

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

First Advent: Sunday of Hope

December 2, 2018 at 10:30am



First Sunday in Advent

Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Karen Buchwald*

Welcome Team: *Liz & Bruce Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Donna & Brian Hunter, Mary Leitch*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Jacob Golose*

Sunday School: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Andrea DeKay*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Ann Milling*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

A Note for 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.

*** Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel* A. Rowley (1892-1958)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)

* **Processional Advent Hymn # 122** *Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship **PWSD liturgy - The Langham Family will light the first Candle**

Hymn # 119 First verse *Hope is a star (Moon Beams)*

Introit: *Rorate Coeli* J. Rheinberger (1839-1902)

*Rorate coeli de super
et nubes pluant justum.
Aperiatur terra
et germinet salvatorem.*

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain the just.
Let the earth be opened
and send forth a Saviour.

Isaiah 45:8

Unison Prayer of Approach

Our loving God we approach this worship service expecting Your Great Presence to be with us. In this life it is all too easy to despair. Teach us that hope begins on the other side of despair on this first Sunday of Advent.

We are truly grateful that Jesus came into our world and changed it fundamentally for the better. He brought us Hope and on this first Sunday we celebrate that Hope; that no matter how dark the storm that surrounds us you have made us a promise in which we hope: To be “with us even until the end of the world.” May that Hope give us the courage to be, even in the darkest of times. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Minister)

The Lord God of us all has made it clear that forgiveness is central to a relationship with God. Thus God forgives all those who come to God with contrite hearts and a deep desire to live lives of goodness in the world. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Come To Us, O God Of Hope* L. Larson (©2008)
We've waited long for You to come, Warrior, Saviour, Promised One; long the years of blessings lost, so dark the days, so high the cost. *Come to us, O God of hope, lead us to the end of night. Give us signs of days foretold when our darkness shall turn to light. We long for promised days of peace and, from this evil, seek release. Gather us in Your embrace, protect us in eternal grace. Come to us, O God of hope...* Give us strength to stand. We await Your guiding hand. Grant us patience, Lord, we pray. Lead us in Your holy way. Prepare us, Lord, for days ahead and by Your Spirit we'll be lead. Come, Messiah, be our guide; we know the Lord is by our side. *Come to us, O God of hope...*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Our Loving God, because the world and context of Scripture is different from our modern world, we are able to see above the zeitgeist of our own time into the things that last forever. May that be our experience today. Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 29: 11 **Pg. 731 in O.T.**

Responsive reading Psalm 25 : 1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

L: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

C: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD!

C: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and his decrees.

* **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

Mark 4: 35-41

Pg. 39 in N.T.

Choir and Congregation Sung Response:



Sermon: "Finding Hope for Your Life"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 143** *Infant Holy* (Polish Carol)

Prayers for the World

Announcements

Carol Time Capsule



The history of the Carol
"Oh come all ye faithful"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Offering and Offertory *Adeste Fideles* O come all ye faithful (see insert)

Choir sings bolded italics, congregation sings bolded print.

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Nov. 25th, Tim Hortons has \$4,443.00 and Starbucks has \$2,428.48.**

All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$6,871.48.**

* **Doxology**

Dedication of Offering

Our Church Family Celebrates Communion Together

Announcements

Invitation to Communion

Prayers for New St. James

* **Communion Hymn # 558** *The Son of God proclaim* (Festal Song)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: We proclaim the mystery of faith

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) Choir and Congregation

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion

Hymn of Advent # 110 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)*

Commissioning and Benediction

Amen (Trifold) # 780

Postlude *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)* F. Peters (1903-1986)



Please join us on Sunday Dec. 9th as we recognize John Stewart during the worship service for all of his dedicated work as an elder, his commitment to LERC (London Ecumenical Refugee Committee) and for his love for the Karen community in London. **There will also be a celebration and light refreshments in the gym following the service.**

ACTIVITY DAY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

Tuesday, December 11 at 12:00 Cost: \$13.00

Please join us for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! **Important note: Reservations required for this lunch. Please RSVP to Joanne by Thursday, December 6th.**

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come one! Come all! **Let's sing Christmas carols together December 9th, 16th and 23rd before our worship service begins.** The team of Eva Murray, on piano, and Bob Baron will lead us. Caroling is planned from 10 a.m. until 10:25. And Eva has said she would warmly welcome partnership with anyone who plays and who would like to share the joy of playing the carols on our grand piano. If interested, please contact Pat Goud at 519-433-6463. We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of the greatest gift ever. How can we keep from singing?!

THANKS FOR POP TABS! - Many thanks to all who leave pop tabs in the nursery. They really do add up and we now have over 20 lbs. more to send along for wheelchairs.



World Soil Day (Dec. 5)

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia’s life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia’s soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. “This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas,” shares Rabia.

PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing is more dangerous than to be blinded by prosperity.
John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian and reformer

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, December 3	6:30 pm	Advent by Candlelight
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, December 4	10:00 am	Senior’s Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	3:30 pm	C.E. Meeting
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
Wednesday, December 5	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
	12:00 pm	Zumba Drop in class \$3
	1:30 pm	Pastoral Care Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, December 6	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Mtg.
Friday, December 7	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
Sunday, December 9	7:30 pm	AA
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Christmas Recital
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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!

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the December/January/February 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.

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