

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, January 3, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Readers: *Karen Community*

Welcome Team: *Donna Aziz, Bob & Carol Fisher, Jean Hadley,
Hartono & Janti, Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *Dave Daggett, Ann Milling, Susan Vallas*

Hall Shepherd: *Rob McGugan*

Nursery: *Sonya Malone*

Church School for ages 3-14: *Karen Baron, Cathy Reid*

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *Karen Community*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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 *Andante Religioso* F. Thome (1850-1909)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
As with gladness men of old (Dix) **172**

Welcome

Call to Worship in the words of Louise Haskins:

L: I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,

C: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

L: And he replied,

C: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Introit *Thou Dost Guide* K. W. Englund (1857-1922)
O Thou, Who by a star didst guide the Wise Men on their way, until it came and stood beside the place where Jesus lay. Although by stars Thou dost not lead Thy servants now below, Thy Holy Spirit, when they need, will show them how to go. As yet we know Thee but in part, but still we trust Thy Word – that blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see the Lord. O Saviour, give us then Thy grace to make us pure in heart, that we may see Thee face to face, hereafter as Thou art. [text: J. M. Neale (1818-1866)]

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

* **Hymn of the Word** *'Twas in the moon of wintertime (Jesus Ahatonhia)* **144**

Unison Prayer for Illumination

May the Word which became flesh and lived among us fill us with grace and truth, O God, and guide our steps in this new year. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 **pg. 690 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- ¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

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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

Matthew 2:1-12

pg. 2 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Karen Musical Selection

Sermon

“Following the wandering star”

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of the Faith

What star is this (Puer Nobis)

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TODAY AT NEW ST. JAMES
We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME

- We invite guests and visitors to use the blue welcome cards in the pew racks, and the Friendship Book in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins, Bibles and Books of Praise are available in the racks as you enter the sanctuary or from an usher.
- To honour our time in worship, we ask you to turn off phones while in the sanctuary.
- Audio CD's of today's service will be available in the Stewart Library.
- Bulletins and sermons are posted under the Worship tab on our website - www.newstjames.com
- Copies of bulletins and sermons are available in the information rack in the narthex.
- Visitor offering envelopes are available in the pew boxes in front of you. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.

PARKING

- On Sunday mornings, the Oxford Street parking lot is for handicapped parking and for drop offs only. Please do not park in the laneway into the parking lot - this is a fire access route. Parking is available on all surrounding streets and at our good neighbours:
- Harris Funeral Home on St. James Street
- Behind Susan J's
- Valu-Mart (outside row along the east fence & back laneway row)
- Behind the building across Wellington St. (do not park in spaces marked Dental Arts)

WASHROOMS

- Washrooms are located in the corridor behind the organ chamber, and on the lower and upper levels of the hall. Coat racks are in the narthex and in the corridor behind the organ chamber. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

NURSERY

- Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery, near the west door of the sanctuary. We invite parents with small children to sit in the front pews on that side.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- We want to make New St. James a safe and welcoming place for all who come here. Our Church School staff have all received Police Records Checks and training in safety procedures.
- To protect people with nut allergies, our goal is to make New St. James a nut-free facility. Please do not bring nuts of any kind, or anything containing nut products such as peanut butter, into the building. However, we cannot guarantee that cookies served during the fellowship time may not have come in contact with nuts.
- Gluten-free cookies are available during the fellowship time.
- To protect people who are sensitive or allergic to scent, we want to make New St. James scent-free. Please keep this in mind when applying perfume and aftershaves.
- For reasons of personal safety, the front row of the balcony has been closed off.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 4	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Ox-Well Activity Program AA
Tuesday, January 5	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Glengarry Junior Amabile Singers
Thursday, January 7	1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Al-Anon Worship Committee Al-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 8	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	WMS AA
Sunday, January 10	10:30 am 2:00 pm	Worship Service CCNC

WMS

Friday, January 8 12:00 pm

Please contact Cathy Reid if you are unable to attend the luncheon. Megan Shin will be our guest speaker.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, January 11 7:00 pm

This meeting will take place at George Rendell's home.

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at NSJ beginning January 12.

1:30-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

Indoor Playground resumes January 13. FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.

**“PAY IT FORWARD” SPAGHETTI SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
SERVED 5-7 P.M.**

Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 5 & under FREE
Tickets for sale during coffee hour from the CE committee



DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 7. The Annual Report needs to be ready for Sunday, January 31. Therefore, the deadline for your annual report submissions is **Wednesday, January 20**. Please submit to jhisey@newstjames.com.

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ this fall. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

The Stewart Library: Copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge, in the Library.

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.



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. Keep saving those stamps!

Advocating for refugees

Presbyterians Sharing supports Action Réfugiés Montréal as it advocates for refugees in Montreal and beyond, promoting partnerships for mutual empowerment among people in refugee and faith communities and society at large. Through its detention, sponsorship and twinning programs ARM provides hope and assistance while raising awareness of refugee rights. The Twinning Program pairs newly-arrived refugee women with women volunteers, helping to break isolation, create unique bonds of friendship and introduce the women to realities they might never have otherwise encountered. The twins meet at least six hours per month for at least six months, and also participate in regular group activities hosted by ARM, including potlucks, information sessions and collective cooking.

The Karen families of London invite you to share in

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the Karen Thanksgiving Celebration

When?

Sunday
January 3
2016
during and
following
worship:
10:30 to 1:30.

Where?

New St. James
Presbyterian
Church

280 Oxford St. E.
London, ON
N6A 1V4
519-434-1127

What?

Prayers of
Thanksgiving

Information about
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A hot lunch of
traditional
Karen dishes

Menu

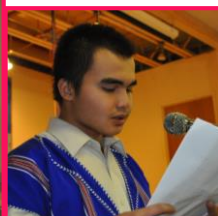
Karen noodle dishes
Karen rice dishes
Pork, chicken and beef dishes
Fruit
Salads
Juice
Coffee
Tea

A free will
offering
to
support
the
London
Karen
Community

Karen songs and dances



Photos of
DSBSP 2012
and 2014



Stewardship:

Tithe if you love Jesus. Any fool can honk!

bumper sticker

NEW ST. JAMES - WHAT WE BELIEVE:

*God is calling the people of New St James,
as followers of Jesus Christ,
to worship God and to serve the community.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
Clerk of Session	Bruce Curtis
Minister Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files
Minister in Association	Rev. Joyce Elder
Associate for Congregational Life	Joanne MacPherson – jmacpherson@newstjames.com
Student Intern	Megan Shin – mshin@newstjames.com
Director of Music	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
Choristers	Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Natalie Gassi, soprano; Brooklyn Elhard, soprano; Morgan Traynor, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; Adrian Armenti, baritone
Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday
Custodian	Mark McDonald - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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