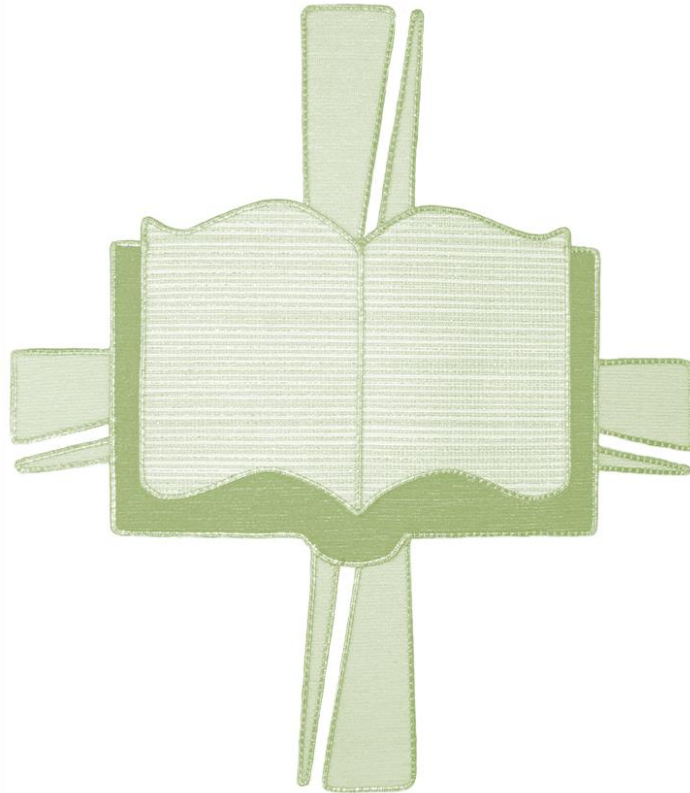


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, October 1, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Jeff Goud*

Welcome Team: *Tracey Boivin, Jim & Dolores Hunter,
Ken & Liz Robbins, Pat & Jeanine Taylor*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Cathy Rudell*

Nursery: *Cathy Taylor, Carol Fisher*

Church School: *Cathy Reid, Deb Noble-VanHees, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hospitality: *Communion - CE*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, 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.

***Please stand, if able**

Worshipping God

Prelude *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)* A. Rowley (1892-1958)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *God, reveal your presence (Arnsberg)* **414**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Our Lord's banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to feast.

C: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

L: Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

C: We have come to taste and see that the Lord is good!

Congregational Introit *Holy, holy, holy (Nicaea)* **299**

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

Following Christ

Unison Prayer of Illumination

By your Word, O God, may our minds be opened to greater understanding, our hearts to deeper love, and our wills for greater service in the name of our Saviour Christ. Amen.

Duet *Here I Am, Lord* D. Schutte (©1981); arr. L. Larson (©2000)

Laura Nielsen, soprano; Máiri Demings, mezzo-soprano

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them – they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My

word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a feast for them – My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life for them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord... [text: Isaiah 6:8]

First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

pg. 635 in O.T.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

C: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

C: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

L: which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

C: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

C: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

L: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

L: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

* **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.

Gospel Lesson:

John 1:1-5, 14-18

pg. 91 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

One Thing

C. Courtney (©2017)

One thing I ask from the Lord. That I may gaze upon the beauty of the Lord. The Lord is my salvation; He will keep me safe in the day of trouble. I will seek His face;

in the shelter of His dwelling I will hide. One thing I seek of the Lord. That I may dwell within His house forevermore. [text: adapted from Ps. 27]

Sermon:

“High and Lifted Up”

Rev. Andrew Reid

Serving Others

- * **Hymn of the Faith** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* (Picardy) **542**
- Prayers of Concern**
- Offering and Offertory** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* (Picardy) D. Schack (©1980)
- * **Doxology** **830**
- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
- The Lord’s Prayer** **Inside cover of Book of Praise**
- Announcements**

Our Church Family Celebrates Communion

- Invitation**
- * **Communion Hymn** *Jesus calls us here to meet him* (Jesus calls us) **528**
- * **Apostles’ Creed** **539**
- Words of Institution**
- Prayer of Consecration**
- Lord’s Prayer (sung)** **831**
- The Distribution**
- Prayer after Communion**
- * **Hymn of Discipleship** *Let us talents and tongues employ* (Linstead) **563**
- * **Commission and Response** *Threefold Amen* **780**
- * **Benediction**

TODAY AT NEW ST. JAMES

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME

- We invite guests and visitors to use the blue welcome cards in the pew racks, and the Friendship Book in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins, Bibles and Books of Praise are available in the racks as you enter the sanctuary or from an usher.
- To honour our time in worship, we ask you to turn off phones while in the sanctuary.
- Audio CD's of today's service will be available in the Stewart Library.
- Bulletins and sermons are posted under the Worship tab on our website - www.newstjames.com
- Copies of bulletins and sermons are available in the information rack in the narthex.
- Visitor offering envelopes are available in the pew boxes in front of you. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.

