

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.

Today is your last chance to sign up for **Advent by Candlelight** on November 30. Delicious desserts and fellowship from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by a wonderful service at 7:15 p.m. in our beautiful Sanctuary. Please email or call Deb to book your spot (denvhl@hotmail.com or 519.471.6857). We are looking forward to spending time with you!

The **Salvation Army Kettle Campaign** is coming up quickly. We can support this Salvation Army program by 'hosting' the kettle in the Drew's Your Independent Grocer at Oxford and Richmond. The funds that are raised at the kettles help make a difference to the thousands of families and individuals in our community that look for help during Christmas and throughout the year. The last timeslot to fill is Saturday, November 29, 3:30 to 5:30. The Salvation Army will provide signage identifying New St. James. A sign-up sheet is posted in New St. James Hall. You can also sign up or ask questions by contacting Frank Walsh (walshfw@gmail.com). Have fun, help others, and ring those bells!

White Gift Sunday – a poem

On December the 7th let's bring a "white gift"; its contents surely will give someone a lift. Suggestions are juice, cranberry sauce and some dates, stuffing, fruit cups and, of course, chocolates! They'll go to Ark Aid, to Rotholme and St. Paul's to ensure a Merry Christmas for one and for all! Gifts need not be in white plastic bags or wrapped in white paper. If you'd like to participate in this project but can't get out to shop, please see Lyn Hill for a special donation envelope.

The **Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive**: Your donation of a new, unopened, unwrapped gift will help provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community. Big stuffed toys can be problematic so smaller stuffed toys are the best. Nonviolent toys that do not require batteries, Lego, art supplies and books or journals are some of the suggested items. The Toy Box is near the entrance of the NSJ Hall; you have until Monday, December 8 to drop off your gifts. To find out more and to see the "Wish List" look for the signs on the bulletin boards or visit <https://londoncs.ca/wishlist>.

Flu season is already here, so let's be ready! If you are feeling unwell, please consider worshipping with NSJ by livestreaming. Protect yourself and others with some simple precautions like handwashing and by covering your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing or sneezing.

A gentle reminder from the **Worship and Music Committee**: As we join together in worship, please remember that our music—whether a hymn or a solo—is offered to the glory of God. It is an act of worship, not a performance. We kindly ask that you refrain from applause, and instead take a quiet moment to reflect, pray, or offer thanks in your heart for the gift of music and the message it brings.

Financial Update, end of October 2025

	Jan-Oct 31, 2024	Jan-Oct 31, 2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$252,398.42	\$279,829.85	\$27,431.43	10.87%
Total Expense	\$313,350.21	\$315,145.70	\$1,795.49	0.57%
<u>Net Income</u>	-\$60,951.79	-\$35,315.85	\$25,635.94	-42.06%