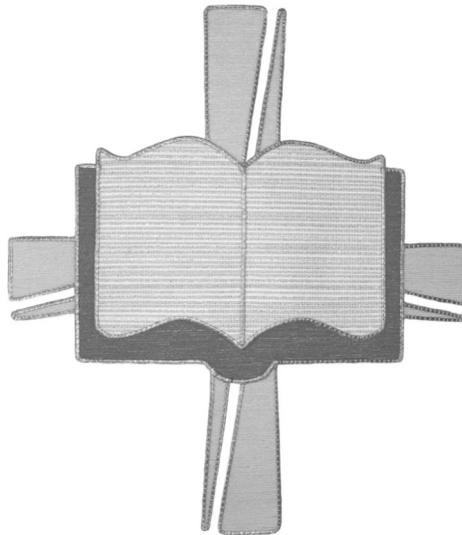


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 10:30am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Readers: *Jeff Goud, Ed Smith*

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

Counters: *Volunteers*

Hall Shepherd: *Cathy Ruddell*

Sunday School: *Heather McDonald, Ann Morris, Deborah Noble-Van Hees, Monica Sass*

Nursery: *Sharon Langham, Cathy Taylor*

Hospitality: *Worship Committee*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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 *I Love Thee, My Lord (I Love Thee)* G. Shearing (©1977)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 569** *O Jesus, I have promised* (to tune Thornbury #477)

* **Welcome**

Today we are visited by members of Clan MacPherson and in their honour we will recognize them in the service and Torin and Pat will play together Highland Cathedral for them.

Call to Worship

L: Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart.

C: He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life and honour.

Introit *I Bind Unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)* C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)
I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me; Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself today... [text: C.F. Alexander (1818-1895)]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Lord God, we come to you this morning, not as individuals, but as your whole people to worship you. Help us to be aware of each other as an unbroken circle, stretching right round this church. May we in spirit, hands joined, look to You the centre of our circle and feel Your love pulsing through us to reach out to our neighbours about us. Help us to worship You today, not selfishly, and individually, but with a deep awareness of each other. Amen.

Unison Words of Confession and Assurance

God, lover of all, we come to You in our vulnerability, our desperate hopes and fragile new beginnings, touch us with your Spirit's tenderness and make us whole. God, lover of all, we come to You with our sense of relationships broken and damaged, our disjointed efforts to mend what is torn and restore trust. Touch us with Your Spirit's harmony and make us whole. God, lover of all, we come to you with our awareness of poverty and division, our broken attempts to repair community. Touch us with Your Spirit's healing and make us whole. God, lover of all, we come to you with our knowledge of oppression and abuse, our struggles against prejudice and exclusion, touch us with your Spirit's justice and make us whole. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart* R. Clausen (@1989)
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. [Song of Solomon 8:6]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, let us come to these words open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our eyes; unstop our ears, penetrate the corners of our hearts with these words. We know that You can, we pray that You will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

First Lesson Proverbs 3: 3-8 **Pg. in 586 in O.T.**

Ed Smith - Chair of the Canadian Branch of the Clan Macpherson Association.

Responsive Reading Psalm 89: 1-2, 11-16

L: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

C: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; Your faithfulness is a firm as the heavens.

L: The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it – You have founded them.

C: The north and the south – You created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

L: You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

C: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

L: Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance;

C: they exult in Your name all day long, and extol Your righteousness.

* **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 Hebrews 10: 23-25

Pg. 224 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 21: 15-19

Pg. 116 in N.T.

Choir: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Choir and Congregation Sung Response:



Solo *With All My Heart* D. Mason (©1990)
In this quiet place with You I bow before Your throne, I bare the deepest part of me to You and You alone. I keep no secrets for there is no thought you have not known. I bring my best and all the rest to You and lay them down. With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely. I'll serve You only with all my heart. You faithfully supply my needs according to Your plan, so help me Lord to seek Your face before I seek Your hand; and trust You know what's best for me when I don't understand, then follow in obedience in every circumstance. With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, and live my life each day to know You more. All that is in me is Yours completely. I'll serve You only with all my heart.

