

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"  
Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *In the Garden* (1958), New St. James

## **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Bruce Curtis

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (Beach Spring)* W. Wold (2000)

\* **Processional Hymn** Lord Jesus, who through forty days (ST. FLAVIAN) **200**

\* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 25:1, 4-5

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation.

### 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** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (Beach Spring)* B. F. White (1800-1879)

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the tempter tells him, "Turn these barren rocks to bread!" "Not alone by bread," he answers, "can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!" Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: "Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!" Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way: "God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!" When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, and obey.

### Welcome

## We Hear the Word of God

\* **Children's Hymn** I rest in God alone (I REST IN GOD ALONE) **36**

### Word to the Children

**Anthem** *Into the Woods My Master Went* G. M. Martin (1989)

Into the woods my Master went clean forspent. Into the woods my Master came, forespent with love and shame. But the olives were not blind to him, the gray leaves were kind to him, the thorn tree had a mind to him, when into the woods he came. Out of the woods my Master went, and he was well content. Out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame. When death and shamed would woo him last, from under the trees they drew him last, "'Twas on a tree they slew him last, when out of the woods he came." O make me thine forever: and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

### Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**p. 180 in O.T.**

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,  
“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”  
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,  
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.  
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.  
Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honour them.  
With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

\* **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 4:1-13

p. 61 in N.T.

**Sermon** “For Forty Days He Was Tempted”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (Beach Spring)*

J. Linker (2002)

\* **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**

**Solo** *O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go*

J. Ness Beck (1978); arr. C. Courtney (2000)

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that  
in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot  
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that  
morn shall tearless be.

\* **Communion Hymn** I hunger and I thirst (QUAM DILECTA)

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(see insert)

\* **Recessional Hymn** O love, how deep, how broad, how high (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

205

\* **Commission and Benediction**

\* **Threefold Amen (DANISH)**

780

**Postlude** *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## 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.

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.

Rev. David will be on **Study Leave** March 10-16 (inclusive). Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district elder. You may also contact The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, who is providing pastoral coverage. Dr. Fullerton may be reached at 519.438.3492.

The Highland ladies will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower hall to have their **Annual Dutch Auction**. Bring your treasures to auction off! These treasures could include jewellery, clothes, books, household items, baking (yum!), and any other things you can part with. There will be worship and refreshments. For any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: As **"Back to Basics"** time draws near (a Lenten project we do each year), it's hygiene products and new socks we need, and new underwear, too, would help out indeed! This outreach mission will run from March 15 to April 20 (Easter Sunday), after which donations will be distributed to various agencies in London.

The Lenten season presents us with an opportunity to practice sacrificial giving, aligning our hearts with Christ's sacrifice. We thank you for your generous support of the chili supper, our first fundraising event of 2025! We are looking forward to many more opportunities to share in fellowship and fundraising. For the next eight weeks we have the opportunity to support our church with the **Envelope Challenge**. If you choose to participate, you will receive 8 envelopes numbered 2 to 16. The numbers correspond to the amount to be placed in the envelopes (\$2 to \$16). At the end of the eight weeks we will collect the envelopes and tally our support. Please write your givings envelope number or name on the first envelope so that a tax receipt can be issued for 2025. Please contact Sharon Mercier, Dennis Mercier, or Rob McGugan for envelopes or further information.

Mark your calendars! Karen Plater, from the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be presenting on **Legacy Givings**, following the service on March 23. Everyone is welcome. Learn about special tax benefits; how stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real property can be used to support NSJ now; and how a gift in a will, life insurance, or a charitable gift annuity can support future ministry at NSJ. A freewill offering lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 17 by contacting the Church Office (519.434.1127 or admin@newstjames.ca).

Our **mission trip** is fast approaching! If you are interested in joining us on our trip to Malawi or just want more information, please contact Cathy Reid (reidc@rogers.com). The dates are May 7-28.

**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