

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Steve Harris

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *How Great Thou Art*

M. Anison (1992)

* **Processional Hymn** O God beyond all praising (THAXTED)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 77:11-12

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work,

and muse on your mighty deeds.

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!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** This is my Father's world (TERRA BEATA)

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Word to the Children

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

God of mercy, amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

p. 332 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 77

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.

I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints. *Selah*

You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago.

I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit:

"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favourable?

Has his steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at an end for all time?

Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah*

And I say, "It is my grief that the right hand of the Most High has changed."

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

When the waters saw you, O God,

when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.
The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

* **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 9:51-62

p. 70 in N.T.

Sermon "I Will Remember Your Wonders"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** I cried out for heaven to hear me (HARVEST)

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Offering

Offertory *Sostenuto Mistico*

F. Peeters (1903-1986)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH)

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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 *How Great Thou Art*
Robert Hutson, tenor

S. K. Hine (1899-1989); arr. C. Courtney (1981)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee: how great Thou art!* And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *Then sings my soul...* When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

**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** When God restored our common life (RESIGNATION)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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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.

This summer, New St. James is offering **Vacation Bible Camp!** This ministry will be under the direction of Jenna Smith, who will be working with Rev. David's support. The dates are July 7-11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For more details, and to register, please visit: www.newstjames.ca/VBC

Beginning next Sunday (July 6), worship at New St. James will switch to **summer hours**, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Lemonade: Starting on July 6, lemonade will be served after the service for our time of fellowship. Someone is needed each week to prepare this. Instructions are provided and all equipment needed will be on the counter. Please look at the list that has been posted on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall and see if there is a Sunday that you could help. It is easy preparation and easy clean up. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com). Thank you in advance for helping!

MARKETPLACE 2025: Women's Council is excited to announce that this year's Marketplace will take place on Saturday, November 8. Rhubarb is ready and strawberries will be ready very soon so time to make some jam for our Preserve Table. We have some jars available if you would like some. If anyone has half pint or pint jars that they will not be using and would be willing to donate, please leave them in the lower kitchen. It will be difficult to match the amazing results from last year's sale but with your help making merchandise for us to sell, we will try our best and hopefully do even better! Please help us to help our church! For any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.642.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee**, on behalf of the congregation, supports The Unity Project for Relief of Homelessness in London. Its latest newsletter states: "at 788-794 Dundas Street, we are planning construction of a purpose-built emergency shelter facility to serve our participants and community better," adding "it will accommodate a minimum of 40 people in emergency shelter." The entire newsletter, along with a picture, is on the bulletin board outside the office.

Did you know that if, on average, each member of NSJ increased their givings by only \$1.73 per week, that would add up to more than \$20,000 more for the ministry of our church? Together our givings make a big difference--and a little extra goes a long way!

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!