

Grow in Grace



St. James' Anglican Church

The Reign of Christ

November 23, 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, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' – R. Vaughan Williams*

Processional Hymn #380 *O Worship the King*

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

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Bob Glading

Canticle 19

Luke 1: 68-79

Cantor: Terry Marklevitz



Second Reading

Colossians 1: 11-20

Mark Allwood

Gradual Hymn #537

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

The Gospel

Luke 22: 33-43

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 Tianna Gocan

Anthem:

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing – R. Vaughan Williams

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 #375

At the Name of Jesus

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

#689

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Agnus Dei

#690

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 #372

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #378

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dismissal

Postlude

Allegro maestoso (from 'Sonata No. 1 in G') – Sir E. Elgar

Join us today at 4:00 p.m. for
~ **Jazz Vespers** ~
Featuring: The Paul Shilton Quartet
All are welcome to this informal evening
worship service. Free will offering.

NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 23rd

The donation bin in the narthex was overflowing last Sunday. Many thanks for the great donations! Our current need is for several kinds of personal care products:

- Bar soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (adult and child)
- Kleenex

Christmas Pantry Wish List

The Christmas Pantry at the Mini Mistletoe Market needs donations of home-made goodies, such as fudge, cookies, cakes, bread, pies, tarts, squares, muffins, jams, jellies and all kinds of preserves.

Please leave muffins/tea biscuits for the Snowflake Cafe in the Kitchen, and everything else in the **Upper Hall between 9am and 2pm on Friday, November 28th**. We look forward to attractively packaging all of your delicious contributions.

Calling All Our St. James Crafters

Our big pricing day is coming up quickly and we need as many of your crafts by **Tuesday, November 25th** if possible. Please take your crafts to the Upper Hall before 4pm that day.

Sincere Thanks, St. James Family, for your greatly appreciated support!!!

Grow in Grace Campaign Update

On **Commitment Sunday, November 30**, we will gather as one parish family to offer our responses to the *Grow in Grace* campaign. A simple, thankful moment to celebrate what God is doing among us—every prayer, conversation, and pledge that is helping St. James preserve our spiritual home, strengthen ministry, and welcome all.

This day marks the close of our active ambassador visits. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers, who have carried this work with care—reaching 87% of goal. We have received 61 pledges from our members. Thank you for this. We hope that the final pledge forms in the next week or so will take us to our goal.

At its heart, commitment is our **response to grace**. Our gifts of time, finances and of prayer are a practical act of stewardship, an offering of thanksgiving, and a sign of hope for those who will find a home here after us.

Please bring your pledge card on Commitment Sunday if you have yet to do. Your pledge, whether **financial gift** or a **commitment to pray**, is invaluable to our mission. During worship, we will include a **prayer of commitment** and **bless the pledge cards** as they are brought forward with the offering.

If you have **not yet been contacted**, we look forward to connecting **after the service today** at the Campaign Table so you can **pick up a package and** ask any questions.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. With gratitude for what God has begun among us and trust for what lies ahead **together, we'll Grow in Grace**.

Update on the Tower

All masonry has been completed in October on the tower. The metal work still underway. Completion including removal of scaffolding to be completed before Christmas. See below for some photos of the metal work.

Other structural updates

The South Nave Foundation Wall has been repointed and repaired. The preparation of documents is underway to begin the process to repair the South Roof.



Metal work on tower

Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the 2025 Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications may contact either:

*Susan Lebrun at Bermuda.david@outlook.com

*Kelly Strasler at office@stjamesstratford.ca

*There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex

Please provide your dedication and amount you wish to contribute by December 12th.

Live Streaming our Sunday Services Update

We are unfortunately still having technical issues and are in the process of replacing our A/V equipment that got damaged in a lightning storm in August. Repairs will be done when all items are ordered and when the AV company can come to do the necessary repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience and will provide updates as they become available.

Pastoral Visits

If you would like a pastoral visit (either in person or by phone), please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at: 519-271-3572 (ext,102), home phone 519-305-2338 or roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca. To contact Rev'd Tianna Gocan please call 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

Upcoming Readings – Sunday November 30th

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

Chancel Team #4

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 25 - *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
- Nov. 26 - *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
- Nov. 27 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
 *Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Nov. 28 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
 *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 29 - *Mini Mistletoe Market from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Nov. 30 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
 *Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
 *Advent Lessons & Carols at 4:00 p.m.