

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa Walsh

Soloist: Angela Myshkowsky

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Fughetta in C*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

* **Processional Hymn** O God of Bethel, by whose hand (SALZBURG [HAYDN]) **654**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 25:4-5

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 (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!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Wherever I may wander (NEW ENGLAND FOLK MELODY) **319**

Word to the Children

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honour and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 23:23-29

p. 725 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council;

in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding;

they walk around in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth,

for all the nations belong to you!

* **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.

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** With the Lord as my guide (RIDGECREST) **574**

Offering

Offertory *Oboe Adagio*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

* **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 *How Can I Keep from Singing*
Angela Myshkowsky, soprano

R. Lowry (1826-1899); arr. A. Bullard (2010)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation; I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul – how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Saviour liveth; although the darkness binds me close, deep in the night sweet songs He giveth. His inner peace makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

**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** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (CWM RHONDDA) **651**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Fanfare from Water Music*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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.

New **flooring** is being installed in the lower kitchen and the adjacent hallway. This project began on August 1. These areas will be completely inaccessible until further notice.

From the **Mission and Social Action Committee**: Did you know New St. James has a budget line for Malawi? \$800 is sent quarterly to our contact to purchase fortified porridge, brown sugar, and school supplies for the children attending Timvane. This is the children's care centre our church had built in the village of Chipagala. The next donation will be sent in mid-August. Everyone is invited to contribute to this project and your donation will be added to the \$800.

The **Women's Missionary Society** welcomes Cathy Reid to our monthly meeting on Friday, September 5. Cathy will be in Canada and is making a trip to London, Ontario. She is happy to bring good news about her recent trip to Malawi. Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 5 at noon. This meeting is one week early. Lunch \$12. RSVP to Marg McGugan (me5mcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.3153). Men and women welcomed. Come join us for fellowship and conversation.

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8. The season for preserves is moving along quickly. Jams can still be made. It is a good time for pickles. Tomatoes are ready so chili sauce and salsas can be prepared! It will soon be time for Red Pepper Jelly. Preserves are great sellers so the more we have, the more money we can make! We have 250 and 500 ml jars available and if you have any that you are not using, please donate them. All help is most appreciated! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

Advent by Candlelight is back! Ladies, mark your calendars for Sunday, November 30 and join us for an evening of fellowship, delicious desserts, and a beautiful celebration of Advent. Friends and family are welcome to this very special evening. A sign-up sheet is posted in the NSJ Hall. Contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (denvhl@hotmail.com).

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.

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 Judi Le Blanc (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!