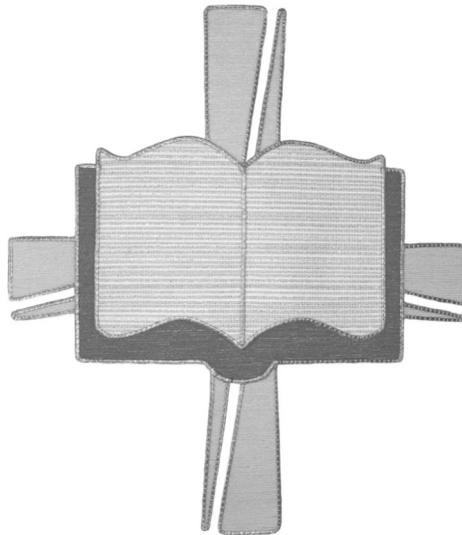


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:30am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Dr. Rev. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Jennifer Whitworth*

Welcome Team: *Dolores & Jim Hunter, Liz & Ken Robbins, Jeanine & Pat Taylor, Susan Vallas*

Counters: *Eva Goud, Jim Hoskin, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon*

Hall Shepherd: *Bob Baron*

Sunday School: *Lesley Harris, Heather McDonald, Ann Morris, Monica Sass*

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Nancy Roach*

Hospitality: *Langham Family*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, when the children and teens meet downstairs. They join the congregation in the sanctuary for Our Church Family Together. For directions to the Lower Hall, please ask an usher.

*** Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*** Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

The parable of the talents read by Dr. Thompson Matthew 25: 14-29

*** Processional Hymn # 290** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)*

*** Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart. (Sarah Ban Breathnach)

C: We know from Jesus that if we give, it will be given to us; it will be a good measure, pressed down and shaken together, running over and put into our laps, for the measure we give is the measure we get back. Give us the faith to believe what Jesus said about abundance.

L: Let us worship God

Introit *We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight (Dunlap's Creek)* S. McFarland (circa 1816)
We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near. We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

Unison Prayer of Approach

Merciful God, forgive us, we pray - for all the times we have turned away from an opportunity to be generous; for all the times we have believed in hopelessness, in isolation or in despair more than we have believed in You; for all the times we have failed to live into the awesomeness of the gifts you have given us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us how to forgive each other, and help us to forgive ourselves. Amen.

Words of assurance (Minister) "Holy God, your steadfast love never ceases. We thank you that your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness." We are forgiven and free!

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Wm. Runyan (1870-1957); arr. L. Larson (@2011)
Máiri Demings, Mezzo-Soprano

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness..! [text: Th. Chisholm (1866-1960)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26: 10-15

Pg. in 181 in O.T.

Responsive reading Psalm 67

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

C: That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

L: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

* **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

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

Pg. 183 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6: 37-38

Pg. 65 in N.T.

Choir: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Choir and Congregation Sung Response:



Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

S. I. Glick (©1999)

*Mizmor L'David.** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**translation from Hebrew: A Psalm of David*

Sermon

“Your Faith in Abundance”

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith #788** Come, know my joy, the Maker says (Flight of the Earls)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight (Dunlap's Creek)*
arr. J. Biery (©1991)

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Sept. 16h, Tim Hortons has \$3,341.99 and Starbucks has \$1,687.58**
All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$5,029.57**

Hymn of Gratitude for the halfway mark of Hortons & Starbucks cups.

* **Hymn # 663** *God, whose giving knows no ending (Rustington)*

Dedication of Offering

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

Prayers for New St. James

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.

* **Hymn #661** *We give thee but thine own (Franconia)*

* **Sung Benediction and Amen**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each and every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see: God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude *The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)* B. Marcello (1686-1739)



Next Sunday the 30th of September we will be visited by members of Clan MacPherson. They will be piped into the church by their own piper probably from the front steps between 10:15-10:29. In their honor we will recognize them in the service and Torin and Pat will play together Highland Cathedral for them. Be ready to welcome them and to seat them where they might wish.

NSJ Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, October 3rd 5:00-7:00pm

Tickets: Adults \$10; Children 12 & under \$5.00

Back by popular request—a mouth watering spaghetti and salad dinner! If you remember how awesome the sauces and dressings were, you won't want to miss this fundraiser in support of our many missions. **Our theme this year is 50's Diner!**



September 23: The front lines of mission

When you call the PCC's national office, your first point of contact is the cheerful receptionist, Kim Campbell. Kim capably answers and directs between 40 and 100 calls per day; assists departments with mailings, planning, meeting prep and paperwork; books airfare, catering and hotel rooms; responds to emails; updates the PCC's database – and so much more! Kim shares, "I am fortunate to see the work of the PCC in action. Prior to working here I only knew the PCC from the pews of my small church and it has been a blessing to see first-hand how the work of the church ministers to so many people. From the big ideas to the little day-to-day details, we all play a role by sharing our gifts and ultimately in sharing God's love." Everything Kim does contributes to the mission and ministry of the church.

Presbyterians Sharing serves congregations through the national office

Stewardship Moments: I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

Maya Angelou (b.1928), author and poet

Check out our **latest event flyer** at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

Elders - The Elder Packages are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

MALAWI MISSION

Check out their general blog ourmalawi2018.blogspot.com and for the eye care blog check out eom2018.blogspot.com.

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE & BREAKFAST, Saturday, November 17.

As our fall activities begin, be sure to remember the upcoming Bazaar. Many have been working hard making preserves and hopefully there will be deli items and baking made in the future. Items for the Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated. We will have our delicious breakfast of eggs and pea meal bacon along with the preserves, silent auction, baking, the tombola table, a deli table and we will be joined by a variety of vendors. Your help is needed in all aspects of this sale but right now I ask you to spread the word regarding the sale. We need you to advertise for us! The sale and breakfast start at 9:00. To volunteer to help or for further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Please consider donating soups, canned vegetables, tuna, cereals, diapers, women's sanitary supplies, toiletries, and 250, 500, 750 ml plastic containers to St. Paul's Daily Bread Program. Baskets are located at all entrances.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let the church know of illnesses, hospitalizations, births, deaths, and confidential prayer requests, by calling the office at 519-434-1127. Please contact Mary Lou McCrimmon to activate the prayer chain.

Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the **Canadian Bible Society** boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, September 24	1:30 pm NSJ Book Club 7:00 pm AA
Tuesday, September 25	10:00 am Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study 5:00 pm Jr. Amabile Singers
Wednesday, September 26	9:30 am Indoor Playground @ NSJ 2:30 pm Manor Village Worship Service
Thursday, September 27	1:30 pm Al-Anon 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Practice 7:30 pm Al-Anon
Friday, September 28	7:30 pm AA
Saturday, September 29	10:00 am Little London Community Opera
Sunday, September 30	10:30 am Worship Service (Welcome Clan MacPherson) 1:30 pm Little London Community Opera 3:30 pm CCNC

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