

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Mike Ruggi

Choristers: Janaki Butterworth, Ariel Harwood-Jones, Robert Hutson,
Hannah Pinhorn, and Anthony Rodrigues

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (*Lobe den Herren*)

J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

* **Processional Hymn** I love the Lord (ST. PAUL)

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* **Responsive Call to Worship** Psalm 116:1-2

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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 *I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry*

trad. American Spiritual

I love the Lord; he heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne. I love the Lord; he heard my cry and chased my grief away. O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray. [Text: I. Watts (1674-1748)]

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 *You Are Mine*

D. Haas (1991); M. Hayes (2011)

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me. *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.* I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Do not be afraid...* I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live! *Do not be afraid...*

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 25:6-9

p. 652 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted":
I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."
 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
 You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

* **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 Peter 1:17-23

p. 232 in N.T.

Sermon "Because He Has Heard My Voice"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** I love you, Lord, for you have heard my voice (GENEVAN)

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Offering and Offertory *Fugato (Lobe den Herren)*

D. Lasky (2011)

* **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 *I Love You, Lord*

L. Klein (1978); arr. L. Larson (2011)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet sound in your ear.

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 to the Lord, the Almighty (LOBE DEN HERREN)

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* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen (DANISH)**

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Postlude *A Pean (Lobe den Herren)*

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.

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

Our 2026 **Back to Basics** project was a BIGGER SUCCESS than reported last week! On Sunday, an additional 67 clothing items were in the collection basket and a record \$920.69 was donated! You all deserve a pat on the back! And remember, "Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17).

The **Mission and Social Action Committee**, on behalf of the congregation, made donations of \$600 to Ark Aid Mission and \$200 to 519Pursuit.

This summer, New St. James is offering **Vacation Bible Camp!** This ministry will be under the direction of Jenna Smith, with Rev. David's support. The dates are August 10-14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

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. As a next step, the Congregation is invited to complete the pledge form to demonstrate our shared support for this ministry.

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.

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