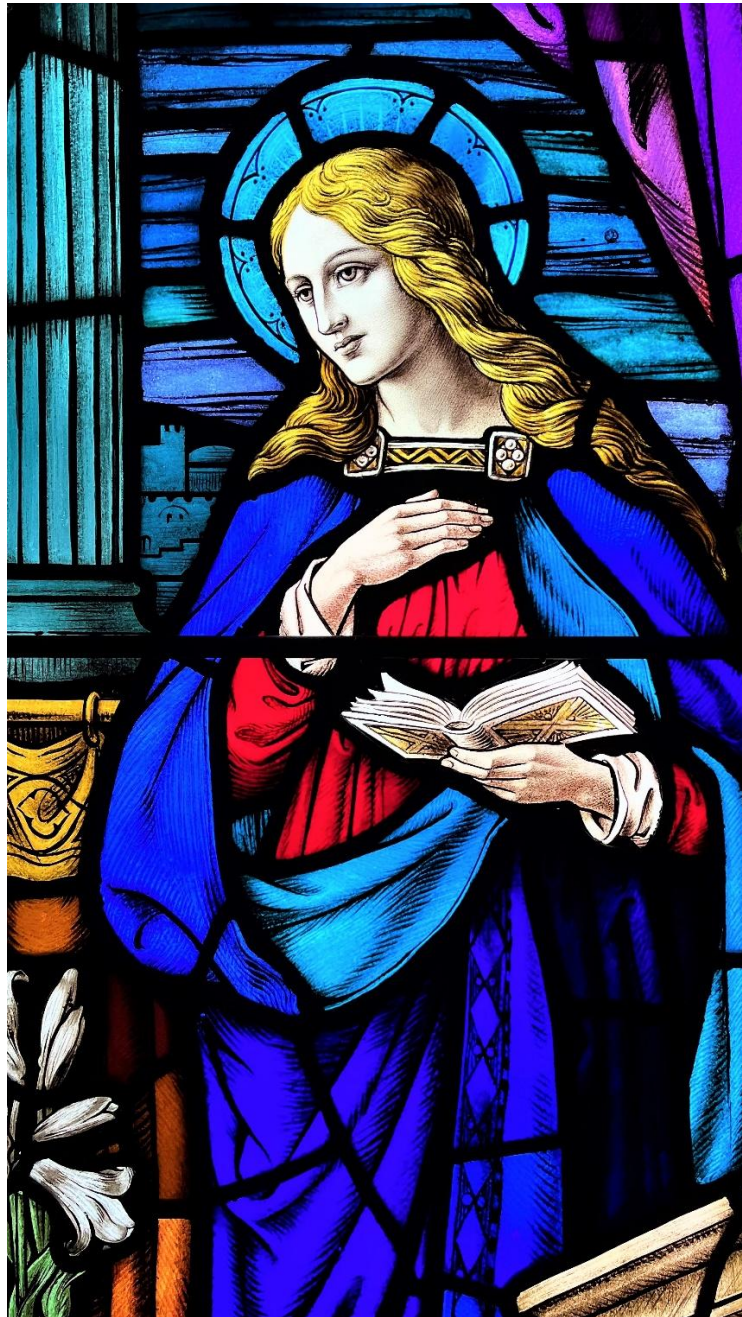


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *The Annunciation to Mary* (1933), New St. James

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Iver Clark

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Three Kings of Orient*

J. Linker (1999)

* **Processional Hymn** What child is this (GREENSLEEVES)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 43:3-4

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance for Christmastide (sung in unison) Titus 3:4-6 (RICHMOND)

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The kindness of our God appears
to pour out richest grace;
as we are saved from sin and fears,
we see the Saviour's face!

Introit *Kings in Glory*

M. Shaw (1875-1958)

Three kings in great glory of horses and men in haste came a-riding o'er mountain and fen, for their King is awaiting, and lo they would bring the best of their treasure to give to their King. Come monarchs, and enter, your Monarch is here, doff crowns on the bare sod fall down and revere; for the best you can offer is little I trow (think), to the Lord God of heaven you're a-kneeling to now.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** We three kings (KINGS OF ORIENT)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold*

P. Choplin (2011)

We are going to search for the King – frankincense, myrrh, and gold. We go to worship and to bring the finest treasure that we hold. From our home, we've come so far. We spend our days to follow the star, to find the King we yearn to behold. Now we walk the Bethlehem streets. We find the Child, the Prince of Peace, as the ancient prophets foretold. Glorious now behold Him arise, King, and God, and Sacrifice; "Alleluia, alleluia!" Earth to heaven replies.

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

p. 690 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life,

and precious is their blood in his sight.

* **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 Matthew 2:1-12

p. 2 in N.T.

Sermon "Wise Men from the East"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** What star is this (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

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Offertory *What Child Is This?* (Greensleeves)

J. A. Behnke (1994)

* **Doxology for Christmastide** (WINCHESTER OLD)

138, verse 6

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin, and never cease!"

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Solo *Cradle Carol*

D. Ouchterlony (1914-1987)

The little birds praise you, the wren and the sparrow, the rabbits and squirrels that run in the snow. This room may be small and the cradle be narrow; you learned to be humble a long time ago. O little Lord Jesus, your moment is breaking, the angels in heaven have polished your star. Along on the hillside the shepherds are waiting, the wise shall grow simple and find where you are.

**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** The first nowell (THE FIRST NOWELL)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (*Wie schön leuchtet*)

M. Sedio (1996)

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.

WMS is holding its Annual Presbyterial Meeting on Thursday, January 15 at New St. James. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Program starts at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, biblical scholar and interpreter, our invited speaker, has spent many years translating the Bible into Hakka and other Indigenous languages of Taiwan. Dr. McLean resides in Toronto and has recently retired from this vocation. Our meeting will end with a delicious meal at a cost of \$15. Men and women are welcome to attend. RSVP by January 12 to Marg McGugan (226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com).

Annual Report submissions are due to Nancy Manners (admin@newstjames.ca) no later than Thursday, January 15. This will allow the Annual Report to be compiled and distributed prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 8. Thank you.

WMS Cuba Mission Trip (February 7-13): Your support is needed to help fill 2 suitcases, approximately 40 pounds each, with:

- children's and infants' pain medications (Tylenol and Ibuprofen), bandages, and Polysporin
- new, good quality educational supplies (colouring books, Bic pens, pencils, erasers, lined paper, craft paper, children's scissors, Crayola markers and crayons)

Your generosity will be well received on or before January 18. For more information, contact Marg McGugan (226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com) or see her after the service in NSJ Hall.

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!

Announcements are an important way to keep the congregation informed about the ministry of NSJ. The weekly deadline for submitting a requested announcement is Wednesday at noon. Announcements are reserved for information regarding the ministry of New St. James and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.