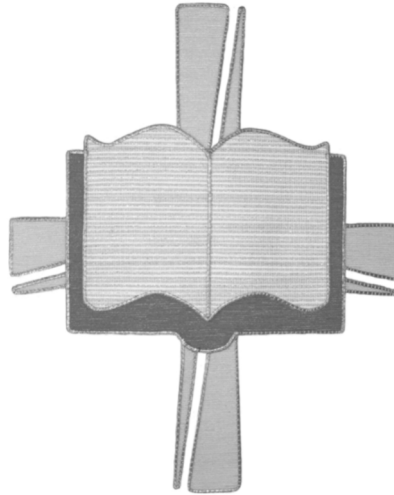


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Pat Goud

Welcome Team: Captain: Bruce Curtis, Pat Ferris, George Rendell, Dee-Ann Vickers,
Sydney Vickers, Todd Vickers, Johanis Weydekamp

Counters: Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon

Hall Shepherd: Cathy Taylor

Sunday School: Monica Sass and Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: Monica Sass leader re Reformation section

Hospitality: Women of New St. James

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 *When Morning Guilds The Skies (Laudes Domini)* D. Johnson (©1988)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 313** *Oh, worship the King* (Hanover)

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: God touches the world, and the world changes.

C: God touches us, and we are transformed.

L: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,

C: on mountain, in valley, everywhere.

L: In this time, together, we invite God

C: to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

L: And through the change –

C: we worship God. Alleluia!

Introit *Jesu, Only Light* H. Albert (1604-1651)

Jesu, only Light, no rose nor lily white in their beauty dare with Thy Light compare. Shine Thou upon me, Lord, and lead me by Thy Word. Strengthen, Lord, my faith with powers of Thy grace; draw my heart above by Thy heavenly love that I may dwell with Thee throughout eternity.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Jesus On The Mountain Peak* M. Sedio (©2015)
Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia! Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia! Swift the cloud of glory came proclaiming Jesus as the son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia! This is God's beloved son! Law and prophets sing before Him, first and last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

Prayer for Understanding

Holy One, any prophecy or wisdom needs your blessing, so we seek your guidance now as we listen to the scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit to move in us so we can understand your Word in these words, and live by the example of Christ, your living Word. Amen

First Lesson Exodus 24: 12-18 **Pg. 70 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 99

L: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

L: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

C: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

C: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

L: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

C: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

L: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

*** 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 2 Peter 1: 16-21 **Pg. 236 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 17: 1-9 **Pg. 18 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo *Sometime A Light Surprises* C. Courtney (©1997)
Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves God is born of God and knows God. One who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God sent His Son so that we might live; and God sent His Son so that we might be forgiven. God is love, and all who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

Sermon “Don’t Just Do Something - Sit There” Rev. Mark McLennan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 187** *We have come at Christ’s own bidding* (Brewer)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Offertory *O Morning Star How Fair And Bright* (Wie Schön Leuchtet)
M. Reger (1873-1916)

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Children’s Time

The Lord’s Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 177** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* (Heathlands)

* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *O Morning Star How Fair And Bright* (Wie Schön Leuchtet) M. Sedio (©1996)



The Annual Meeting will take place immediately following the worship service. Please join us for a luncheon in NSJ Hall following the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we announcement the passing of Joanne MacPherson's father who passed away in Texas this week. Joanne was with him along with her brother and sister. Funeral arrangements to be arranged. Keep them in our prayers.

Attention Elders: Please pick up your Communion Package in the narthex.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 9:30am - 12:00 noon

It is time for some spring cleaning! We need women's, men's and children's clothing, books, household items, linens, toys, jewellery, lamps, small appliances, garden tools, small pieces of furniture and other items that would typically sell at garage sales. Help is also going to be need so please plan to donate some of your time on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. For further information please talk to Deb Van Hees.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, MARCH 6th

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 6, 2020 from 2-3 PM in St. John the Evangelist Church (corner of St. James and Wellington Streets). The theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" with a focus on Zimbabwe. Learn about the country's history, ethnicity, education and cuisine. Refreshments will be available after the service. The church is fully accessible by the Wellington Street doors. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Lyn Hill at 519-472-8353 or lyn.hill@sympatico.ca

SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY AT NSJ ALL SENIORS WELCOME

The Seniors' Activity Day continues on Tuesday starting at 10 AM. We'll begin the day with coffee/tea and goodies and then play our favourite card and board games, euchre, scrabble, dominoes, etc. For the more-energetic, there's always shuffleboard. Today's menu will be subs, salads, and home-made cake for only \$8! Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up at 3pm.

