

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church
Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 10:30am
Third Sunday after Epiphany
We Gather to Worship God



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Pat Goud*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Jeff & Pat Goud, Janet Hines*

Counters: *Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon*

Hall Shepherd: *Shwe Nyein*

Sunday School: *Andrea DeKay, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Pat Taylor*

Hospitality: *WMS*

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.

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* Please stand, if able

Prelude *God of Grace (CWM Rhondda)* P. Manz (1919-2009)

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

* **Processional Hymn Voices United # 580** *Faith of our Fathers (see insert)*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: “When heaven’s bright with mystery and science searches nature’s art. When all creation yearns for peace, and Hope sinks deep in human hearts.”

C: “**When love still lights a gentle path, where courts of power can hold no sway, there with the magi let us kneel, our gifts to share, God’s world to heal.**”

Introit *O God, Who Shaped Creation* E. Thiman (1900-1975)

O God, Who shaped creation at earth’s dawn, Your word of power was spoken, and lo! The dark was gone! You framed us in Your image, You brought us into birth, You blessed our infant footsteps and shared Your splendoured earth.

Prayer of Approach

Our Loving God, we approach to find You, to experience You and to discover Your great Grace in our lives. We come to learn and understand as we are able: Your Immortality with our mortality, Your Justice, with our search for justice; Your insight with our clouded vision. Lift us out of darkness into Your ineffable light this day. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We are assured that if we confess our failures, shortcomings and deliberate sins, that God has mercy upon us and forgives us. That is the Good news: that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and healed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *God Is Our Refuge And Strength* M. Mummert (©2018)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *God is our refuge and strength...* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day. The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. *God is our refuge and strength...* Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." *God is our refuge and strength...* [Ps. 46]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Our Loving God, so, so often we are grateful for the voice of Scripture that marches to the beat of a different drum. It is hard for us to climb out of our assumptions and open our minds to the great wisdom that is found in Scripture. But without that voice we lose strength and vitality. This day may we hear Your words and let them slip into our consciousness by the Power of Your Holy Spirit, Who always leads us to the truth that sets us free. Amen

First Lesson Isaiah 51: 1-6 **Pg. 681 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 46: 1-7

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

L: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story Two Alarm Clocks

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 # 490** *God of grace and God of glory* (CWM Rhondda)

* **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 *God of Grace* (CWM Rhondda) J. Bert Carlson (©1999)



TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Did you know that cold air stimulates brain cells? That's probably not true but if you want to enjoy an evening of fun and knowledge join us on **Friday, February 22 at 6:30pm for a trivia challenge in support of Northern Hospitality. Teams of 4** are welcome to book by calling the office (519) 434-1127 or emailing admin@newstjames.com before February 20. Don't know 3 other people as smart as you? Don't worry! We will find them for you! Only **\$10 per person**. Any questions-see Gayle Harrison or Deb Noble-Van Hees.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Please join us immediately following church for a variety of homemade soups, crusty rolls and dessert. Mike and Cathy Ruggi who attended Canada Youth Conference will share their stories and experiences along with other members who attended. Anyone wishing to contribute a crock pot of homemade soup for this luncheon please contact Cathy Taylor or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the New St James Hall. Thanks.

STEVE BELL CONCERT - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

at Chalmers Presbyterian Church. It's a Nicaragua and El Salvador Medical Mission Team Fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each. Call Chalmers at 519-681-7242, Stevebell.com 1-800-854-3499, Creation Book Store.

NSJ BOOK CLUB will meet on **January 28, 2019 at 1:30 in the Stewart Library.** Copies of our January book, *Little Princes - One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal*, by Conor Grennan, are available in the Stewart Library.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 28	1:30 pm	Book Club
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 29	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, January 30	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
Thursday, January 31	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, February 1	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, February 3	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



Providing hope for New Canadians

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides direct, person-to-person assistance to help refugees start new lives in Canada. They help refugee claimants, accepted refugees, and sponsored refugees, access protection and justice, and develop a sense of belonging in Canadian society. For more than 20 years, Action Réfugiés has provided programs to create social support and networking opportunities for newly arrived refugee families. Recently, they started a new men's dinner program that offers a meal along with social programming. These programs help to reduce social isolation and provide practical knowledge for living in Canada.

Presbyterians Sharing supports refugees

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.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Available Sunday, February 10th.

STEWARDSHIP: Where grace happens, generosity happens.

Max Lucado (1955 -), Christian author, preacher

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PLAN (PAR)

Would you like to arrange for automatic payment from your bank account to contribute financially to our church through PAR? Or, would you like to adjust your current amount? It is an easy process, please contact Judi in the office for details.

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