

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Patrick Malone

Choristers: Janaki Butterworth, Ariel Harwood-Jones, Robert Hutson,
Angela Myshkowsky, and Anthony Rodrigues

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe den Herren)* J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

* **Processional Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LOBE DEN HERREN)* **321**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 96:1, 11

O sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad,

and let the earth rejoice.

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!

Introit *The One Is Blest (Dunfermline)*

Scottish Psalter (1615)

The one is blest who, fearing God, walks not where sinners meet, who does not stand with wicked ones, and shuns the scorners' seat. How blest the one who in God's law finds goodness and delight, and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** *Sing a new song unto the Lord (SING A NEW SONG)* **422**

Word to the Children

Anthem *Sing We Merrily*

Th. Matthews (1976)

Sing we merrily unto God our strength. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. Sing we merrily unto God our strength!

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 Thessalonians 5:16-24

p. 205 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

* **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 Matthew 5:1-12

p. 4 in N.T.

Sermon "Their Delight"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** Come sing, O church, in joy! (DARWALL'S 148TH)

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Offering

Offertory *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (*Lobe den Herren*)

J. C. Bach (1735-1782)

* **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 I Love Your Word*

M. Hayes (2004)

Angela Myshkowsky, soprano

I love Your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night. Your law is perfect in every way. How I love Your Word. Sweeter than the honeycomb, more precious than the finest gold, rich with treasures new and old, Your Word gives life to me. When I am frightened, You calm my fears. When I am troubled, Your Word is clear that in every moment You are here. Your Word brings peace to me. *How I love Your Word...* I choose to follow Your commands. Your ways I want to understand. I long to learn all that I can from the wisdom in Your Word. Your words I treasure deep within. They comfort me and discipline that I may have no cause to sin. Your Word brings righteousness. *How I love Your Word...*

**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** Joyful, joyful we adore you (HYMN TO JOY)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (*Lobe den Herren*)

G. Merkel (1827-1885)

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 new **flooring** has been installed in the lower kitchen and the adjacent hallway. These areas are now fully accessible and available to be used. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Highland Group will not meet this Tuesday, September 9. Our meeting is postponed until Tuesday, September 23 to be held at Latika in Westmount. For more information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8. We hope that you have been continuing to make preserves for the Marketplace. Pickles, pickled beets, salsa, chili sauce, red pepper jelly are all items that are popular. We have some 250 ml and 500 ml jars available if you would like some. If you have some of these jars and do not need them, please donate them to us. The sale is getting closer so it is time to think about making items for our deli table. We have space in our freezers if you wish to make something ahead of time. For information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

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.

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 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!

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.

A reminder to all NSJ groups and committees: please remember to **book your meeting space** in advance by contacting Felicia Pereira in the Church Office.