

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**  
Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 10:30am

**Second Sunday in Lent**



## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Mark McLennan

**Director of Music:** Torin W. Chiles

**Reader:** Scott Goud

**Welcome Team: Captain:** Tim Van Hees, Ellen Faubert, Sonya & John Malone,  
Mary & Joe Ruitenbeek

**Counters:** Ellen Faubert, Pat Goud, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh

**Hall Shepherd:** Charlene Beynon

**Sunday School:** Monica Sass, Deb Noble-Van Hees

**Teen Group:** Meet in lower level. Then meet in Teen Group upper class room.

**Nursery:** Carol Fisher

**Hospitality:** Fellowship Luncheon

**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**            *O God Our Help In Ages Past (St. Anne)*            S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

**\* Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn # 81**            *Unto the hills around (Sandon)*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy** (read by Rev. Mark McLennan)            see insert

**Introit**            *O Blessed Jesus*            M.A. Ingegneri (1545-1592)  
O blessed Jesus, grant to us Your mercy. You, Lord, have created us. By You are we redeemed. For Your people You have shed Your precious blood.

**Prayer of Approach**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Solo**            *I Will Lift Mine Eyes*            L. Sowerby (1895-1968)  
I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy righthand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.

### **Prayer for Understanding**

God of wonder and the Word, calm our inner noise and quiet our spirits, so that we may encounter your wisdom in the words of Scripture and be fed the bread of Life, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

### **First Lesson**

Genesis 12: 1-4a

**Pg. 10 in O.T.**

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 121**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**C: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

### **\* 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**

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

**Pg. 154 in N.T.**

### **Gospel Lesson**

John 3: 1-17

**Pg. 93 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

*God So Loved The World*

J. Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world...

### **\* Hymn # 189**

*As when the Hebrew prophet raised* (Abridge)

Sermon

“A Serpentine Story”

Rev. Mark McLennan

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\* **Hymn of Faith # 330**    *O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne)*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Offering and Offertory**    *Christ, The Life Of All The Living (Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben)*  
F. Peters (1903-1986)

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Children's Time**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn of Discipleship # 204**    *Thou didst leave thy throne (Margaret)*

\* **Commission and Benediction**

\* **Threefold Amen # 780**

**Postlude**    *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (Jesu, Kreuz, Leiden Und Pein)*    R. Below (©2000)



### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY !**

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.

### **“BACK TO BASICS” – A POEM**

What is this poem all about? Why, it's socks and underwear!  
It's "Back to Basics" time once more; it happens once a year.

Please donate all sizes of socks and underwear that's new.  
Then everyone in London town will be warm and cozy, too!

**REMINDER: Session reports are due to the office Monday, March 9th.**



### **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT SOUP SUPPER - FILM & DISCUSSION - WORSHIP NEW ST. JAMES - MARCH 11TH @ 6:00PM “JOY”**

On March 11th at 6:00pm Soup supper; 6:45pm short film exploring genuine Christian invitation; followed by a time of discussion that will run until 7:15-7:30pm. We will end our time with an evening Prayer. Other dates and locations:

- March 18 Redeemer Lutheran, 1 Frank Place - “Us”
- March 25 St. Andrew Memorial, 55 Foxbar Rd. - “One”
- April 1 St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond St. - “Go”

### **A NOTE OF GRATITUDE**

We would like to thank you all for the many prayers, cards, calls and e-mails for our family during the recent loss of Joanne's dad, James Harold Newman. We could feel your love and support. We feel very blessed to have such wonderful family and friends during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
The MacPherson Family

### **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.

#### **THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, March 9</b>	1:30pm	Line Dancing
	3:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
	7:00pm	HRC Meeting
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Highland
	7:00pm	Presbytery
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	9:30am	Childreach
	6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper at NSJ
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	12:00pm	WMS
	7:30pm	AA
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	10:30am	Worship Service
	2:00pm	Line Dancing

**GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 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.

**SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY AT NSJ**  
**ALL SENIORS WELCOME**

The Seniors' Activity Day continues on Tuesday starting at 10am. 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. Thanks to Ann Morris' savvy shopping skills, the green-themed St. Patrick's Day lunch will cost **only \$5**. Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up at 3pm.



**International Women's Day**

In India, many girls miss school each month because they do not have the supplies or facilities they need during menstruation. Unsanitary practices put them and their communities at risk. PWS&D-supported community mobilizers are helping girls in India stay in school by educating them about personal and menstrual hygiene. Rima Kumari, a 14-year-old girl from Nandlali village, spent time with a community mobilizer. She received sustainable, reusable sanitary napkins and learned about personal hygiene practices. Now, with the supplies she needs, Rima can embrace the joy of uninterrupted learning.

*PWS&D supports girls' health and education*

**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.

## THE STEWART LIBRARY

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

**COFFEE CUP FUND - March** 1st we collected \$109.15. Our grand total is \$924.90

**STEWARDSHIP:** Giving is the thermometer of our love.  
*Unknown*



## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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