

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Margaret McGugan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Mike Ruggi

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Praeludium ex*

E. A. Düben (1597-1662)

* **Processional Hymn** Joyful, joyful we adore you (HYMN TO JOY) **410**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-2

God promises us justice,
and teaches us persistence.

God promises us compassion,
and teaches us not to lose heart.

God promises to be with us
and teaches us to tend to each other.

So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge,

We will offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.

Let us worship God together!

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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

M. Parks (2017)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Will your anchor hold (WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD) **744**

Word to the Children

Anthem *Saviour, Teach me, Day by Day*

B. Cabena (1923-2025)

Saviour, teach me, day by day, love's sweet lesson to obey; sweeter lesson cannot be, loving him who first loved me. With a child's glad heart of love, at thy bidding may I move; prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me. Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace; learning how to love from thee, loving him who first loved me. Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all her joy; ever new that joy will be, loving him who first loved me.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Inspiring God, by your Spirit, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word for today, whether it challenges or comforts us, so that we may live more faithfully as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31: 27-34

p. 735 in the O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

* **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 18:1-8

p. 201 in the N.T.

Sermon "Will Christ find faith on earth?"

Margaret McGugan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** Simply trusting every day (TRUSTING JESUS)

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Offering and Offertory *Improvisation*

* **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

Anthem *Christ Hath a Garden*

G. Near (1973)

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace, from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servant's stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake O wind of heaven and bear their sweet perfume through the air. Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, 'til the beloved Master come: That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set, that he may ever more be seen to walk amid the springing green.

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** May the God of hope go with us every day (CANTO DE ESPERANZA) 726

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

780

Postlude *Cortege finale*

Anonyme (1557)

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.

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).

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** thanks everyone who participated in the fresh produce collection project. The food was delivered to Rotholme, Ark Aid Mission, My Sister's Place, and St. Paul's Cathedral for its "Paul's Place" program. All agencies were most appreciative of the food. The Committee also received a "thank you" note from the London Community Chaplaincy for its recent donation. Photos of summer events are posted on the pinboard outside the office.

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our Marketplace is almost here! Please plan to help. Donations for the Tombola table and for the Christmas table can be put in the downstairs kitchen, or can be brought to the church on Thursday, the 6th or Friday the 7th. Donations for the baskets should be brought in by Sunday, November 2. They can be put in the lower hall kitchen. Frozen products for the deli can be brought in anytime and put in one of the freezers marked with what it is and your name. Fresh products for the deli should be brought in on Friday, the 7th. Preserves can be brought in anytime but Thursday, November 6 would be preferable. Baking should be brought in on Friday, November 7 throughout the day. Loaves, tarts, squares, cakes, pies, muffins, or whatever your speciality is would be greatly appreciated. Cookies are needed for the Cookie Walk and Christmas cookies would be a bonus. If you can help get ready for the sale on November 6 and 7 or help sell on November 8, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and family that we have a sale that they do not want to miss! For further 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).

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.