.T.

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

\* **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** Luke 24:36-48

p. 91 in N.T.

**Sermon** "Wipe Away the Tears"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

<b>We Respond in Faith and Service</b>
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\* **Hymn** I waited for the Lord my God (BALERMA)

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**Offering and Offertory** *Live into Hope (Prospect)*

Walker's Southern Harmony (1834)

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

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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** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

J. Helgen (2005)

Patricia Wrigglesworth, soprano

I know that my redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting head! He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my redeemer lives! [text: S. Medley (1738-1799)]

**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 crowns you (PRAISE MY SOUL)

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\* **Commission and Benediction**

\* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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**Postlude** *Toccata (Praise Him with Timbrel and Dance)*

D. E. Warner (1984)

## 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.

This morning we welcome, by the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, Katelyn Eileen Keane.

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: please note that St. Paul's Cathedral is once again collecting **egg cartons** for its Social Services program.

**Garage and Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** Help is needed for our sale! We will be setting up on Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3 followed by the sale on May 4. It is important that we have help from both men and women especially on Saturday, the day of the sale. On Thursday, help would be appreciated to bring our merchandise down from the classrooms. The garage sale will be in the parking lot and we need the men in our congregation to be there to sell our merchandise. A sign-up sheet will be on the cookie table in New St. James Hall after church. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** Proceeds from the sale will go to the Church operating fund.

Donations - clean and in good working order - are still welcome. They can be put in the room across from the upstairs kitchen. 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 denvh1@hotmail.com).

**Women's Missionary Society** On Friday, May 10, help us welcome to New St. James our guests from India: Dr. Priya John (Director of the Christian Medical Association of India) and Shimy Mathew (Secretary, Nurses League CMAI). There will be lunch (at 12:00 p.m.), with worship and program to follow (at 1:00 p.m.) Register by Friday, April 26. The cost for lunch is \$10. For more information, contact Cathy Reid (at 519.204.7406 or reidc@rogers.com) or Marg McGugan (at 226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com). In addition, please see the posters on the bulletin boards.

### Financial Update, end of March 31, 2024:

	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$66,722	\$66,249	\$473	0.7 %
Total Expenses	\$97,407	\$95,516	\$1,891	2.0 %
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$30,685</b>	<b>-\$29,267</b>	<b>-\$1,418</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>

Did you know that if, on average, each member of NSJ increased their givings by just 90 cents per week, that would add up to more than \$10,000 for the ministry of our church? Together our givings make a big difference--and a little extra goes a long way!

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Katelyn Eileen Keane*

- \* **Baptismal Hymn** **521, vv. 1-2**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Confession of Faith and Calling**

- \* **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer over the Water**

### **Declaration**

### **The Baptism**

- \* **The Blessing** **619**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. Amen

### **Promise and Challenge**

### **Prayer**

- \* **Baptismal Hymn** **521, vv. 3-4**