

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



## **DAY OF PENTECOST**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Iver Clark

Choristers: Nathan Dyck, Ariel Harwood-Jones, Marcus Tranquilli,  
Jadakiss Butterworth, Cosette Holliday

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

D. R. Johnson (1988)

\* **Processional Hymn** Come down, O Love divine (DOWN AMPNEY) **386**

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** Acts 2:17

In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

### 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** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

P. Cutts (1969)

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come! To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come Holy Spirit, come! With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to lover and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn** Holy Spirit, hear us (GLENFINLAS) **381**

### Word to the Children

**Anthem** *Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness*

arr. D. N. Johnson (1967)

Come, thou source of joy and gladness! Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness; pierce the clouds of nature's night; come thou source of joy and gladness, breathe thy life and spread thy light. From the height which knows no measure, as a gracious shower descend, bringing down the richest treasure man can wish, or God can send. Author of the new creation, come with unction and with power. Make our hearts thy habitation, on our souls thy graces shower. Hear o hear our supplication, blessed Spirit, God of peace, rest upon this congregation, with the fulness of thy grace. Amen.

### 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.

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

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

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 104:24-34, 35

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
These all look to you to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,  
they are filled with good things.  
 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.  
 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works--  
 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

\* **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 8:22-27

**p. 158 in N.T.**

**Sermon** "Can These Bones Live?"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

arr. M. Sedio (1989)

\* **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**

**Communion Anthem** *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

R. DeLong (1995)

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me breathe of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will - to do and to endure. Breathe on me breath of God, 'til I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine. Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

\* **Communion Hymn** O Breath of life, come sweeping through us (SPIRITUS VITAE)

**384**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(see insert)

\* **Recessional Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness (SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS)

**399**

\* **Commission and Benediction**

\* **Threefold Amen (DANISH)**

**780**

**Postlude** *Holy Mana*

D. Wood (1972)

## 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.

**Photos:** We will be taking photos next Sunday. Photos are a great way to let others know about NSJ. The photos may be posted on our website, on social media, or in other print publications. If you prefer that your picture or that of your child (less than 18) not be taken, please let an Usher/Greeter know and for future photo days, contact the Church Office [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto:admin@newstjames.ca) to be added to the “Do Not Photo List.”

This year, **“Bring-a-Friend” Sunday and the Congregational Picnic** will be held on Sunday, June 9. The picnic will be at the 3M Anniversary Park located at the corner of Oxford St. and Clarke Rd. Please use the entrance marked “3M 801 Clarke Rd. North Lot” located off of Clarke Rd. just north of Oxford St. More details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information, please contact Mike Ruggi at [mvruggi@outlook.com](mailto:mvruggi@outlook.com).

**Friendship Communion, Luncheon, and Strawberry Social.** All are welcome to join us on our **special date** of Saturday, June 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with entertainment to follow. A sign-up sheet will be available during coffee hour in NSJ Hall or by calling the church office at 519.434.1127.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Elders at New St. James!** 1974 was about a lot more than pet rocks, bell bottoms, mood rings, and “big hair do’s”! New St. James ordained its first Women Elders in 1974! Please join us in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Elders at New St. James on Sunday June 23, 2024, both in the service and at coffee hour. See you there!

On behalf of the congregation, the **Mission and Social Action Committee** has donated \$400 to INDWELL and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. INDWELL is a Christian group that provides affordable, sustainable, and supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness. The Foodgrains Bank is supporting a number of projects in Malawi.

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!

**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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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### \* 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.

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### The Grace

#### Narrative of the Institution and Taking of the Bread and Wine

#### Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and sing your praise in the angels' song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...dedicated and fit for your acceptance;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours,

almighty Father, now and forever.

#### 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.

#### Breaking of Bread

#### The Communion

#### The Peace

#### Prayers after Communion