PARKING

- On Sunday mornings, the Oxford Street parking lot is for handicapped parking and for drop offs only. Please do not park in the laneway into the parking lot - this is a fire access route. Parking is available on all surrounding streets and at our good neighbours:
- Harris Funeral Home on St. James Street
- Behind Susan J's
- Valu-Mart (outside row along the east fence & back laneway row)
- Behind the building across Wellington St. (do not park in spaces marked Dental Arts)

WASHROOMS

- Washrooms are located in the corridor behind the organ chamber, and on the lower and upper levels of the hall. Coat racks are in the narthex and in the corridor behind the organ chamber. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

NURSERY

- Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery, near the west door of the sanctuary. We invite parents with small children to sit in the front pews on that side.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- We want to make New St. James a safe and welcoming place for all who come here. Our Church School staff have all received Police Records Checks and training in safety procedures.
- To protect people with nut allergies, our goal is to make New St. James a nut-free facility. Please do not bring nuts of any kind, or anything containing nut products such as peanut

butter, into the building. However, we cannot guarantee that cookies served during the fellowship time may not have come in contact with nuts.

- Gluten-free cookies are available during the fellowship time.
- To protect people who are sensitive or allergic to scent, we want to make New St. James scent-free. Please keep this in mind when applying perfume and aftershaves.
- For reasons of personal safety, the front row of the balcony has been closed off.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, October 2	10 am	Pastoral Care
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, October 3	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	6:30 pm	Trustees
	7:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight Meeting
Wednesday, October 4	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
Thursday, October 5	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	12 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 6	5:30 pm	Little London Community Opera
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, October 7	10:00 am	Little London Community Opera
Sunday, October 8	10:30 am	Worship Service - Communion
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

Financial Task Force Report

The Congregation will recall that in February of this year a Financial Task Force was established to develop a plan to help ensure the future financial stability of New St. James. The Task Force was to report through Session to the Congregation no later than

September 30, 2017. During the Spring and Summer, the Task Force met to conduct a review of revenue and expenditure over the last five years, membership figures, congregational demographics, and other related matters. Some measures have already begun such as cutting costs for utilities (e.g., replacing lights and fixtures with LED bulbs). After much discussion and investigation, the Task Force recommended to Session that a fundraising campaign (over and above the operating budget) be established to: eliminate the operating budget; build reserves for future property maintenance; and, ensure that the Associate for Congregational Life position may continue. Session approved a motion to approve the recruitment of a special team to manage the fundraising campaign, and that this team may seek the guidance of and employ professional fundraisers. Further actions to implement this direction will be taken over the coming months.

Bruce Curtis, Clerk of Session.

NOTICE OF PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Reverend Andrew Reid, minister of this congregation, having laid his retirement before the Presbytery of London, the said Presbytery has agreed to cite, and accordingly hereby cites, the Session and Congregation to appear at the meeting of the said Presbytery by chosen representatives to be held at New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario on the tenth day of October, two thousand and seventeen at twenty minutes after seven o'clock in the evening, that they may give consent to the retirement of the Reverend Andrew Reid, with certification that if no appearance be made, they shall be held as consenting to his retirement. In order to facilitate this citation, the session is asked to appoint three representatives to attend and, when called upon, to speak to the Presbytery.

Dated at London, Ontario, this twenty-first day of September, two thousand and seventeen.

Carrie Thornton Clerk
Presbytery of London

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY **Tuesdays 10:30 am**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10:30 am until noon. Our new format will be discussing the sermon and Scripture readings each week.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 14 9:30-noon

Donations are being accepted for our fall sale and can be brought to the church anytime after October 1. We are looking for good, clean clothing, small household items and small appliances in clean, working condition, small furniture items, jewellery, shoes, books, toys and other garage sale merchandise. Volunteers are needed to help sort our valuables on Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13 starting at 9:00 and working through the day. Thursday morning we would appreciate the help of some men or women who can lift and carry some of our heavier items. Volunteers are needed to sell these valuables as well. Please contact Karen Buchwald to volunteer or for more information. It would also be appreciated if you could donate newspapers for wrapping the glassware.

RETIREMENT EVENT FOR REV. ANDREW REID

Sunday, October 15, 2017 4:30 pm

Congregational Potluck Dinner to honour Rev. Reid on his retirement. Mark your calendar, and detailed arrangements for food contributions will be posted soon.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 4 on their calendars for the seventh annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the NSJ Hall, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to "ANOVA" (formerly Women's Community House) to support their services. ANOVA works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please contact Karen Baron, Angie Benenati, Maureen Jamieson, Marg McGugan, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid or Monica Sass.

Stewardship:

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing. Sowing. Reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

-Fred Pratt Green, (1903-2000), British Methodist minister and hymnwriter



PINT SEALERS and HALF PINT SEALERS along with their lids if possible are needed for preserves being made for our upcoming Vendor Sale in November. Please leave them in the lower kitchen or call Karen Buchwald for pick up.

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.

Please note: Beginning September 18, Bonnie's office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

A journey toward reconciliation

Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations and individuals walk alongside Indigenous people on a journey toward reconciliation. In June, 33 Presbyterians from across Canada visited three of the PCC's seven Indigenous ministries, worshipped at Mistawasis church and visited the sites where two residential schools were run by the PCC. The group listened to stories of anger and pain and offered apologies. They also witnessed some of the ways in which PCC ministries are transforming lives. At Birdtail Sioux First Nation, site of the Birtle residential school, Doug Hanska thanked the visitors with an honour song. He explains, "The stop they did in Birdtail, I know it may not mean much to a lot of people, but to some of us it means a lot," he said. "We can forgive and move on, like our teachings tell us."

Presbyterians Sharing supports the journey of healing and reconciliation

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.

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.



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