

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 - 10:30am**



## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Lesley Harris

Welcome Team: Captain: Bob Fisher, Carol Fisher, Bruce Curtis, Pat Ferris,  
Donna Aziz, Janet Hines

Counters: Ellen Faubert, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh

Hall Shepherd: Pat Taylor

Nursery: Winn Files

Sunday School: Gabor Sass, Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: Meet in lower level then meet with Gabor Sass

Hospitality: Women's Council

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.

## We Gather to Worship God

**\*Please stand, if able**

**Prelude**                      *Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie*                      M. Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

\* **Processional Hymn # 183**      *Christ, when for us you were baptized* (Jackson)

**Welcome**

**Call To Worship**

L: Jesus was baptised in the waters of the Jordan river. That is the event which we celebrate today. The Voice of God is upon the baptismal waters,

**C: the glory of God, thunders across the living waters.**

L: O children of the gods, give God the glory!

**C: Give to our God all glory and might.**

L: Give glory to God's loving name,

**C: worship your Lord in all congregations.**

**Introit**      *When Jesus Came To Jordan*                      F. A. Mehrrens (1922-1975)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, He did not come for pardon, but as God's Holy One. So when the dove descended on Him, the Holy One, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun. [text: F. Pratt Green (©1980)]

**Prayer of Approach**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Anthem**    *O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright* (*Wie Schön Leuchtet*)

M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, king David's Son, our Lord and Master, You have won our hearts to serve You only! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, King of glory!

### **Prayer for Understanding**

O God, your Word comes to us in the words of ancient scripture. These words are not always easy to understand. So send us your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to receive your wisdom and truth in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**First Lesson**        Isaiah 42: 1-9

**Pg. 670 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading**        Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**\* 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** Acts 10: 34-43

**Pg. 129 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 3: 13-17

**Pg. 3 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *This Is My Beloved Son*

D. Uhl (©1987)

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide. The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove. Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words: This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased. Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove. Come now in visitation. Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place. You are the way, the truth the light. Lead us to our salvation.

**Sermon** "Tattooed For Life"

Rev. Mark McLennan

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

**\* Hymn of Faith # 382** *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart* (Morecambe)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Offering and Offertory** *O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright* (*Wie Schön Leuchtet*)

J.C. Bach (1621-1703)

**\* Doxology**

**\* Dedication of Offering**

## **Our Church Family Together**

**Announcements**

**Children's Time**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn of Discipleship # 389** *Breathe on me, breath of God* (Trentham)

\* **Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude** *O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright* (Wie Schön Leuchtet) M. Sedio (©2001)



## **London Ecumenical Refugee Committee (LERC)**

Vince Morris will be in the New St. James Hall during refreshment time after the Worship Service selling Rheo Thompson chocolates in support of the London Ecumenical Refugee Committee.

## **PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION, SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

Please join Jeff Goud and the Board of Managers after church on January 19 for an early look at the 2020 budget. This gives the congregation an opportunity to review financial matters a month in advance of our annual meeting. The presentation will take place immediately after the worship service.

**REMINDER: Session Reports due to the office by Monday, Jan. 13th.**

## **WMS ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 16 AT 9:30AM**

Women's Missionary Society London Presbyterial 106th Annual Meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal, Ontario on January 16th at 9:30am. Lunch will be provided at \$15.

## **HIGHLAND MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 7:00PM**

All ladies are welcome to attend the next Highland meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Cathy Taylor. Please note there will be no meeting in February.

## **NSJ BOOK CLUB**

The New St. James book club will be reading the Spider and the Fly - A writer, a Murderer, and a Story of Obsession, by Claudia Rowe, this month. Copies are available in the Stewart Library. All books must be signed out and returned by Sunday, January 26, 2020, or at the book club meeting on January 27. You are all welcome to join the discussion.

**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](mailto:lyn.hill@sympatico.ca)

**THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, Jan. 13</b>	1:30pm	Line Dancing
	3:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
	7:00pm	HR Mtg.
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b>	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Highland
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b>	7:00pm	Presbytery
	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b>	1:30pm	AI-Anon
	6:00pm	Line Dancing
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AI-Anon
<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b>	7:30pm	AA
<b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b>	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	10:30am	Worship Service
	2:00pm	Line Dancing
	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](mailto: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

<p><b>STEWARDSHIP:</b> God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. <i>Billy Graham (1918-2018), minister, evangelist</i></p>
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**BIBI'S HEALTHY FAMILY**

In the village of Ziarat, Afghanistan, Bibi is mother to nine children. For many women like Bibi, having many children is partly due to a lack of access to information about family planning. Frequent pregnancies and limited healthcare facilities contribute to Afghanistan's high maternal mortality rate. When a community health worker from a PWS&D-supported health centre came to examine Bibi, the young mother learned about the benefits of child spacing. "I am advising other women in the village to adopt family planning methods as it is for the betterment of the family as a whole," says Bibi. A woman's ability to choose when to become pregnant helps families improve their well-being, increases economic opportunity and promotes gender equality.

*PWS&D protects the health of mothers and children*

**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.

**THE HOUSING CRISIS: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT 7:00PM @ ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH**

On January 21st the Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a presentation at St. Michael's in the Parish Hall on the housing crisis in London. Presenters will be Douglas Calderwood-Smith, Manager Strategic Programs & Partnerships for the City of London and Stephen Giustizia, CEO, London's Housing Development Corporation. Reference will be made to the recently adopted 5 year action plan "Housing Stability for All" for the City of London. The Sisters of St. Joseph will provide the scriptural basis for the development of an effective Christian response to the housing crisis in our neighbourhood.

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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