

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *In the Garden* (1958), New St. James

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Frank Walsh

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

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Processional Hymn** All people that on earth do dwell (OLD 100TH)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-2

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word of Assurance for Lent (sung in unison) Hosea 6:1 (KILMARNOCK)

194, verse 1

Come, let us to the Lord our God

with contrite hearts return;

our God is gracious, nor will leave

the desolate to mourn.

Introit *Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray*

S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay;

let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.

Welcome

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** Come, let us sing to the Lord our song (FORNEY)

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Word to the Children

Anthem *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

S. Townsend (1995); arr. L. Shackley (2004)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished; his dying breath has bought me life. I know that it is finished. How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us. I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom. How high, how wide, how pure, how strong. How deep the Father's love for us.

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 Exodus 17:1-7

p. 64 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
For forty years I loathed that generation and said,
“They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.”
Therefore in my anger I swore, “They shall not enter my rest.”

* **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 Romans 5:1-11

p. 155 in N.T.

Sermon “O Come, Let Us Sing”

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

Hymn Oh come and sing unto the Lord (IRISH)

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Offering

Offertory *My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Olivet)*

K. Osterland (2000)

* **Doxology for Lent (ROCKINGHAM)**

231, verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Solo *Come, Come My Voice* G. H. Stözel (1690-1749); Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook (1725)
Come, come my voice, songs to him raising, his faithfulness shalt thee rejoice. Come, come my
mind, His wisdom praising. All loving God in Him shalt find. Come, come mine eyes, His light
receiving – the road before thee clearly lies. Come oh my soul, in Him believing; His blood shall
cleanse and make thee whole. Come all my powers, from God proceeding; His mighty strength
above thee towers.

**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 and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen (DANISH)**

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Postlude *Alla Breve in D Major*

J. Fischer (1665-1738)

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.

Rev. David will be away March 9-15 (inclusive). Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district Elder. You may also contact The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, who is providing pastoral coverage. Dr. Fullerton may be reached at 519.438.3492.

The **Highland Group** will meet in the Lower Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 to hear a presentation by Jean Aitcheson. Jean is the head of the Stratford Medical Mission Depot and was recently in Cuba with Marg McGugan, Cathy Reid and other ladies. She will be telling us about the medical depot and the wonderful work that she does with it. Guests are very welcome to attend. If you need any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

The **Women's Missionary Society** is holding its monthly meeting at noon on Friday, March 13 in the lower hall. Our guest speaker is Eva Goud's grandson, Dan Goud, who is a bush pilot and was raised by missionary parents. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$12. Please r.s.v.p. to Marg McGugan (226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com). Men and women are most welcome.

The Mission and Social Action Committee's **Back to Basics** project is off to a good start: 118 clothing items and 274 feminine hygiene products have been donated! If you wish to participate but can't get out to shop, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a special envelope. This outreach mission will run until April 5 (Easter Sunday), after which donations will be distributed to various agencies in London.

Through the **Northern Hospitality Program**, New St. James has been providing a hot meal to the less fortunate one day a month from September to June for over 30 years. We are in need of a convenor to oversee this very essential program starting in September. A team of cooks and volunteers to serve the meal are already in place. Please give this position serious consideration and training will be provided so the transition will be easy. Please contact Cathy Taylor at 519.433.4095 for more information.

The Session is pleased to share exciting news about ministry at NSJ. In September 2023, the Session began exploring the creation of a **Children & Youth Ministry Leader** position; after careful discussion and planning, it was agreed to develop a three-year pilot project funded not through the operational budget but rather through grants, pledges, and other special funding. Grant applications were submitted to the Presbytery of London and to the PCC Creative Ministries with Children and Youth Fund -- and we are excited to share that both applications were successful! NSJ was awarded a total of \$34,000 (\$18,000 from the Presbytery and \$16,000 from Creative Ministries). With these successful grants in place, the Session is continuing to move forward to create this ministry position. Stay tuned for more updates.

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.

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