



*Enter into his gates
with*

Thanksgiving,

*and into his courts
with praise.*

PSALM 100:4

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto – C.M. Widor*

Processional Hymn #383 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Grace *BAS p. 185*

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 *BAS p. 185*

Gloria #686

The Collect of the Day

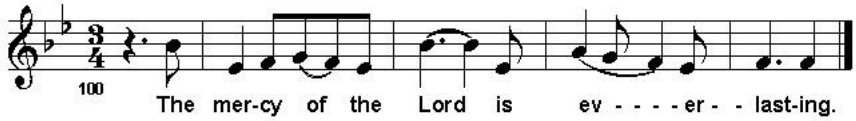
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 *Jane Foster*

Psalm

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Cantor: Wade Phibbs



Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-9

Jane Foster

Gradual Hymn #461

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

The Gospel

John 6: 25-35

Deacon:

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

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 Tianna Gocan

Anthem:

Thou Visitest the Earth – M. Greene

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Karin Mussen

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 flowers on the Altar today
are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of:
~**Heather McKeand Proctor** ~
by her best friends:
Pam Ayres & Karen Haslam



NOTICES FOR OCTOBER 12th

Food Bank Wish List

Sadly, food insecurity is still rising. In September, our Food Bank had the busiest month ever, by far. We assisted 223 people, 84 of them children.

We purchase most of the non-perishable foods and fresh fruits and vegetables that we provide, so money donations are vitally important. You can donate by cheque to St. James Anglican Church or by e-transfer to treasurer@stjamesstratford.ca, “Food Bank” in the memo space. Many thanks for your wonderful support!

ACW OCTOBER MEETING – THURSDAY OCT. 16th

Coffee - 10:00 a.m.

Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon - 12 noon.

RSVP Carol Boone 519-273-2272, clboone46@gmail.com

or sign up at back of church

Grow in Grace Progress Update:

We've raised \$331 080 and that is 52% of the goal—thank you for your generosity and prayers. If you have not heard from a campaign member, you will shortly.

A Special Vestry

A Special Vestry to consider amalgamation with St. Stephen's and St. Paul's will take place on Sunday November 9, 2025 following the 10:30 am service. The meeting will be chaired by retired Archdeacon Peter Townshend. We will consider two motions that day. The first will be a motion to participate in creating a new Anglican community in Stratford through amalgamation at this site and the second will be a motion to transfer all of our operating and trust funds to the new parish with all current restrictions on use remaining. A list of eligible members of vestry will be available shortly. Between now and the meeting please pray for our Anglican family in Stratford and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discernment.

Yours in Christ,
Rob +

Join Us at Synod for Worship and the Collation of Our New Archdeacons

All are welcome to gather at the newly renovated St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown London on Friday, October 24th at 7:30pm as we celebrate the new ministries of our four newly appointed Territorial Archdeacons, including our Rob+! We hope to see you there as we celebrate his new ministry with others from across the Diocese.

Focus Library

Stewardship in the widest sense and in service of the Grow in Grace Campaign is the main focus of the new selection from the library. Perhaps as a change of pace there is also a collection of women mystics and writers on that subject on offer.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday October 19th

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Luke 18: 1-8

Psalm 119: 97-104

Chancel Team #3

2 Timothy 3: 14—4:5

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 13 - *St. James Parish Office will be closed to observe Thanksgiving Day.
- Oct. 14- *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. 15 - *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
*Recital Concert by Ian & Catharine Sadler at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 16 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*ACW Luncheon & Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Oct. 17 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Oct. 18 - *St. James Music & Art Sale in the Upper & Lower Halls from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Oct. 19 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Jazz Vespers at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ambassador Spotlight: Joan Parson on Growing in Grace

Joan and her husband, Dave, arrived in Stratford in 1965 when Joan began nursing. After visiting a few services at St. James, a warm welcome made all the difference. “Marie Jones noticed we were new, invited me to an Anglican Ladies’ gathering, and even drove me there,” Joan recalls. “That hospitality helped us decide St. James would be our church home.”

Today, Joan serves as co-chair of the **Mark Phase** of our *Grow in Grace* campaign. Why step forward now? “We have a real to-do list at St. James,” she says. “A five-year plan helps us understand what support is coming and lets us prioritize the work wisely restoring what we’ve been given so we can serve well into the future.”

For Joan, the campaign is as much about people as projects. She tells of a recent visit where the host had had a hard day and was visibly flustered. “We were grateful to be invited in,” Joan says. “By simply listening and being present, you could feel the conversation shift. It reminded me that this campaign is about care, compassion, and connection.”

Her message to the parish is simple: “Connection and inclusion are top priorities. People like to be asked and to offer feedback. It’s important that every parishioner has the opportunity to be heard.”

As our ambassadors continue their visits, Joan invites all of us to participate—through prayer, conversation, and, as we’re able, generous support. “This is our moment to grow in grace together,” she says. “When everyone is included, we build a stronger St. James for the generations to come.”

If you’d like to learn more or schedule an ambassador visit, please contact the campaign team. Together, we’ll Grow in Grace.

CONCERT AT ST. JAMES

(St. James Anglican Church, Hamilton St., Stratford)

Music for organ, piano and soprano
Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Purcell, Widor

Wednesday, October 15th 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Admission is free



Ian & Catharine Sadler in Recital

Donations are welcome with proceeds to the
St. James “Grow in Grace Campaign”

Music & Art Sales at St James – Stratford

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10 am – 4 pm

St James Anglican Church, 6 Hamilton St., Stratford

A fundraising event in support of
St James' community programs & heritage building repairs

Entry by donation

Artists to donate a portion of their sales



Music~

including Stratford District SS students,
Choral Music directed by Ian Sadler, Bell Tower concert

Art~

Local artists



Online auction of original Leslie E. Watts painting
can be viewed at sale

For more information, contact:
Karin Mussen kejnstudios@gmail.com
or Church office: 519-271-3572 stjamesstratford.ca



Friday Oct 24th
7pm to 8pm

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, STRATFORD

AN EVENING CONCERT:

IN THE ACOUSTICALLY MAGNIFICENT UPPER PARISH HALL

VELVET & IVORY

Beverley Maranger, vocals
Tim Elliott, piano
and musical guests

Performing jazz
standards
and classics.

Entrance by donation
in support of
THE FOOD MINISTRY
of St. James Church

For more information
velvetandivory@gmail.com





JAZZ VESPERS

Sunday October 19th, 2025, 4 pm
St. James Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Musicians:

THE STEVE HOLOWITZ TRIO:

PAUL STEVENSON, (trumpet)
GREG MAINPRIZE, (percussion)
STEVE HOLOWITZ, (piano)

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