

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
March 3, 2019 at 10:30am
Sunday of the Transfiguration
We Gather to Worship God**



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Scott Goud*

Welcome Team: *Tim Van Hees, Ellen Faubert, Paul Sinjal, Jolanda Kalonta*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Telly Lengkey*

Sunday School: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Karen Baron*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Unison Words of Assurance

Dear God: Thank-you for always being there for us, in a handshake, in a hug, in a moment of deep caring when we are at the far end. Thank-you for the consistency of Your forgiveness. Forgive us when we confess our shortcomings and failures to You. Thank-you that we can be restored and set on our feet again. Thank-you for GRACE and for divine love and for the privilege of being alive. Amen

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Jesus On The Mountain Peak (Bethold)

M. Sedio (©2006)

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 joyous greeting: Alleluia! Swift the clouds of glory came proclaiming in its thunder, the Saviour 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! [text: B.A. Wren (©2006)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Dear God give us the mind of Christ when we approach Scripture. Let the meaning and hope in these words touch our inner being. Connect us into the Source of our life and help us to live in the present moment, where You always abide. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3: 9-15

Pg. 50 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 135: 1-7

L: Praise Yah! Praise the name of Yahweh. Praise him, O servants of Yahweh.

C: Who stand in the house of Yahweh, in the courts of the house of our God.

L: Praise Yah, for Yahweh is good. Sing praises concerning his name, for it is pleasant.

C: For Yah has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his special possession.

L: For I know that Yahweh is great, and our Lord is greater than all gods.

C: All that Yahweh desires, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all the depths.

L: He causes clouds to rise from the edge of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain.

C: He brings out the wind from his storehouses.

* **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 Hebrews 12: 25-29

Pg. 227 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 17: 1-8

Pg. 18 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Be Still And Know* S.C. Chapman (©1999); arr. L. Larson (©2011)
Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still oh restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace; let the noise and clamour cease. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done; stand in awe and be amazed, and know that He will never change. Be still. Be speechless. Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is our Father. Come, rest you head upon His breast; listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still.

Sermon "Something difficult: living in the present moment"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 331** *The God of Abraham Praise* (Leoni)

Prayers for the World

Announcement Update: Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks Update, we raised \$10,163.13

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 661 *V: 1, 2, 5. We give thee but thine own* (Franconia)

Offering and Offertory *Deo Gracias*

S. Gabrielsen (©2001)

* **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 # 414** *God, reveal your presence Arnsberg (Reverence)*

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Sung Amen # 264**

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude *O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright (Wie Schön Leuchtet)*

M. Sedio (©2001)



HIGHLAND

There will be **no meeting of Highland in March**. Our **next planned meeting** will be on **April 9th at the Food Bank**.

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th, 5:00-6:30pm

Delicious food and awesome company - and you don't have to cook! See you there!
Free will offering.

STEWARDSHIP: A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

Proverbs 11:25

WMS

WMS meets on Friday, March 8 at noon. Please come and hear about the Medical Mission Group in Stratford, Ontario. **Lunch** will be provided at a cost of **\$12**. Please let **Ann McClatchey** know if you cannot attend. Her phone number is **519-673-3733**.

MARCH BREAK VBC!

MARCH 11-15, 2019

We are trying something new at NSJ! A full day of Camp with Kintail folks running the program with the support of our NSJ volunteers. **Programming runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm** with drop off at the church from 8:30-9:00am and **pick up between 3:30-4:00pm**. Kids will bring their **own lunch** and **we will provide a morning and afternoon snack**. The cost for this is **\$50 per child** for the week. We have **spaces for 42 children** so don't delay in getting your registration completed and dropped off at NSJ. We will accept **cash or cheque for payment**. Please feel free to invite your family or friends who might be interested in this wonder day camp for their children. Registrations can be picked up from the office or printed from our NSJ website <https://newstjames.com/> Questions? Don't hesitate to email Deb Van Hees at denvhl@hotmail.com or call 519-471-6857. Looking forward to seeing you this year!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER/WORSHIP—WED., MARCH 20 @ NSJ

6:00 pm Soup Supper & Social Justice Speakers

7:00 pm Barbara Symington - St. Paul's Social Services

7:15 pm Lenten Evening Prayer

Check other dates on black & orange posters on the bulletin boards.

A RECEPTION FOR JOANNE MACPHERSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

It is hard to believe that it has been 5 years since Joanne joined us as a part-time Pastoral Visitor in February 2014 and then a year later became New St. James Associate for Congregational Life. Joanne's last work day as NSJ's Associate for Congregational Life is Thursday March 21, 2019. **Please join us during the service on March 24 followed by a special "coffee time" to thank Joanne for her many contributions to the life and work of New St James. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Joanne, please put the marked envelope from the plastic pew rack on the collection plate, or give/mail your donation to Judi Le Blanc by no later than March 17, 2019. Thank you.**



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 10th

Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, March 4	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 5	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Pancake Supper
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, March 6	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
Thursday, March 7	9:30 am	Presbyterian Exec. WMS
	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, March 8	12:00 pm	WMS
	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, March 10	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



International Women's Day (March 8)

Access to information and services for reproductive health rights remains a significant challenge for women around the world, especially in poor communities. Many women are not able to decide if or when they have children, or how many. Girls forced into early marriages are made vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections and early pregnancy. It is proven time and again that empowering women helps improve economic growth and development—part of this must be access to necessary health services and the ability to make decisions about their bodies. PWS&D is responding in India to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health and provide women and girls with a network of support so they can decide their own futures.

PWS&D ensures health, education and safety for women

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the March/April/May Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

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