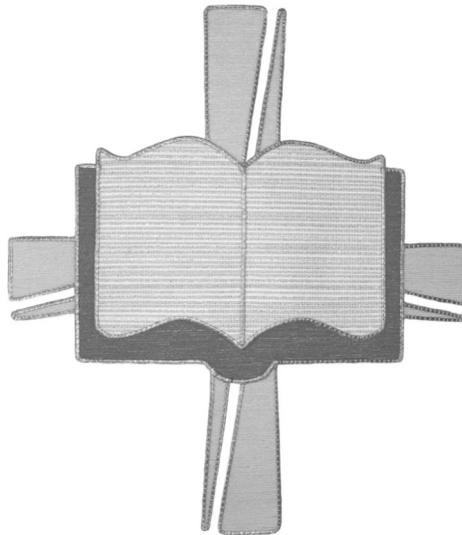


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday, September 2 at 10:00am**



## **Serving You Today**

**Worship Leader:** *Dr. Rev. David Thompson*

**Music Leader:** *Torin W. Chiles*

**Reader:** *Sonja Malone*

**Welcome Team:** *Dolores & Jim Hunter, Liz & Ken Robbins, Jeanine & Pat Taylor, Susan Vallas*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Bruce Curtis*

**Summer Church School:** *Pat Goud*

**Nursery:** *Carol Fisher, Cathy Taylor*

**Hospitality:** *Juice, Cookies*

**Stewart Library:** *Open Every Sunday*

**Note to Visitors:** Summer Church School at New St. James starts at 10:00 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**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**     *Morning Has Broken (Bunessan)*     H. Hopson (©2006)

\* **Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn # 376**     *Lord, the light of your love is shining*     (*Shine, Jesus, Shine*)

\* **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

L: This is the day that the Lord hath made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **Unison Prayer of approach to God**

Dear God:

Please help us to rest in your happiness, to allow a smile to linger on our lips, to dwell within a wonderful memory, to walk back through sunlit places.

Please help us to awaken with hope, to engage with life in all its variety, to take in the beauty of others joys, to touch the souls of those we meet with thankfulness.

Please help us to sing with faith, to carry the truth close in our hearts always, to rejoice at new life and to have peace as we age.

Please help us to indulge in love, to breathe in the sweetness of intimacy, to taste the kindness of friendship, to feel the warmth of embrace.

Please help us not to miss a single gift of heaven, to catch each moment and drink in the great joy of life.

Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

### **Prayer for Absolution**

God, the Father of Mercies, through the Life death and Resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for our healing; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Musical Offering** *Would You Bless Our Homes And Families* R. Klusmeier (©1977)  
Lily, Penny, Ruby and Darcy Wijnker

Would You bless our homes and families, source of life Who calls us here; in our world of stress and tension teach us love that conquers fear. Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays; teach us when, we face our troubles: love's expressed in many ways. Let us reach beyond the boundaries of our daily thought and care, 'til the family you have chosen spills its love out everywhere. Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays; teach us when, we face our troubles: love's expressed in many ways. [Text: W. Farquarson (©1977)]

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

### **First Testament Lessons**

Genesis 18: 1-2, 9-15

Genesis 21: 1-7

Proverbs 17: 22

**Pg. 14 in O.T.**

**Pg. 16 in O.T.**

**Pg. 600 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 126: 1-6

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.'**

L: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**C: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

L: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**C: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\* **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** Luke 7: 31-35

**Pg. 66 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering** *This Is The Day* (Fijian Folk Song) arr. L. Garret (©1967)  
Lily, Penny, Ruby and Darcy Wijnker

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! Open to us the gates of God; we will go in and praise the Lord. You are our God, we will praise Your name; we will give thanks for Your faithfulness.

**Sermon** "A merry heart does good like a medicine!"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

<b>We Respond in Faith and Service</b>
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\* **Hymn of Faith # 788** *Come, know my joy, the Maker says* (Kingsfold)

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory** *Meditation on "Beach Spring"* H. Hopson (©2006)

### Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of August 26th, Tim Hortons has \$3,085.73 and Starbucks has \$1,504.37.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$4,590.10.**

### \* Doxology

### Dedication of Offering

## Our Church Family Together

### Announcements

### Story

### Prayers for New St. James

### The Lord's Prayer

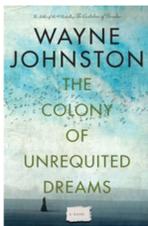
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

\* **Hymn # 655**      *Give me oil in my lamp (Give me oil)*

### Commissioning and Benediction

**Postlude**      *Sing Praise To God (Mit Frueden Zart)*

H. Hopson (©2006)



The New St. James **Book Club's September's selection** is *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams* by Wayne Johnston – A best selling Canadian novel about Joey Smallwood and his role in bringing Newfoundland into Confederation. Our next meeting is on September 24th at 1:30 PM, at the home of Pat Shaver. The Stewart Library has ten copies of *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams*, available to interested NSJ readers, borrowed through the Book Club in a Bag program from the London Public Library. All books must be signed out and returned by Sunday Sept. 23 or at our book club meeting.

