

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Frank Walsh

Choristers: Janaki Butterworth, Nathan Dyck, Ariel Harwood-Jones,
Robert Hutson, Angela Myshkowsky

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)* D. Cerwien (2001)

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

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 89:1, 14
I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

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 *Friends, Let Us Love Each Other (Auf, auf, mein Herz)* J. Crüger (1598-1662)

Friends, let us love each other, for love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love within us this world will know God lives. Love is the gift most precious God gives unto us all. We find our life in loving – that's our creator's call. Love is what Christ commanded; love lived out day by day. Love bears another's burden, love walks a tender way. Friends, let us love each other; love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love God within us, this world will know God lives!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Happy Are They* N. Sleeth (1985)

Happy are they who trust in the Lord and cheerfully God obey; led from above by heavenly love, their feet will not go astray. Happy are they who trust in the Lord and lift up their voice in praise; joy will they know wherever they go and thankfulness all their days. In time of pain and sorrow, they know the Lord will guide; and every new tomorrow, will for their needs provide! Happy are they who trust in the Lord and gratefully God adore; all who believe will blessings receive both now and forevermore! God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near. Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand; what horror can confound me with God at my right hand? *Happy are they...*

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)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 6:1-9 p. 163 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

* **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 12:28-34

p. 49 in N.T.

Sermon "Not Far from the Kingdom"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

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

Offering and Offertory *A Tango on Down Ampney* M. Sedio (1996)

* **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 *I Have Chosen the Way of Truth* C. Courtney (1999)

Nathan Dyck, baritone

I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on Your laws. I hold fast to Your statutes, O Lord, my God; let me not be put to shame. I run in the path of Your commands, for You have set my heart free. Teach me to follow Your decrees, O Lord, and I shall keep them to the end.

**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** Love divine, all loves excelling (HYFRYDOL) **371**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Gaudete* J. Marsh (1995)

Announcements

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.

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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**