

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Sonya Malone

Choristers: Janaki Butterworth, Ariel Harwood-Jones,

Robert Hutson, Angela Myshkowsky, and Anthony Rodrigues

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

D. Wood (1989)

* **Processional Hymn** All people that on earth do dwell (OLD 100TH)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 104:31, 33

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

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 *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Anon. (16th Century)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Jesus loves me, this I know (JESUS LOVES ME)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Lord, Lead Me Lord*

G. M. Martin (2003); Arr. T. Chiles (2005)

Shepherd and guide me, stay close beside me, Lord, lead me Lord; tend and protect me, bend and direct me, Lord, lead me Lord. *Last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my Way; touch me completely, hear when I pray: "Dear Lord, lead me Lord!"* Anchor and hold me, shape and remold me, Lord; pilot and steer me, comfort, and cheer me, Lord. *Last in my sleeping...* Lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Shepherd and guide me...

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17

p. 208 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 51:1-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

* **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 15:1-10

p. 78 in N.T.

Sermon "Rejoice with Me "

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** And Jesus said, our God is like a shepherd (AND JESUS SAID) **669**

Offering

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (*Dominus regit me*) H. Willan (1888-1968)

* **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 *The God of Love My Shepherd Is* E. Thiman (1900-1975)
 Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

The God of love my shepherd is, and He that doth me feed: while He is mine and I am His, what can I want or need? He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest; then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best. Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame, and all this not for my desert, but for His holy Name. Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days: and as it never shall remove so neither shall my praise. [Text: G. Herbert (1593-1633)]

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** My shepherd is the King of love (DOMINUS REGIT ME) **691**

* **Commission and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Toccato* A. 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.

A **Bible Study** on the Gospel according to Luke will begin when the commentary, *Luke for Everyone* by Tom Wright arrives, hopefully by the end of September. Linda Robinson, who will lead the study has ordered enough copies for anyone interested. The study will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for 6 weeks when we will break for Advent and Christmas. If you are interested and have any questions, please speak to Linda Robinson (519.474.4986 or robinson516@sympatico.ca).

Sunday Morning Social Time: Help would be appreciated to make and serve refreshments on Sunday mornings. Instructions and all materials are provided. A list has been posted on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall, so please sign up to help. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8. Our Marketplace is getting closer and there is a lot of work to do. Please plan on baking. The Baking Table convenors would appreciate cookies, especially Christmas cookies, for their cookie walk along with other favourites such as butter tarts, pies, loaves, squares or whatever your own favourite is. Items for the Deli Table can certainly be prepared now and frozen—we have room in our freezers here at the church to store them. Soups, baked beans, pies, apple crisps, meat pies, quiche (fresh or frozen) have been popular or maybe you have a favourite. We will have gift baskets for sale and if you have something at home that you think could be part of a basket (for example, an item that you wish to regift!) please bring it to the lower kitchen marked “for baskets.” HELP will be needed! Help will be needed to make fruit pies and turkey pies. Please let Karen know if you would like to help. Help will be needed to work on Thursday and Friday before the sale and also to work on the day of the sale. Please volunteer! To do this, or for further information please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

From the **Mission and Social Action Committee:**

On behalf of the congregation, the Committee donated \$800 to Ark Aid Mission.

The Committee reports that “Paul’s Place” at St. Paul’s Cathedral has a good supply of egg cartons and yoghurt containers. Thus, the Committee is putting a hold on collecting those items.

Items in our food cupboard have been delivered to St. Paul’s Cathedral. Volunteers there were most appreciative of the donations.

Advent by Candlelight is back! Ladies and gentlemen, yes that’s correct, gentlemen are also invited to Advent by Candlelight on November 30! 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. Sign up in NSJ Hall or contact Deb Noble-Van Hees at denvh1@hotmail.com.

Financial Update, end of August 2025:

	Jan-Aug 31, 2025	Jan-Aug 31, 2024	\$Change	%Change
Total Income	\$225,247	\$202,083	\$23,164	11.46%
Total Expense	\$248,554	\$243,040	\$5,514	2.27%
Net Income	-\$23,307	-\$40,957	\$17,650	43.09%