

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Kathy Ruggi

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)* D. Lasky (2011)

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

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1, 10

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

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 *Praise the Lord* D. Wagner (2005)

Praise the Lord, bless his name, all who stand in the house of the Lord. Sing praise to his name.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** This is my Father's world (TERRA BEATA) 328

Word to the Children

Anthem *It Is a Good Thing to Praise the Lord* D. Ouchterlony (1914-1987)

It is a good thing to praise the Lord, and to give thanks unto his holy name for ever, to show forth his loving kindness with morning praise and in loving prayer at evening our voices raise. Sing, all good people gathered, your voices raise in song within this church that nurtured our ancient faith so strong, so tried and brought to fitness, in spite of fire and sword, sing, as these stones bear witness of all who praised the Lord. It is a good thing to praise the Lord!

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:23-32 p. 846 in the O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
 and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
 By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
 You water its furrows abundantly,
 settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

* **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.

Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

p. 213 in the N.T.

Sermon "Praise Is Due to You"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** Praise is your right, O God, in Zion (GENEVAN)

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Offering

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

J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH)

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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 *Our Praise Awaits Him* Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano T. Fettke (2007)

The One who forms the mountains reveals His thoughts to man; He turns the dawn to darkness,
 and His wings created the wind. He walks in all high places of the planet we call earth; the Alpha,
 the Omega, through Him all life had birth. Now praise awaits Him in this place. With song we
 thank Him for His grace. We feel Him, and we know Him, as we bow to breathe His name. The
 One who calms the oceans and waters thirsty lands, awakes the hills with gladness, and He forms
 them with His hands. He's given us a new song and a hymn of praise to sing Him, our God, the
 Almighty, our Lord, our Priest, our King. Alleluia!

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** I'll praise my Maker while I've breath (OLD 113TH)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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

M. Reger (1873-1916)

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 **flowers** on the Communion Table are in loving memory of parents Laura and Fred Chapman and brother Bruce placed there by Lyn Hill.

From the Human Resources Committee: Please join us in welcoming Nancy Manners as our new Office Administrator. Nancy assumed this new role on October 20. Since 2022, she has been working at NSJ as our Casual Office Administrator. We look forward to working with Nancy in her new role!

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, 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.

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 denvhl@hotmail.com.

World Day of Prayer is held annually in March with five neighbourhood churches participating. New St. James will host in 2030 with a focus on Nepal. However, a representative from our church is needed for 2026. You will be invited to two planning meetings at the host church, Trinity Lutheran, and take part in the service. To learn more about experiencing this rewarding event, please contact Lyn Hill (519.472.8353 or lyn.hill@sympatico.ca).