NSJ BOOK CLUB

The New St James Book Club is reading Missing Steps by Paul Cavanaugh this month. We will meet on Monday February 24th at 1:30pm at Pat Shaver's home. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. All copies of Missing Steps must be returned to the church by Sunday, Feb. 23rd, or at the book club meeting. For more information call Pat at 519-434-7973.

**NEW ST. JAMES' WEBSITE GETS A NEW LOOK
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

NSJ's website is getting a new "look and feel" and our social media presence is being enhanced! Watch for a complete update in the next edition of "**News from New St. James**". We need 10-15 volunteers to try out the new website before it is officially launched. We are looking for volunteers of various ages, with varying computer expertise and those who are relatively new to NSJ and those who have been here longer. You will have an opportunity to review the site starting around **March 8** and will be expected to submit your feedback by no later than **March 30**. After you submit your feedback, you will be eligible to enter a draw for a special surprise! Please **sign up by March 1st** by emailing Charlene Beynon at cebeynon@rogers.com or calling 519-473-1743. Don't be disappointed, sign up soon!

NSJ Ad Hoc Website Committee: Charlene Beynon, Steve Langham,
John Malone & Andrew Reid

Our "**Back to Basics**" project begins next Sunday, March 1st, so be on the lookout for sales of underwear and socks – all sizes and all colours!

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Feb. 24	1:30pm	Line Dancing
	1:30pm	NSJ Book Club
	3:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Feb. 25	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	4:00pm	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Feb. 26	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, Feb. 27	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Feb. 28	6:00pm	Good Deeds Cup
	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, Feb. 29	2:00pm	Conlan Gassi
	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
Sunday, Mar. 1	10:30am	Worship Service

TUESDAY'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

February 25 and March 3, 2020 there will be no Lectionary Bible study. It will resume on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30am.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - FEB. 25TH

Please join us for supper on Tuesday, February 25th from 5-6:30pm for delicious pancakes, amazing toppings and sausages. Free will offering.

MARCH BREAK CAMP - MARCH 16-20

8:30am-4:00pm, Monday to Friday for kids, ages 4 to 12, only \$50 for the week. Pick up registration forms at the office. Questions? Talk to Deb Noble-Van Hees.



SCREENING FOR HEALTH IN SOMALIA

Samsam, a mother of five, lives in a community in Somalia where access to food is a consistent struggle and many people are malnourished. Samsam jumped at the opportunity to join a PWS&D-supported program to learn about nutrition for infants and young children. Through this program, she discovered a simple trick for determining whether a child or mother is malnourished: taking a measurement near the top of their arm. Now, by helping community members screen for malnutrition, Samsam is making sure that people in her village are receiving the care that they need. This program demonstrates the multiplying effect of enabling communities to help themselves. With 1,540 people trained on how to measure malnutrition in this way, over 15,000 children and 5,000 women have been screened so far.

PWS&D helps children and mothers embrace a more promising future

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SUNDAY MARCH 8

Maddison Fysh will be speaking about the Covenant House. There will be a SPECIAL video presentation addressed to the New St. James community by Maddison's colleague who is a Forbes 30 Under 30 Nominee and a TIFF recognized producer for her documentary. You don't want to miss it! All ages welcome. This is a free will offering soup luncheon with dessert. Soup donations greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in NSJ's Hall.

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.

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.

COFFEE CUP COLLECTIONS

February 16th we collected \$126.10 for a grand total of \$689.75

STEWARDSHIP: When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.
Anonymous

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.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Stated Supply Minister	Rev. Mark McLennan
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