

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
"Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others"
Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *The Good Shepherd* (1933), New St. James

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Margaret McGugan

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

Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

* **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 John 10:1-10

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Sermon "The LORD Is My Shepherd"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn** The Lord's my shepherd (CRIMOND) 11

Offering and Offertory *Have No Fear, Little Flock / The King of Love* M. Sedio (1973)

* **Doxology** (OLD 100TH) 830

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**

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Minute for Mission

Solo *I'll Walk with God* N. Brodsky (1851-1929)

I'll walk with God from this day on, his helping hand I'll lean upon, this is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me. There is no death, though eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to him. I'll lean on him forever and he'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along. I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand, I'll talk with God, he'll understand; I'll pray to him, each day to him, and he'll hear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God!

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** My shepherd is the King of love (DOMINUS REGIT ME) 691

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** (DANISH) 780

Postlude *A Festive Trumpet Tune* G. M. Martin (1969)

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 this week. Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district Elder. You may also contact The Rev. Andrew Thompson, who is providing pastoral coverage. Rev. Thompson may be reached at 519.681.7242.

From the Worship And Music Committee: Please Save The Date! It's that time of the year again; time to gather for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. Join us for our **Annual Church Picnic** on Sunday, June 14, immediately following the morning worship service. It's a wonderful chance to connect, enjoy great food, and spend time together in the sunshine. Please feel free to bring along family and friends as we come together to make this a truly memorable day. We look forward to seeing you there! More details will be shared soon.

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.

Did you know that the **WMS** (Women's Missionary Society) meets most months right here at New St. James? The WMS is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship. Meetings involve worship, fellowship, learning, and service. Would you like to learn more? Please contact Marg McGugan (me5mcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.3153).

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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