**WMS** will be holding its **first meeting** for the fall on **Friday, September 7**. **Please note change of date**. Our **theme** will be the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** and our **speaker** will be **Helen Keenlside**. We invite everyone to join us and learn more about the work of this organization. We have a **catered lunch at a cost of \$12**. **Please call Cathy at 519 204 7406 by Monday if you would like to attend.**



Toronto's *Opera by Request*, partnered with the *Canadian Institute for Czech Music*, present Mozart's masterpiece opera *Don Giovanni*, performed in concert with piano accompaniment and English subtitles. The story centers on the lecherous character of Don Giovanni as he seduces the women of the opera. Leporello, his servant and trusted sidekick, chronicles Don Giovanni's romantic conquests, all the while trying to convince his master to give up his womanizing ways. The show features NSJ choir's **Conlan Gassi** as Don Ottavio, and **John Holland**, reprising the role of Leporello, after a successful run in Prague. The opera spans the emotional gamut, and is not to be missed. Saturday, September 22nd at 7pm, at New St. James Presbyterian church. Tickets are \$20, and available at the door. Call **416-455-2365** for more information, or visit [www.operabyrequest.ca](http://www.operabyrequest.ca) or [www.canczechmusic.ca](http://www.canczechmusic.ca)



#### **USHERS - GREETERS**

The regular schedule for ushers-greeters for Sunday services runs from September to June each year and resumes this year on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. With a few revisions, the schedule repeats year to year with the same personnel. **For your shifts this upcoming season, please double check the schedule posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or on the bulletin boards just inside the two Oxford Street entrances.** There are still openings available for one additional person for Sunday services in the month of December, three people for March and one person for June. If you would like to volunteer as a greeter, please contact John White at [jtwhite\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:jtwhite_ca@yahoo.com) or (519) 681-9043. Thanks!

#### **CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE, NOVEMBER 17th**



We are now entering PEACH season, CUCUMBER season and very soon, TOMATO season. So many good fruits and vegetables are fresh this time of the year and we hope you will take the time to make some goodies for the preserve table at the Christmas Marketplace. There are some sweet pickles already made but maybe you could make a batch of your favourite pickles which may include pickled beets, dill pickles, bread and butter pickles, mustard pickles, watermelon pickles or ????. If you are not planning to preserve, PLEASE bring your half pint and pint preserving jars to the church for others to use--please include the screw tops. For further information please contact Karen Buchwald.

**COMING SOON - OUTREACH FLYER!** If you have any events you would like in the flyer please contact Joanne in the office.

**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.

### 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.



Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the Canadian Bible Society boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, September 3</b>	<b>Labour Day - Office Closed</b> 7:00 pm AA
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b>	10:00 am Senior's Activity Day
<b>Wednesday, September 5</b>	9:30 am Playground at Doidge Park 6:00 pm Clarinet Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, September 6</b>	12:00 pm Glengarry 1:30 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Practice 7:30 pm Al-Anon
<b>Friday, September 7</b>	12:00 pm WMS (new date) 7:30 pm AA
<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	10:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CCNC

**Stewardship:** Joy is really the simplest form of gratitude.

*Karl Barth, theologian (1886-1968)*



**September 2: International Literacy Day (Sept. 8)**

“Neither the students nor I were actually enjoying the lessons.” Inayatullah, a teacher at Zangue Girls School in Afghanistan, knew his lecture-based teaching style was ineffective. Since attending teacher-training workshops run by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners, Inayatullah has learned to bring life to his lessons. After implementing more practical teaching methods, Inayatullah’s pupils are engaging in group activities, participating in lively discussions and better learning their lessons. With a greater sense of ownership over their education, they are gaining confidence, asking questions and voicing their opinions. By improving the quality of education, PWS&D is helping more children enjoy their studies and become leaders in their communities. “This is a tremendous achievement for both the students and me,” Inayatullah says with a smile.

*PWS&D builds futures of hope for vulnerable girls*

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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