

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *Supper at Emmaus* (1942), New St. James

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa Walsh

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Suite*

R Proulx (1993)

* **Processional Hymn** Hallelujah! sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1, 13

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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 *Crown Him Lord of All! (Kingsfold)*

M. Parks (2017)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown Him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Be still and know that I am God (BE STILL AND KNOW)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Come, Sing, Ye Choirs Exultant*

B. Belanger (2025)

Come, sing, ye choirs exultant, those messengers of God through whom the living gospels come
sounding all abroad! Whose voice proclaimed salvation that poured upon the night, and drove
away the shadows, and flushed the world with light! Foursquare on this foundation, the church of
Christ remains a house to stand unshaken by floods or winds or rains. O glorious happy portion in
this safe home to be, by God, us all united with God eternally! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that,
hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 23:1-6

p. 725 in the O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

* **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 Colossians 1:11-20

p. 200 in the N.T.

Sermon “Exalted in the Earth”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** God is our refuge and our strength (STROUDWATER)

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Offering and Offertory

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

R. Proulx (1996)

* **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

Reception of New Members

Solo

The Holy City

S. Adams (1841-1913)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

Last night I lay asleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang, methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing, hosanna in the highest heaven, hosanna to your king!” And then methought my dream was changed; the streets no longer rang; hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark how the angels sing! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King! And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its street, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars to shine by night, nor sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away – Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for the night is o’er. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!

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** Crown him with many crowns (DIADEMATA)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude

Trumpet Tune from “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Suite

R. Proulx (1993)

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able.

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%

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