Sermon "Loyalty up, Loyalty down" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith #324** *Great is thy faithfulness (Faithfulness)*

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *Dedication* D.P. Dahl (©2011)

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. 23rd, Tim Hortons has \$3,474.59 and Starbucks has \$1,728.43.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$5,203.02. We are now halfway!**

* **Doxology**

Dedication of Offering

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Highland Cathedral - Pat Taylor, Torin Chiles

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 #685** *How firm a foundation (St. Denio)*

* **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 *St. Patrick's Breastplate* arr. E.L. Diemer (©2012)



Let's Celebrate Our Wonderful Choir!

Please **join us for cake in New St. James Hall after today's worship service** and help us give the choir a warm welcome! New members and returning members, we've been enjoying your voices already and are looking forward to lots of beautiful music throughout the coming year. Glad to have you with us!

New St. James notes the death in August of Jacqueline Darch, the widow of Rev. Dr. Peter Darch. Peter Darch had long family associations in New St. James. There will be some who will remember her. Here is the obit: **DARCH**, Jacqueline (Crozier) – Passed away at the age of 84 on August 18, 2018. Cherished wife of the late Rev. Dr. Peter J. Darch and much loved mother of Heather (Mike Gasser) Pike River, Quebec, Alan (Heather Cromar), Kanata, Ontario, and Jane of Guelph, Ontario. Nana to her five precious grandchildren, Kenneth Peter Gasser (Heidi Jetten), Thomas Michael Gasser, Timothy James Darch, Rebecca Eve Darch and Elliot John Darch. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

Welcome back to **Monday Evening Bible Study!** We will commence **Monday October 1st**, looking at "Angels Standing Guard". This week's focus will be on Isaiah 6:1-7, Burning in God's Presence.

NSJ Spaghetti Dinner - Wednesday, **October 3rd** 5:00-7:00pm. Tickets: Adults \$10; Children 12 & under \$5.00. Our theme is 50's Diner! Proceeds to ongoing NSJ Ministries.

On **Sunday October 7th** we celebrate **World Communion**. A suggestion has been made to **wear International dress** if you have something- everything from a Sari to a kilt. The children will bake the bread for this event. **The Great Scottish Entry** will be used for the Communion to the singing of the 24th psalm. **World Communion** was an idea from Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh during the period of the Second World war.. A day then to celebrate Presbyterian. contributions to the World Wide Church!

World Food Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 14th** with your donations of fresh fruits and vegetables which will be delivered to St. Paul's Cathedral for its Social Services program. A "free will" offering basket will be available at coffee hour should you wish to contribute towards the cookies. This money will be sent to The Canadian Foodgrains Bank to assist with its initiative to end global hunger.

Youth Car Rally Mystery Tour! Sun. Oct. 14 12:30pm. Lunch provided. Grades 5-12. Please RSVP your spot with Joanne.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE & BREAKFAST - Sat. Nov. 17, 9:00am-1:00pm

Our Marketplace will include our delicious breakfast of egg and peameal bacon, roll, coffee or tea for only \$6.00. Baking, deli, preserves, a tombola table, a silent auction, a treasure table and approximately 20 vendors selling a wide variety of merchandise. DONATIONS are needed. **1.** Items for the silent auction—perhaps you have a "gift" that you could "regift", something you bought and never used! You could buy a gift card to a restaurant and donate it, ask your favourite store to donate an item. **2.** Frozen foods for the deli — pies, apple crisp, soup, single serve lasagna are some thoughts. **3.** Baking and candy — to be brought in on Friday the 16th if possible- cookies, Christmas cookies, pies, cakes, butter tarts, loaves etc. **4.** Bottles for the Tombola table — we had a wonderful selection last year. Bring them in and put them in the office marked what they are for. HELPERS are needed. We will set up on Friday, the 16th and need helpers. Sellers are needed for the day of the sale. Please volunteer. All workers will have time to have breakfast! Half of all proceeds from this sale will be donated by Women's Council to the church funds to continue to reduce the deficit. The remainder will be used by Women's Council for their many projects around the church.

MALAWI MISSION - Check out blogs ourmalawi2018.blogspot.com and eom2018.blogspot.com .

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, October 1	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, October 2	10:00 am	Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
Wednesday, October 3	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
	5:00 pm	Spaghetti Dinner @ NSJ
Thursday, October 4	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, October 5	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, October 6	10:00 am	Little London Community Opera
Sunday, October 7	10:30 am	Worship Service
	1:30 pm	Little London Community Opera
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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