

Grow in Grace



St. James' Anglican Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector

The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar

The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Be Thou But Near – J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn #306

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Grace

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Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

#686

The Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Mark Allwood

Psalm

91: 1-6, 14-16

Cantor: Carrie Bockus



Second Reading

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Carrie Bockus

Gradual Hymn #362

Tell Out, My Soul

The Gospel

Luke 16: 19-31

Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Rev'd Allie McDougall

Anthem:

Ave Verum - W.A. Mozart
(Hail true body born of the Virgin Mary)

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Pam Ayres

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Grow in Grace Prayer (*said together*)

Bookmark

Confession

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The Peace

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Peal of the Bells

Peter Ryde

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #506

Lord of All Hopefulness

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Agnus Dei

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The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #508

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Dismissal

Postlude

'Great' Fugue in b minor, BWV 541 – J.S. Bach

The flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of:
~**Ruth & Pinky Scratch** ~
From the Scratch Family

NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 28th

Outreach Lunch Today!

Join us today right after the 10:30 service for the Outreach Lunch. Our guest speaker after lunch will be Jenn Evans, Operations Manager at Victim Services Huron Perth. She'll tell us about the work of her agency, and the community needs it serves. All free will donations will go to Victim Services.

Thank You from the Spencer Family

We would like to thank the Parish of St. James for their kindness to us at John's funeral. To Tom, Stephanie & Tianna for their kind words. To Ian & the Choir for the glorious music, we all know how John loved music - the louder the better! To the ASK Group for the spectacular luncheon – John loved his sandwiches! To the Parishioners who wrapped their arms around us. A special thank you to Rob + for his kind words, his compassion and guidance through a most difficult time.

Ministry Reviews

Through the fall we will be conducting ministry reviews for our staff members starting with the Rector. For him alone, we are offering the opportunity for members of the congregation to provide their input. Please offer that input through the wardens on paper, by email, or verbally. Please note that anonymous input will not be considered. Through these reviews we hope to encourage the continuation of our excellent ministry at St. James. **If you wish to provide any input please submit by October 5th.**

Capital Campaign Progress Update

Progress Update: We've raised \$287,080 through pledges and donations, and this is 45% of our goal! Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Update on the Tower

Bartlett Restoration has completed all the masonry on the tower itself. (See attached photos.) The scaffolding remains as the metal work on the tower is progressing with Roof Tile Management (RTM).

Bartlett is overseeing the next two projects. A lifting device will be hired to allow repairs to be done on the louvre on the west side of the church. Following this, repairs will be made to the south wall's foundation.

Work should be done by the end of October and the scaffolding should be removed in November.

Thanksgiving Decorations

The Chancel Guild is looking for some Thanksgiving decorations for the church. If you have fruit or vegetables that you are willing to donate to be used in the decorations and then later donated to the foodbank, please bring it in and leave it on the counter in the Sacristy. The decorating will be done on the morning of October 10th.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday October 11th

YES, there is an October Men's Breakfast -Saturday October 11th. Juice/coffee and tea available at 815 am. A full breakfast served for 830 am. Free will offering taken. Please come again and join this great time! Good food and the best fellowship... 😊

If you want to help us. Please notify me-

Wade @ wtphibbs@hotmail.com. See you all soon!!

Food Bank Wish List

Thanksgiving isn't far away. We've already been giving our larger families donated Hayter's turkeys and have more to offer. What we need now are the fixings to go with them:

- Stovetop Stuffing
- Gravy (canned or mixes)
- Cranberry sauce
- Instant mashed potatoes

Ian & Catharine Sadler in Recital - Wednesday October 15th

Join Ian & Catharine Sadler on Wednesday October 15th at 7:00 p.m. for a recital here at St. James. Music for organ, piano and soprano featuring: Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Purcell and Widor.

Music and Art Volunteers

A Call-Out for your assistance with Music and Art at St. James on Saturday, October 18 and with Set-Up on Friday, October 17 & Clean-Up at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 18. The sign-up sheets are in place at the back of the church. Thank you so much for your help on Friday, October 17 with preparations and welcoming artists from Stratford and Area and Saturday, October 18 for the Event and for the Clean-Up afterwards.

Jazz Vespers - Sunday October 19 at 4 p.m.

Musicians: The Steve Holowitz Trio

Paul Stevenson-trumpet

Greg Mainprize-percussion

Steve Holowitz-piano.

Vacancies for Voices

If you would like to sing in our Church Choir, now is the time to come forward. We are a friendly and welcoming group; no audition is required. Weekly rehearsals; Thursdays evenings, 7.00 - 8.30. Please contact our new organist, Ian Sadler @ sadlermusic57@gmail.com or speak to him on any Sunday morning.

Anglican Ladies!

Who would like to be a part of the Uplifted Anglican Team at the Bosom Buddies fundraiser on Nov. 14 in Stratford? Proceeds go to support patients at Wellspring in Stratford. We have reserved a table and tickets are \$50 each! Contact Karen Hunt Mitchell 519-703-1519.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday October 5th

Lamentations 1: 1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Chancel Team #1

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 30 - *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
 *Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room
- Oct. 1 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
 *Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave
 *English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
- Oct. 2 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
 *Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 3 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
 *Pizza Lunch for Intermediate Students at 11:30 a.m. in the Upper Hall
 *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Oct. 5 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
 *Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.