

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Marg McGuggan*

Welcome Team: *Dave Goodreau, Lyn Hill, Paul Loftus, Tim Van Hees, John White*

Counters: *Doug McKay, Ann Milling, Susan Vallas*

Hall Shepherd: *Bob Baron*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald*

Hospitality: *Ann Morris and Crew*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

Note to Visitors: The service today is an All Ages Service. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

***Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Trumpet Tune from Royal Music* N. Guy (1603-1660)
Mélanie Cosman, trumpet I; Graham Lumsden, trumpet II

*** Entry of the Bible**

The service opens with the Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible, carried by Dr. Thompson who will read from St John 20:1-10 as the burial cloths come down. The angels place them on the communion table as symbols of the empty tomb.

Dr. Thompson says the Traditional Sentence of the resurrection:
"He is Risen!"

(And all respond in loud voice)

"HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

(In the introduction of the hymn the angels and bearers return to the back of the church.)

*** Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ is Risen today (*Easter Hymn*) **243**
(sung in procession with the choir moving directly into the chancel without pause)

Welcome

Dylan Thomas poem:

And death shall have no dominion.
Dead man naked they shall be one
With the man in the wind and the west moon;
When their bones are picked clean and the clean bones gone,
They shall have stars at elbow and foot;
Though they go mad they shall be sane,
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;
Though lovers be lost love shall not;
And death shall have no dominion

Call to Celebrate the resurrection

Leader: Christ being raised from the Dead will never die again.

Congregation: We present ourselves as those who have been brought from death to life.

Leader: Let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in History.

Congregation: For in His history lies our future!

Introit *Resurrection Fanfare* J .E. Carlson (©2004)
Alleluia! The Lord has risen! He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia! He broke the bonds of death forever! Alleluia! His tomb – now empty! He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia!

PWS&D Liturgy

see insert

Unison Prayer of Approach:

Rejoice!

**The stone is rolled away,
grave clothes neatly folded,
no more the smell of death,
behold the empty tomb!
He is risen! Amen.**

Unison Words of Assurance:

**Christ is Risen! Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!”
We see Christ in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. We are forgiven; we accept our forgiveness and know that God loves us and desires great joy for our lives. We walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing our brothers and sisters are with us. Dear God we thank-You for Easter! Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Through the reading of joyful Scripture, may we have hope for this life and the Life to come. Assure us in our depths that there is life after this life and that death is but a transition into JOY. Amen

First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-6

Pg. 806 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:14-24

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Pg. 176 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 20:11-16

Pg. 114 in N.T.

Leader: Life goes on after death, so the Scriptures teach.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Anthem Festive Praise A. Pote (©1991)

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song. Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song. Alleluia, amen! Come, come rejoice, as you lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God. Sing all of the heavens, sing of the glory of God. Sing all of the earth, rejoice! Sing of the glory, the marvelous glory of God! Sing to the Lord... Sing a new song with the lute and the harp. Make melody with the sound of the lyre. It is good to give thanks to the Lord – sing praises, rejoice and be glad for the Lord is our God! Sing to the Lord...

Sermon "Intellectual suicide or Life changing Hope?"

The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith** Christ the Lord is Risen today (St. George's, Windsor)

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Prayers for the World

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of offering** *Trumpet Tune from Judas Maccabeus*
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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** Now let the vault of heaven resound (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*) **255**

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *Trumpet Duet* (*Allegretto Maestoso*) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)



(An Easter egg hunt for the children follows in the sanctuary)

Memorial: One of the most gifted of Presbyterian ministers has died. Read on line the obit of the Rev. Dr. Grant McDonald.

<https://erbgood.com/tribute/details/13934/Rev-Dr-Grant-MacDonald/obituary.html#tribute-start>



GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

April 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Just one week left until our spring sale. Please bring your donations in anytime this week and you can put them on the stage. Mark will be here during the day to help. Please be sure that clothing is clean and saleable. Any appliances should be working and clean. Please do not bring old style TV's or computer monitors--they do not sell and we have trouble disposing of them. Please do not donate magazines or VHS tapes. Books, toys, jewellery along with clothing and household items are always needed.

Also needed is HELP. Please come out on Thursday, the 5th and Friday, the 6th, starting at 9:00 to help sort our merchandise. Sellers are needed on Saturday and we would appreciate knowing if you will be there. Please let Deb Van Hees or Karen Buchwald know if you can join in on the fun by helping. For any further information, please call Karen Buchwald at 519-641-6742.



Junior Youth - April 11th. Looking for volunteers to cook and serve a meal for Junior Youth Night. Please see Joanne if you can help out!



Souper Fellowship Fundraiser Luncheon

Fellowship Luncheon Sunday April 22 immediately following church. Our committee is teaming up with Joanne and our youth for a fund raiser soup luncheon. Several of our youth are attending Junior

Youth camp at Camp Kintail in June and they appreciate a little financial support. Our amazing Emmanuel Singers will treat us to song to top off our luncheon. All ages welcome for this free will offering fundraiser lunch.



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.



World Health Day (April 7)

To foster a more sustainable, compassionate and just world, good health and well-being for all is vital. Through PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan, our church is helping women and babies access the care they need to survive childbirth and stay healthy. With her son Moses on her back, Rhoda Nyoni tends to a community vegetable garden in Malawi. Many mothers with young children now know the importance of cultivating fresh, healthy produce to feed their families because of nutrition education sessions offered through the program. Pregnant with her second child, Rhoda feels a sense of comfort and hopeful anticipation—she has the support and knowledge to embrace a healthy, hopeful future with her family.

PWS&D helps mothers and babies lead healthy lives

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Easter Monday, April 2	Office closed 7:00 pm AA
Tuesday, April 3	10:00 am Activity Day at NSJ 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study 5:00 pm Junior Amabile Singers
Wednesday, April 4	9:30 am Indoor Playground
Thursday, April 5	12:00 pm Glengarry 1:30 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Al-Anon
Friday, April 6	7:30 pm AA
Saturday, April 7	9:30 am Rummage Sale 7:30 pm London Korean Bible Study
Sunday, April 8	10:30 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CCNC

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.

Stewardship:

Love ever gives, forgives, outlives and ever stands with open hands; and while it lives it gives, for this is love's prerogative: to give, and give, and give...

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