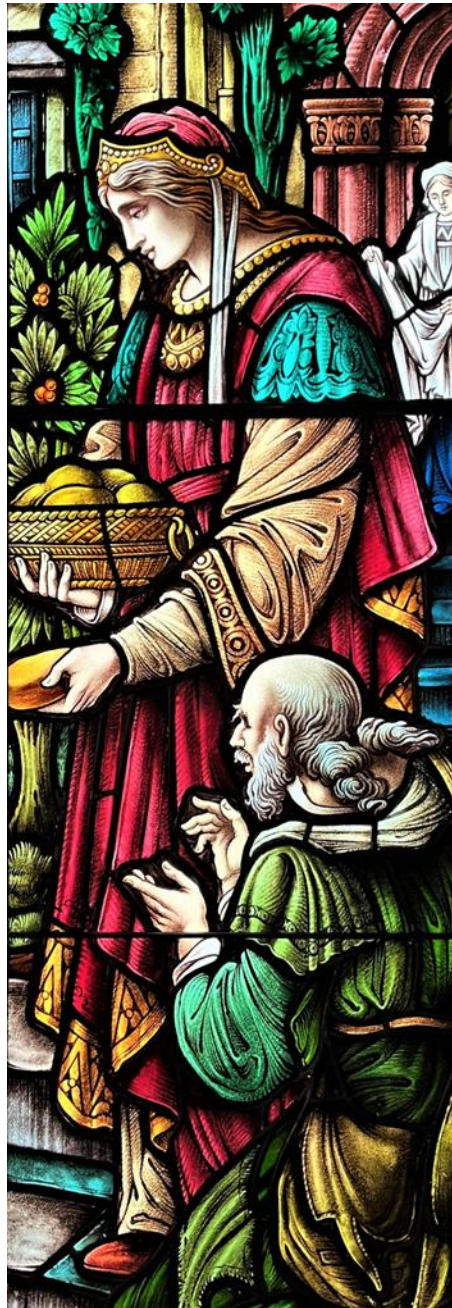


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *Dorcas* (1943), New St. James

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Janice Mark

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket)*

J. Honoré (1999)

* **Processional Hymn** For the beauty of the earth (DIX)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 100:2, 4

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

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 *Praise to God*

M. Sirett (1997)

Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days; bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ. All to thee, our God we owe, source whence all our blessings flow. All the plenty summer pours, autumn's rich o'erflowing stores; flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain; Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise. As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of thy best; and by deeds of kindly love, for thy mercies grateful prove. Singing thus through all our days, praise to God, immortal praise! [text: A. L. Barbault (1743-1825)]

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** We plough the fields and scatter (WIR PFLÜGEN [DRESDEN])

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Word to the Children

Anthem *We Bring Thanksgiving* Meredith Donaldson Clark, flute P. Choplin (2008)

We bring thanksgiving for the ways we are blessed, with gratitude, we offer you our best. But as we pray with thankful hands, through gratitude, we are blessed again. As we count our blessings and name each one, our worries fade, our spirits lift. For when our thanks to heaven we send, through gratitude, we are blessed again. We bring thanks to you, Lord, for that is what thanksgiving is for, but as our grateful prayers ascend, through gratitude, we are blessed again. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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Responsive Psalm Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 6:25-35

p. 98 in N.T.

Sermon "Give Thanks to Him"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

Hymn All people that on earth do dwell (OLD 100TH) **65**

Offering and Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God (Nun Danket)* G. F. Kaufmann (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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* L. Larson (2017)
Angela Myshkowsky, soprano

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's power and Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers you grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands for sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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)* J. A. Behnke (2001)

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.

Rev. David will be on **Study Leave** October 13-19 (inclusive). Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district Elder. You may also contact The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, who is providing pastoral coverage. Dr. Fullerton may be reached at 519.438.3492.

The **Highland** ladies will meet in New St. James Hall on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy an introduction to the primal magic of a drum circle. Our guest leader is Sheila Horrell who has facilitated many workshops and drum circles. She will provide each person with a drum and introduce us to the ease and joy of music making with the drum. Following our time with Sheila we will have a short business meeting, a time of worship, and refreshments. For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

A **Bible Study** on the Gospel according to Luke continues on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome. Please enter through the Oxford Street parking lot door and take the elevator to the upper floor. Bring a Bible, pen and paper. Should you arrive later than 7:00 p.m., the door will be locked so phone Linda Robinson's cell (519.615.0559). If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at home (519.474.4986 or robinson516@sympatico.ca).

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8 Marketplace is almost here! Please help Women's Council help our church! **BAKE** for the Bake Table - your favourite Christmas cookies, butter tarts, loaves, cakes, pies, squares. **PREPARE** foods for the Deli - soups, baked beans, quiche, frozen pies, frozen entrees. **DONATE** to the Tombola Table, **DONATE** to the Christmas Table, **DONATE** items for the gift baskets. Offer to **HELP, HELP, HELP!** Sign up on the sheet in New St. James Hall to indicate when you can help on November 6, 7 and 8. Offer to help to make turkey pies, apple pies, ground beef pies. **ADVERTISE** - let everyone you know when our sale is! We can all do our part to make the Marketplace a success! For any more information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

We will **receive New Members** on Sunday, November 23. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet in New St. James Hall.

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).

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!