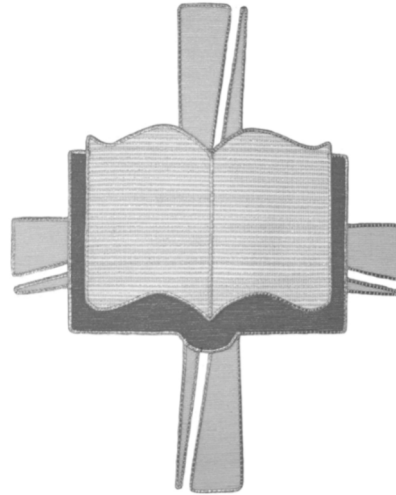


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Sonya Malone

Welcome Team: Captain: Jeff Goud, Pat Goud, George Rendell, Dee-Ann Vickers,

Sydney Vickers, Todd Vickers, Johanis Weydekamp

Counters: Pam Johnston, Doug McKay, Susan Vallas

Hall Shepherd: Johanis Weydekamp

Nursery: Donna Aziz

Sunday School Teachers: Teen Group: Susan Vallas

Deb Noble-Van Hees and Telly Lengkey

Hospitality: WMS

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 *Pavan & Modal Prelude* G. Young (©1983)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 467** *Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you* (Praise, My Soul)

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: God calls us to seek justice:

C: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

L: God calls us to seek kindness,

C: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

L: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

C: Let us be nourished for the work of the kingdom

L: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

Introit *Help Us Accept Each Other* D. Potter (1925-1980)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live. Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all – not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Blessed Are They

T. Chiles (©2014)

Blessed are they, happy are they, blessed are they of God. Happy are those who are poor, for they shall be blessed of God. He gently will lead them; He gladly will feed them; their home is the heart of God. And blessed are those with sorrow and woe – His comfort and joy will overflow. The meek and the lowly, blessed and holy – great is their gift from God. Happy are those who desire the righteousness born of God. He gently will feed them; He gladly will lead them – their rest is the peace of God. And blessed are those who mercy show – His grace and compassion will know. The humble, like children, see now His heaven held in the hand of God. Happy are those who love peace for they are the children of God. His light shines through them; His truth will be in them; their life is the light of God. The world will hate them; it hates Him before them; their part is the love of God. Blessed are those who are poor. Happy are those who mourn. Blessed are those who are meek. Happy are those whose hearts yearn. Blessed are those who show grace. Happy are those who are pure. Blessed are those who seek peace. Happy are those who know God.

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, from age to age you have blessed your people with wisdom. We come seeking that wisdom from your scriptures. Let your Holy Spirit inspire us so that we meet you in these words and respond to you in faithfulness, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

First Lesson

Micah 6: 1-8

Pg. 866 in O.T.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

C: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

L: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

C: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

L: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*** 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: 18-31

Pg. 166 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 1-12

Pg. 4 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo *The Perfect Wisdom Of God*

S. Townsend & K. Getty (©2011);
arr. L. Larson (©2017)

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe; all things created by His hand, and held together at His command. He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His, He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day. The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness; His word a lamp unto my feet, His spirit teaching and guiding me. And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ. O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love, and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty. Each strand sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace; so through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

Sermon **"What is Abundant Life?"**

Rev. Mark McLennan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 624** *Blest are they* (Blest Are They)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Offertory *Sarabande (after Felix Mendelssohn)* G. Young (©1983)

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 763** *To show by touch and word (Lodwick)*

* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude

Grand Choeur Final

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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.

AFTER-CHRISTMAS "THANK YOU" NOTES

We received "thank you" notes from **The Unity Project** for "the generous donation of \$285 for the Santa Sacks campaign.... that guaranteed all 100 sacks were filled and placed under the tree for the adults and youth who made Unity Project their home for the holidays."

The Salvation Army "provided a food hamper to over 4,400 London families in need and toys to over 6,750 children. When we see poverty levels rising, we are encouraged by the generosity of our community who helps us offer this much-needed program..."

The May Court Club of London continues to run its *School Nutrition Program*. This is a very important program that is making a difference in the health and happiness of children and youth in the London community. A hungry child is not able to focus on learning. "

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

NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

A gentle reminder that next Sunday, February 9, is the deadline for material for the next issue of the newsletter. Please send to NSJNewsletter@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Feb. 3	1:30pm	Line Dancing
	3:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Feb. 4	7:00pm	Ad Hoc Website Committee
	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb. 5	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
Thursday, Feb. 6	12:00pm	Glengarry
	1:30pm	AI-Anon
	6:30pm	Worship Committee
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 7	7:30pm	AI-Anon
	7:00pm	Recital
Saturday, Feb. 8	7:30pm	AA
	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
Sunday, Feb. 9	10:30am	Worship Service
	2:00pm	Line Dancing

COFFEE CUP COLLECTIONS

Last weeks collection \$97 - total received as of Sunday, January 26th \$377.05

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!



PWS&D SUNDAY

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 2, we celebrate PWS&D and the meaningful work being done around the world to bring hope to those experiencing poverty, hunger and oppression. Farmers and their families in Haiti, Nicaragua and Pakistan are learning innovative farming practices to help cope with a changing climate and rise above hunger. Maternal and child mortality rates continue to decrease in Malawi and Afghanistan. Refugees have received support overseas and been welcomed to new homes in Canada. These stories of transformation are possible because of the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Thank you!

PWS&D is thankful for your generous support

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: Giving is more than a responsibility – it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience – it is evidence of our faith.

William Arthur Ward

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Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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