

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



TRINITY SUNDAY

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 *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket alle Gott)*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Processional Hymn** Holy, holy, holy (NICAEA)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** 2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'

who has shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 *The Triune Peace*

C. Hampson (2016)

Peace be on each one who comes in need. Peace be on each one who comes in joy. Peace be on each one who offers prayers. Peace be on each one who offers song. Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son, Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** There is a redeemer (THERE IS A REDEEMER)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Trinitarian Blessings*

K. Lee Scott (1994)

May the Sending One sing in you. May the Seeking One walk with you. May the Greeting One stand by you, in your gladness and in your grieving. May the Gifted One relieve you. May the Given One retrieve you. May the Giving One receive you, in your falling and in your restoring. May the Binding One unite you. May the One Beloved invite you. May the Loving One delight you, Three-in-One, joy in life unending.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-5

p. 155 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes.

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them.

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
 O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* **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 John 16:12-15

p. 110 in N.T.

Sermon "And Hope Does Not Disappoint"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** Creator God, creating still (THIS END RY'S NIGHT) **286**

Offering

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket alle Gott)* G. F. Kauffmann (1679-1735)

* **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 *Wait on the Lord* W. A. Mozart (1756-1791); arr. C. Fredrickson (1964)
 Cosette Holliday, soprano

Wait on the Lord, and keep His commandments, for He shall save them that trust in Him. Wait on the Lord and sing ye His praises; the earth is full of His goodness. For God is our refuge, and our help in trouble. We will not fear though the earth be removed. Wait on the Lord, and ye shall find peace, for He shall give thee the water of life. Hope in the Lord, and rest in His love, and He shall give thee the needs of thine heart. Hope in the Lord, and rest in His peace.

**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** Now thank we all our God (NUN DANKET) **457**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket alle Gott)* J. Behnke (2001)

Announcements

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us!

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

Friendship Communion, Luncheon, and Strawberry Social. All are welcome to join us Thursday, June 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP on the signup sheet in NSJ Hall. If you are unable to sign the sheet, please contact Cathy Taylor (519.433.4095).

We will be taking **photos** this Thursday, June 19, at the Friendship Communion and Strawberry Social. The photos may be posted on our website, on social media, or in other print publications. If you prefer that your picture or that of your child (less than 18) not be taken, please contact the Church Office to be added to the "Do Not Photo List."

Do you have an hour or two to spare this summer? We are looking for **volunteers** to mow the lawn at NSJ. If you could help with this one or more times, please contact Rob McGugan at rgmcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.0374.

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.

In 2022, the Session of NSJ sent the following **Overture** to the General Assembly of the PCC:

WHEREAS God does not break God's promises; and

WHEREAS God has promised that Israel shall be God's beloved people forever; and

WHEREAS in Christ God has included the Gentile nations into God's covenantal care by expansion—not abrogation—of God's covenantal faithfulness to Israel; and

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Church in Canada accordingly affirms "that Jews have not been supplanted and replaced by Christians in the one covenant" (A&P 2011, p. 43); and

WHEREAS the exclusivist definition of the church as "the new Israel" (*Living Faith* 1.2) fails to reflect these vital features of God's faithfulness; and

WHEREAS the supersessionist implications of defining the church as "the new Israel" risk undermining efforts to oppose antisemitism; and

WHEREAS "the church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit" must seek to be faithful in its "continuing function of reformulating the faith" (*Book of Forms*, sections 447, 449, 450, and 451);

THEREFORE, the Session of New St. James (London) humbly overtures the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly to delete, emend, or qualify the definition of the church as "the new Israel" in *Living Faith*, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, may deem best.

After lengthy of discussion, the PCC has added a note to *Living Faith*, reaffirming that "the church does not replace Israel as the chosen people of God." New copies of *Living Faith* will include this revision.

What began as a discussion at NSJ has changed one of the Subordinate Standards of the PCC.

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