

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Pam Johnston

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

Counters: Pam Johnston, Doug McKay, Susan Vallas

Hall Shepherd: Susan McNair

Nursery: Theresa Walsh

No Sunday School

Hospitality: Highland

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

A Note for Visitors: The service today includes the Church School children. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

We Gather to Worship God

***Please stand, if able**

Prelude *March Of The Three Kings* A.W. Leupold (©2001)

* **Entry of the Bible** (*please stand, if able*)

* **Processional Hymn # 172** *As with gladness men of old* (Dix)

Welcome Rev. Mark McLennan to New St. James by Bruce Curtis, Clerk of Session

Call To Worship

L: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

C: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

L: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

C: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

L: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

C: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Introit *Kings In Glory* M. Shaw (1875-1958)

Three kings in great glory of horses and men, in haste come ariding o'er mountain and fen; for their King is awaiting, and lo they would bring the best of their treasure to give to their King. Come monarchs, and enter, your Monarch is here, doff crowns, on the bare sod fall down and revere; for the best you can offer is little I trow, to the Lord God of Heaven you're akneeling to now!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Brightest And Best Of The Sons Of The Morning* M. Archer (©1990)
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dew drops are shining; low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all. Say, shall we yield Him in costly devotion, odours of Edom and offerings divine, gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favour secure: richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. [text: R. Heber (1783-1826)]

Prayer of Illumination

God who speaks to us through the Scriptures: may our hearts and minds be open to what you reveal to us today. Amen

First Lesson Isaiah 60: 1-6

Pg. 690 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

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 the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

L: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

C: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

L: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

C: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

*** 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 Ephesians 3: 1-12

Pg. 193 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12

Pg. 2 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo *The Three Kings*

P. Cornelius (1824-1874)

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King: gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary 's Child in her lap they see. Their royal gifts they show to the King: gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the kings are travelling – travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou cast not bring – offer thy heart to the infant King

Sermon "A Troubling Star"

Rev. Mark McLennan

We Respond in Faith and Service
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*** Hymn of Faith # 171** *The people that in darkness* (Dunfermline)

Prayers for the World and New St. James

Offering and Offertory *Beautiful Saviour* (*Schönste Herr Jesu*) G. Hamilton (©2001)

*** Doxology**

*** Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 170** *What star is this (Puer Nobis)*

* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *As With Gladness (Dix)* W. Wold (©2001)



Welcome Mark McLennan - B.A., B. Th., M. Div.

Today we welcome the Rev. Mark McLennan to New St. James as our Stated Supply Minister. Rev. McLennan has served in The Presbyterian Church in Canada for over 40 years, in five provinces, most recently at Knox Church, Woodstock. As a preacher, pastor, and storyteller, Mark has served congregations of many types and sizes and Ministry and mission are at the heart of his church work, including his interest in Biblical stewardship, social justice, worship and music. For Mark, the church is a community of love and respect, made up of people with a wide spectrum of belief, worshipping and working together, within a Biblical, theological framework, from a Reformed perspective. He has served several Presbyteries and two Synods as Clerk; as well as Moderator of three Presbyteries and two Synods, and he is currently serving as Clerk of the Synod of Southwestern Ontario. He has also written resources for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including a stewardship Bible study, bulletin covers and Lenten litanies. He has served on several community boards – museum, the Y, art gallery, ecumenical street ministry. When not engaged in church work, Mark enjoys harness racing, live theatre, choral singing, wine tasting and cooking.

**SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY AT NSJ
ALL SENIORS WELCOME**

Are you looking for something to do on Tuesdays throughout the winter and spring? **Why not join our Seniors' Activity Day!** Coffee/tea and snacks are available starting at 10:00am. Then we'll break into groups to play euchre, dominoes, scrabble and "quiddler". Don't know that game? Come out and learn how to play. There's also shuffleboard for the more-energetic. A catered lunch prepared by Ann Morris will be served at a cost of only \$8. We'll wrap things up at 3pm. For more information, please contact Lyn Hill at 519-472-8353 or lyn.hill@sympatico.ca

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Jan. 6	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Jan. 7	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Jan. 8	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, Jan. 9	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Jan. 10	12:00pm	WMS
	7:30pm	AA
Sunday, Jan. 12	10:30am	Worship Service
	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble

Annual Report Submissions Are Due by Wednesday, January 15, 2020

If you are required to submit an annual report, please forward your report electronically as a Word attachment to Judi Le Blanc admin@newstjames.com by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. Submissions should not exceed one page. Please ensure you follow the submission guidelines, approved by Session. If you require a copy of the guidelines, please contact Judi Le Blanc. Thank you

STEWARDSHIP: They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:11



EVERYDAY ACTS OF KINDNESS

Recently the Rev. Tim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event. Tim was planning the music and Hillary was setting up for the meal when Wendy and her family came through the door. Wendy had a feeling that their help might be needed! Suddenly everything was different, with extra hands to make the work lighter. Wendy and her daughters made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. Sometimes we ignore the small ways that God cares for us. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness.

Presbyterians Sharing supports community ministries

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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Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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