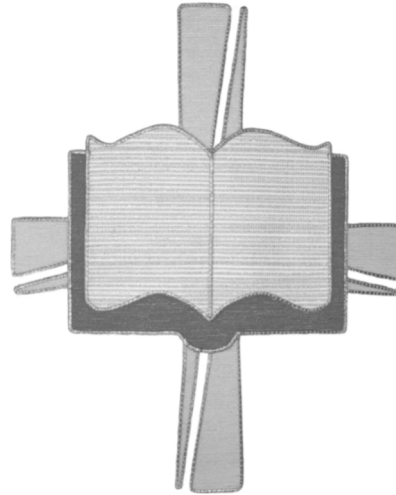


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, January 26, 2020 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa Walsh

Welcome Team: Captain: Bob Fisher, Carol Fisher, Frank Walsh, Donna Aziz, Janet Hines

Counters: Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon

Hall Shepherd: Frank Walsh

Nursery: Nancy Roach

Sunday School Teachers: Cathy Reid and Mike Ruggi

Deb Noble-Van Hees and Telly Lengkey

Teen Group: Meet in lower level

Hospitality: Members

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 *Jesus Calls Us (Galilee)* E.L. Diemer (©1979)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 15** *The Lord's my light (St. Magnus)*

Welcome

Call To Worship

L: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

C: but Christ who chose us,

L: That we are not here because of our goodness

C: but because of Christ's grace,

L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

C: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

L: That we have not come to be entertained

C: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Introit *Christ, Be Our Light!* B. Farrell (©2015)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today. Christ, be our light!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *When The Wind Of Winter Blows* L. True (©2000)
Máiri Demings, mezzo-soprano

When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude, fill the silent icy night; be our hearts' compassion. *Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.* When we shiver in despair, when the chill of death comes near, hold us Spirit, calm our fear, while the evening deepens. *Holy Light...* When in days of fallen snow, change confounds or love burns low, from the ashes may there rise phoenix of our growing. *Holy Light...*

Prayer for Understanding

Holy one, pour out your Holy Spirit on us now as we listen to your scriptures. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word for us and prepare us to respond to your leading in faithfulness. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 9: 1-4 **Pg. 638 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

C: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

C: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

* 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 I Corinthians 1: 10-18 **Pg. in 166 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4: 12-23 **Pg. 3 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Follow Me To Jordan* J. Althouse (©2004)
Follow Me to Jordan. Follow Me on home. Follow Me to Jordan. Follow Me all the way home. I will follow King Jesus. I'll wait for His command. Every day He will show me the way, until I reach the promised land. Follow Me... I will follow King Jesus for now and evermore. Every day He will show me the way, until we reach the heavenly shore. Follow Me...

Sermon **Catch and Release** Rev. Mark McLennan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 585** *Christ, you call us all to service (In Babilone)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Offertory *Christ, You Call Us All To Service (In Babilone) J. Leavitt (©1981)*

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 570** *I have decided to follow Jesus (Assam)*

* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (Houston)* W. Wold (©1998)



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.

2020 DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

February 9	For the pre-Lent Communion edition
March 29	For the pre-Easter edition
May 10	For the pre-Pentecost Communion edition
August 24	For the end-of-summer/back-to-regular-activities edition
September 13	For the pre-World Communion Sunday and Thanksgiving edition
November 8	For the pre-Advent Communion and Christmas edition

NSJ BOOK CLUB

The New St. James book club will meet at Pat Shaver's home on January 27 at 1:30pm. All copies of the Spider and the Fly by Claudia Rowe need to be returned to the Stewart Library by Sunday, January 26, or at the book club meeting. For information you can speak to Pat at 519-434-7973. Everyone is 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

CRIEFF HILLS - Manna Day

You are warmly invited to a winter Manna Day at Crieff Hills on Thursday, February 27th from 10:30am to 3pm. The Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly, will speak on Interchurch Families: Uniting the Church through Love. Register at least a week in advance by calling 1-800-884-1525 or email programs@crieffhills.com. Cost is \$30 and includes a hot lunch. Crieff Hills is located near the 401, just south of Guelph.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Jan. 27	1:30pm	Line Dancing
	1:30pm	NSJ Book Club
	3:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Jan. 28	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	4:00pm	C.E. Committee
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Jan. 29	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
Thursday, Jan. 30	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Jan. 31	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, Feb. 1	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
Sunday, Feb. 2	10:30am	Worship Service

COFFEE CUP COLLECTIONS

Total received in 2019's Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks campaign was: \$9,595.25. After three stormy Sundays in 2020, coffee cup givings has added \$280.05 to our budget. Thanks you for your loose change donations – it helped NSJ balance its budget in 2019.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS

It's that time of year again with the sidewalks getting slippery. Calling one and all to help look out for each other as we traverse those slick sidewalks, streets, laneways and parking lots on our way to and from worship. Let's be on the alert to help keep one another safe!



COOPERATIVES COMBAT EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Ever since the devastating Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in 2016, Lucsius faced his share of challenges. His community in northern Haiti sustained weeks of heavy rains that washed away his vegetable crop and caused his soil to become degraded. The farmer wondered if he would ever harvest a good crop again. Lucsius's circumstances changed when his farming cooperative started receiving support from PWS&D partners. Along with 2,308 farmers in the region, Lucsius participated in workshops where he was taught to use sustainable, organic farming techniques—like using mulch and planting trees—to restore his soil's fertility and grow enough food, despite the effects of climate change. Lucsius has been thrilled with the fruits of these newly discovered agricultural techniques.

PWS&D helps farmers improve lives and livelihoods

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.

STEWARDSHIP: Self-care is never a selfish act - it is only good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer others.

Parker J. Palmer (1939 -), writer, speaker, activist

New St. James Presbyterian Church

Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Stated Supply Minister	Rev. Mark McLennan, B.A., B. Th., M. Div.
Clerk of Session	Bruce Curtis
Ministers Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files and Rev. Andrew Reid
Director of Music	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
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