

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Janice Mark

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Come to Us Beloved Stranger (Beach Spring)*

W. Wold (2000)

* **Processional Hymn** They set out on their homeward road (RYBURN)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 118:14, 23

The LORD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

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 *He Comes to Us as One Unknown (Repton)*

C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored: the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Saviour and our Lord.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** In the bulb there is a flower (PROMISE)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Open Our Eyes*

W. C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may behold thee walking beside us in our sorrow. Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals, we enter into the presence of the living God. 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.

Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 5:6-8

p. 168 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,

the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

* **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 24:13-35

p. 90 in N.T.

Sermon "But We Had Hoped"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** Let us hope when hope seems hopeless (ABBOT'S LEIGH) **792**

Offering and Offertory *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (Repton) R. J. Powell (2001)

* **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 *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* Scottish Traditional; arr. K. Lee Scott (1992)
Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; my company before me is gone, and I am left alone with thee. With thee all night I mean to stay and be with thee 'til break of day. I need not tell thee who I am; my sin and misery declare; thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands, and read it there. But who I ask thee who art thou, my eyes are opened you've opened them now! 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure universal love thou art. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love!

**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** Come to us, beloved Stranger (BEACH SPRING) **262**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Pageant* P. Moore (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.

The **flowers** on the Communion Table are placed by Gord and Charlene Beynon in loving memory of Reta and Bert Hare.

Thanks to all of you, the Mission and Social Action Committee's "**Back to Basics**" project received donations which raised the numbers off the chart – literally! Kids' socks numbered 366 pairs (the chart goes only to 200) and the total number of items donated was well over 1,600! Monetary donations were used to buy diapers. "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'" (Matt 25:40).

Did you know that the **WMS** (Women's Missionary Society) meets most months right here at New St. James? The WMS is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship. Meetings involve worship, fellowship, learning, and service. Would you like to learn more? Please contact Marg McGugan (me5mcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.3153).

The Session of New St. James has appointed Iver Clark as the **Church Librarian** under the supervision of Mike Ruggi. During the coming months, Iver will be working to update and reorganize the Church Library. In order to facilitate this cataloging process, everyone is encouraged to return books held on long-term loan.

Financial Update, end of March

	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	\$ Change	% Change
Congregational Support	46,485.32	46,429.30	56.02	0.1%
Trust Income	37,017.77	25,600.00	11,417.77	44.6%
Other Income	5,449.66	6,142.20	-692.54	-11.3%
Total Income	88,952.75	78,171.50	10,781.25	13.8%
Total Expenses	104,373.52	100,479.36	3,894.16	3.9%
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>-15,420.77</u>	<u>-22,307.86</u>	<u>6,887.09</u>	<u>30.9%</u>

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 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Felicia Pereira (Office Administrator) at 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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