

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 *O God, Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)* L. Petersen (2012)

Processional Hymn *O God beyond all praising (THAXTED)* **448**

* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 40:1, 3

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

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 *Faithful Is God* J. M. Martin (2016)
Faithful is God, the One who has called us. Faithful is God; our Master, Lord, and King! Grateful are we for all that he has shown us. Unto God all praise belongs. Lift high your joyful song. Alleluia! Steadfast and faithful is God eternal!

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Sing a new song unto the Lord (SING A NEW SONG) **422**

Word to the Children

Anthem *Happy Are They* N. Sleeth (1985)
Happy are they who trust in the Lord and cheerfully God obey; led from above by heavenly love, their feet will not go astray. Happy are they who trust in the Lord and lift up their voice in praise; joy they will know wherever they go and thankfulness all their days. In time of pain or sorrow, they know the Lord will guide; and every new tomorrow, will for their needs provide! *Happy are they...*
God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near. Tho' hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand; what terror can confound me with God at my right hand? *Happy are they...*

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 Isaiah 49:1-7 **p. 679 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

* **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 I Corinthians 1:1-9

p. 165 in N.T.

Sermon "And Set My Feet Upon a Rock"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** I waited for the Lord my God (BALERMA)

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Offering and Offertory *Meditation on 'Praise My Soul'*

W. Wold (2008)

* **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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Anthony Rodrigues, baritone arr. M. Hayes (2000)
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never
ceasing, call for song of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues
above; Praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love. Here I raise mine
ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely home to thy good
grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from
danger, brought me with his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained
to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering soul to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it with thy courts
above.

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** Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you (PRAISE MY SOUL)

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* **Commission, Benediction, and Threefold Amen** (DANISH)

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Postlude *O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)*

D. Lasky (2011)

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.

We will **receive New Members** on Sunday, February 1. 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.

In 2026, New St. James is marking the 100th anniversary of our Casavant organ! To celebrate this milestone, there will be a special **organ concert** featuring Micheal Unger, an award-winning organist who formerly played the organ here at New St. James. The concert is planned for March 4.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** donated \$1,000 to the Women's Missionary Society for its upcoming trip to Cuba.

World Day of Prayer is held annually in March with five neighbourhood churches participating. New St. James will host in 2030; however, a representative from our church is needed for 2026. The focus country is Nigeria. You will be invited to two planning meetings at the host church, Trinity Lutheran, located at the corner of Oxford and Colborne Streets, 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).

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 Nancy Manners (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.