

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday of Peace, December 8, 2019 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David McKane

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Mary Lou McCrimmon

Welcome Team: Captain: Bruce Emmerton, Liz Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Mary Leitch,
Doug Leitch, members of the Congregation

Counters: Ellen Faubert, Pat Goud, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh

Hall Shepherd: Keith McCreary

Nursery: Cathy Taylor

Church School: Deb Noble-Van Hees, Karen Baron, Telly Lengkey

Teen Group: Rehearsal with Sunday School

Hospitality: CE

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, when the children 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 *Benedictus* A. Rowley (1892-1958)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn # 118** *Hark the glad sound* (Richmond)

Welcome

Call To Worship - PWS&D Liturgy (read by the Sass Family) see insert

Introit *The Angel Gabriel* Basque Carol; arr. D. Willcocks (1919-2015)
The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady, Gloria! For known, a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee. Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold – most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* H. Disler (1908-1942)
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as prophets long have sung, it came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a saviour, when half-spent was the night.

Prayer of Illumination

Following the light of hope's guiding star we seek the Child of Peace. As we listen to and for your Word creep into our hearts with your Love. Amen.

First Lesson 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Pg. 281 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 72: 1-8, 18-19

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

L: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 26-38

Pg. 56 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo *Maria Walks Amid The Thorn*

Medieval German Carol;
arr. H. Willan (1880-1968)

Maria walks amid the thorn, kyrie eleison, Maria walks amid the thorn which seven years no leaf has born, Jesus and Maria. What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear, kyrie eleison, a little child doth Mary bear, beneath her heart, He nestles there, Jesus and Maria. And as the two are passing near, kyrie eleison, lo, roses on the thorn appear, lo, roses on the thorn appear, Jesus and Maria.

Sermon **Saying yes to God!**

Rev. Dr. David McKane

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 137** *Born in the night (Mary's child)*

Offering and Offertory *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (The Angel Gabriel)*
P. Manz (1919-2009)

* **Doxology**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Prayers of Concern

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 144** *'Twas in the moon of wintertime (Jesus Athonia)*

* **Commission and Response**

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (Merton)*

M. Archer (©1994)





IN MEMORIUM

New St. James is saddened to hear the news of Bonnie Marcaccio's husband Sandy Marcaccio passed away on November 29th. Bonnie recently retired as our temporary office administrator and just recently retired in September. Please keep Bonnie and family in your prayers.

SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

The Seniors' Activity Day continues on Tuesday starting at 10 AM. We'll begin the day with coffee/tea and goodies and then play our favourite card and board games. For the more-energetic, there's always shuffleboard. At noon, a catered lunch will be prepared by Ann Morris. Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up @ 3 PM.

HIGHLAND GROUP TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:00 P.M.

The Highland ladies will gather to enjoy their annual Christmas celebration. We will have worship, Christmas carols, gift giving and delicious refreshments. Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$15 in value for our gift exchange and a personal product for the Mothers at the London Pregnancy and Family Support Centre and perhaps a small treat for them as well. The personal product can be lotions, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste, shaving supplies, shampoos etc. New members will be warmly welcomed. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

COFFEE CUP DONATION UPDATE

To tidy our offering plate and make it a little easier on the ushers and counters each week, we are going from two cups of coffee (Tim Hortons and Starbucks) to one (Black Walnut Café). Dr. Thompson's original idea was for a single cup with a target to raise \$10,000. We achieved that goal last year and are well on the way this year with just under \$6,000 in coffee change donations. We hope that through your continuing generous weekly coffee contributions, we'll achieve our goal, and help the NSJ budget, once again.

NSJ 27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Toys will be collected in the church office until **this Tuesday, December 10**. Last year, with our help, over 6500 bags of new toys were donated for children 0-12. See the bulletin board for gift ideas for infants and toddlers, boy and girls ages 4-9, and boys and girls ages 10-12. A non-violent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. Thank you for your continued generosity.



WMS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13TH

The WMS Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday, December 13th starting with a worship service in the sanctuary. A catered turkey dinner will be served at a cost of \$15. If you wish to attend, please see Liz Bow for a ticket **following today's service**.

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of December 1st \$5,943.15



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY (DEC. 10)

For Ahmad and Sarah and their daughters Reem and Rana, each day brought distress, thinking about what the future might hold. Their home in Al Raqqa, Syria had been bombed, and acts of brutal violence were taking place in their own neighbourhood. The family escaped to Kfarbo and forged a home in a cramped, unfurnished apartment. Navigating the streets of a brand-new city, in a country broken by over eight years of civil conflict, Ahmad and Sarah prayed each day for peace and relief from hunger. Their prayers were answered when the family received their first food and hygiene basket through a PWS&D-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. "It came at the right moment," says Ahmad.

PWS&D responds to those living in danger or exile

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Dec. 9	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Dec. 10	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Highland
	7:00pm	Presbytery
Wednesday, Dec. 11	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, Dec. 12	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Dec. 13	12:00pm	WMS
	7:00pm	Musical Meditations Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, Dec. 14	9:00am	Musical Meditations Rehearsal
	2:00pm	CCNC Ensemble
	2:00pm	Musical Meditations Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 15	10:30am	Worship Service
	6:00pm	Musical Meditations Rehearsal

STEWARDSHIP: I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all our wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

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.

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.

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.

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