

## Announcements – November 3, 2024

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the **Guest Book** in the Narthex, located at the back of the Sanctuary. An Usher would be pleased to offer you directions.

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

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

This morning we welcome, by the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, Jordan and Jordyn Eleanya.

Women's Council has posted a list on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall where you can offer to help prepare, serve, and clean up for **coffee hours on Sunday mornings**. You will work with Karen Buchwald to help her get the refreshments ready before the start of the service.

### **MARKETPLACE 2024, Saturday, November 9 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon.**

**BAKING** - please bake for the bake table. Bring it to the church on Friday, November 8 so it can be priced and displayed for the next day. If you are making cookies, please do not package them, bring them so they can be part of a cookie "walk" where clients can choose a variety to buy a dozen.

Would you please attach a list of ingredients, and your name on your baking - good information for customers with allergies. **DELI** contributions - again please bring on Thursday or Friday so they can be priced and be ready for the sale. **CHRISTMAS TABLE** - donations can be brought in any time before the sale until Friday, November 8. We are in need of more donations. **PRESERVES** - if you are donating preserves, it would be appreciated if we had them by Thursday, November 7 or Friday at the latest. You can bring them on Sunday and we will put them away until the sale. **HELPERS** - Thursday and Friday, we will start at 9:00 a.m. On Saturday, please be here around 8:15 a.m. Please do not park in the parking lot so that we have parking for our customers. If you are able, dress in Christmassy attire. For any help or further information, contact Karen Buchwald, by phone 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

An **Advent Study** will begin mid-November on Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parlour using the book *Ponder These Things: Praying with Icons of the Virgin* by Rowan Williams. This book is published by Paraclete Press/Canterbury Press. If you are interested in being a part of this study, please speak with Linda Robinson regarding purchasing the book. Contact Linda by phone (519.474.4986) or email (robinson516@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions. This book is part of the Presbyterians Read project. A study guide will be provided for participants.

We will be **receiving New Members** on November 24. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be in New St. James Hall following the service.

The Salvation Army **Christmas Toy Drive**: your donation of a new, unopened, unwrapped gift will help provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community. Big stuffed toys can be problematic so smaller stuffed toys are the best, a nonviolent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. You will have until Tuesday, December 10 to drop off your toy in the large toy box near the entrance of the NSJ Hall. To find out more and to see their "Wish List" visit <https://londoncfs.ca/christmas-hamper-donations>

Session has been considering the need to renew **children and youth ministry** at New St. James to support young people, to encourage faith formation, and to reach out in Christian mission. At its September Meeting, Session approved a motion to prepare the parameters for a Children and Youth Ministry position, in order to make grant applications to help finance the position. This work is now in process and grant applications are being submitted.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Jordan and Jordyn Eleanya*

- \* **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 his peace. Amen

### **Promise and Challenge**

### **Prayer**

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