

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
The Third Sunday of Advent: "Joy!"
December 6, 2018 at 10:30am**



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Kathy Ruggi*

Welcome Team: *Liz & Bruce Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Donna & Brian Hunter, Mary Leitch*

Counters: *Carol & John Brink, Pam Johnston, Susan Pepper, John White*

Hall Shepherd: *Vince Morris*

Sunday School: *Karen Baron, Joanne MacPherson, Deborah Noble-Van Hees,*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Cathy Taylor*

Hospitality: *WMS*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

A Note for 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.

*** Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** *(please stand if able)*

* **Processional Advent Hymn # 410** *Joyful, joyful we adore you*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: Let the joy of the Lord God be your strength.

C: **The Lord raises up the needy out of distress and makes their families thrive. The upright see it and are full of joy!"**

Advent liturgy candle of Joy will be lit by the McCrimmon family.

Advent PWS&D Liturgy

* **Hymn #119** Third verse *Hope is a star* (Moon Beams)

Introit: *As With Gladness Men Of Old* C. Kocher (1786-1872;
arr. D. Willcocks (©1961)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee. AS with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore, so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat. [text: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Our loving God we approach your Throne with awe and longing. We seek an authentic encounter with You, the Ground of All Being. Take the dullness out of our lives and replace it with joy filled encounters; first of all with You and then with Your servants in this place. Let the people who have entered these doors today experience Your Great Presence and be glad. Amen

Words of Assurance (Minister)

Our Loving God we are aware that no matter what we have done, if we come to You humbly with a desire to change our ways to become more loving, that You forgive us and help us ALWAYS. Thank-you for the assurance of forgiveness that we experience in the life and teaching of Jesus who loved us all more than we could ever imagine. Thank-you that the Only One who could condemn us chooses not to. Thank- You for Your Graciousness. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

D. Wood (©1971)

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice; glory to God in the highest! O serve Him with gladness, before Him rejoice; Praise to the Lord in the highest! The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we; glory to God in the highest! The sheep of His pasture we ever shall be; praise to the Lord in the highest! O enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise; glory to God in the highest! To honour His Name thankful voices we raise; praise to the Lord in the highest! For good is the Lord and His mercy is sure; Glory to God in the highest! To all generations His truth shall endure; glory to God in the highest! [Ps 100]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, speak to us of authenticity and the truth that sets us free. Lift us from our sadness into the joy of your Presence. Help us to understand these words of Scripture and let them draw us nearer to You. Amen.

First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pg. 877 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

L: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** 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 James 4: 5-8

Pg. 231 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13: 44-45

Pg. 15 in N.T.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord. *(Said)*

Congregation: Thanks be to God *(Said)*

Anthem *Sleepers, Wake (Wachet Auf)*

P. Nicolai (1556-1608);
arr. F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling, it is the watchman on the walls: Thou city of Jerusalem! For lo! The Bridegroom comes! Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah! Awake! His kingdom is at hand! Go forth, go forth and meet your Lord!

Sermon: “How to be Joyful instead of being Sad!”

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We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 153** Joy to the world

(This hymn is appropriate for Advent Sunday 3 because of its focus on the joy theme and the coming of Christ. It also anticipates the Second coming. At first it was in a book of psalmody based on Psalm 98 and 96. Watts' 1719 preface says the verses "...are fitted to the Tunes of the Old Psalm-Book. It has morphed into the most published Christmas hymn in North America! In our Book of praise it is also in Korean.

Prayers for the World

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.

Carol Time Capsule



The History of the Carol:

“God rest ye merry gentlemen”

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Offering and Offertory (The tithes and gifts are taken up during the singing of “God rest ye.”) *Please see insert for words. The 4th verse from the oldest version!

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Dec. 9, Tim Hortons has \$4,619.10 and Starbucks has \$2,477.63.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$7,096.73.**

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story From Hope to Joy!

Prayers for New St. James

Advent Joy Hymn # 127 (verses 2 and 3 only) *Sleepers, wake!* (Wachet Auf)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Sung Amen # 264

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude

As With Gladness Men Of Old (Dix)

W. Wold (©1999)





HEARING ASSIST DEVICES

The Memorial Fund has purchased Hearing Assist Devices for the Sanctuary. These are 4 at present. If you would like to own your own, please let the office know and we will purchase it for you.

Rev. Dr. David Thompson



Thank you to the ladies of the Highland Group who generously donated items for the clients of the London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre. They will be distributed in baskets at Christmas. Thank you also to many people in the congregation who have left baby toiletries in the box in the office during the past year. Our friends at the centre are very appreciative of all the donations from this church.

Janet Hines

IMPORTANT DATES

The programming for the year 2018 has ended. Please take note of the start up dates in the New Year:

- Jan. 7 Monday Night Bible Study
- Jan 8 Tuesday Activity Day
- Jan 9 Indoor Playground
- Jan 14 Boys Basketball (to be confirmed)
- Jan. 16 Youth Night

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, December 17	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Foxcroft Piano Recital
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, December 18	2:30 pm	Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
Wednesday, December 19	2:00 pm	Zumba Drop in class \$3
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, December 20	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, December 21	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, December 22	9:00 am	Piano Recital
Sunday, December 23	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



A Learning Experience in Rural Ontario

In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. Through the Rural and Remote Ministry Grant, seminary students are able to gain ministry experience in a rural and remote congregation during the summer. Emily Webb, a Master of Divinity student, participated in a recent placement opportunity at Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield, ON. Through this opportunity, Emily was able to develop skills in leading Sunday worship, preaching and pastoral care. Emily's enthusiasm for mission and worship was a blessing to Knox Bayfield and, in turn, the congregation provided a supporting and encouraging summer placement for Emily.

Presbyterians Sharing supports seminary students

STEWARDSHIP: We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.

John Stott (b. 1921) Anglican clergyman

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.



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!

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the December/January/February 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.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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