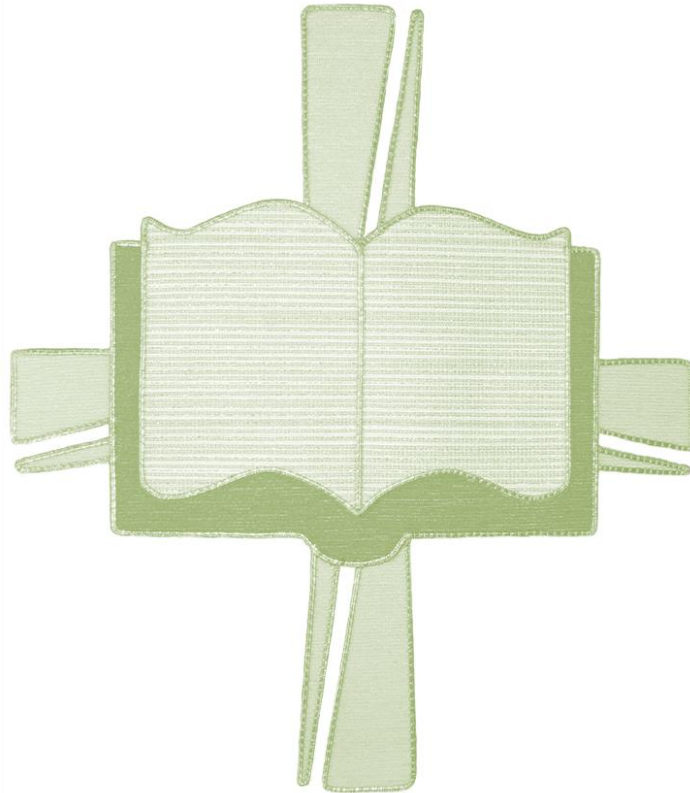


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 3, 2017 - 10:00 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Lyn Hill*

Welcome Team: *Volunteers*

Counters: *Ann Milling, Susan Pepper, Ian McCrimmon, Tim VanHees*

Hall Shepherd: *John Aziz*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Carol Fisher*

Summer Church School: *Sonya Malone*

Theme: *On the road*

Hospitality: *Lemonade*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for Visitors: Summer Church School at New St. James starts at 10:00 am, when the children 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 *Two Slow Irish Airs* H. Howells (1892-1983)

* **Entry of the Bible**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: With what shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before God on high?

C: The Lord had told us what is good and what is required of us:

ALL: that we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

* **Hymn of Praise** *All who love and serve your city* (Charlestown) **721**

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Musical Offering *Holy Mystery* P. Choplin (©2011)
Shannon Wijnker, mezzo-soprano

We believe what we have seen and heard. We believe what we read in Your Word. But we have so many questions, and some have answers we may never know. So for the things our eyes cannot see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery. All we know is just a tiny part. Everything we preach is just a start, for Your truth's a mighty mountain and all we see is just a distant gaze. So for the things our eyes cannot see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery. Sometimes when we struggle, we want to know Your full and final truth. We grow so impatient and fail to put our simple faith in You. One day we'll cross into Your paradise, and You'll give perfect vision to our eyes, and we'll look back on our journey and see the great perfection of Your way. But 'til that day when our eyes can see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery, holy mystery.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Open your Word to us, O God, so that we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

First Lesson	Micah 6:1-8	pg. 866 in O.T.
Second Lesson	James 2:14-18,26	pg 230 in N.T.
Sermon	“What does the Lord require?”	Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

*	Hymn of the Faith	<i>Christ's is the world</i> (Dream Angus)	758
	Prayers of Concern		
	Offering and Offertory	<i>Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling</i> (In Babilone) L. Peterson (©2012)	
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Our Church Family Together		
	Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>We are one in the Spirit</i> (We are one in the Spirit)	471
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>Gaudete</i>	J. Marsh (©1995)

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.

Please Note: Next Sunday worship returns to 10:30 am

The W.M.S. luncheon meeting will be held Friday, September 8 at 12 p.m. Please contact Cathy Reid (519-434-1127) if you are unable to attend.

The deadline for the next issue of The New Connection newsletter is September 8. Cathy Urquhart looks forward to hearing about your summer experiences so please submit your articles.

RALLY SUNDAY—Sunday September 10th



morning!

Sunday school will be in full swing with a new curriculum called “Dig-in “and we are seeking teachers and helpers to help facilitate this fabulous ‘user friendly’ program. We ask parents to arrive with their children no sooner than 10:15 am in the Lower Hall. As always, at this time of year, we will be celebrating the graduation of children from nursery school to Sunday school and the commissioning of our Sunday school team. Don’t miss this exciting Sunday

The Lectionary Bible study will commence **Tuesday, September 12 at 10:30 am to noon**. Our new format will be discussing the sermon and the scripture readings each week. If anyone is interested, please join us.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE--OCTOBER 14. Just a reminder that we have a sale this fall and would appreciate your donations.



PINT SEALERS and HALF PINT SEALERS along with their lids if possible are needed for preserves being made for our upcoming Vendor Sale in November. Please leave them in the lower kitchen or call Karen Buchwald for pick up.

ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

During the service on today and afterwards, we will say goodbye to Janet Hisey, our

administrator, as she and her family move away from the area

RETIREMENT EVENTS FOR REV. ANDREW REID

Saturday, September 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. - Catered Session Dinner for Elders and spouses/partners. Please confirm your attendance and pay \$25.00 per person to Mary Lou McCrimmon.

Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. - Congregational Potluck Dinner to honour Rev. Reid on his retirement. Mark your calendar, and detailed arrangements for food contributions will posted soon.

EYE KNOW Trivia night: So now that you spent the summer reading every day, isn't it great to know that there is somewhere all that knowledge will be useful? Come out to the first **EYE KNOW Trivia Night at New St James, Friday, Sept 29, 2017. 6:30-10 pm.** Teams of up to 8 people, tickets are \$15 or you can buy a whole table for \$120. Prizes, fun, food and draws. All money will benefit New St James Church and Team Licensed Optician on this years project to Nicaragua and El Salvador. To register call the office. ONLY room for 20 teams!

As wildfires remain active in British Columbia, please pray for affected communities and first responders. Donations may be made to PWS&D in support of physical and emotional recovery for those impacted by the fires. Mail a cheque to the office, give through your offering envelope (clearly marked for BC Fires), donate online, or call 1-800-619-7301. Please mark donations for "BC Fires." Learn more at WeRespond.ca/bc-wildfires.

REAL FAITH: Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Curious about your life, faith and the world? Keen to connect with other young adults? Join us!

When: Fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 8 pm-9 pm

Where: Westmount Presbyterian Church,
521 Village Green Ave.,
London (beside Westmount Mall)

Contact: Jeffrey at 519-472-3443 minister.westmount@gmail.com
or

Mavis at 519-631-2414 m.currie@knox.ca for more info

Together we will explore some of the big questions and topics that we encounter as we seek to follow Jesus in the world today. Real conversation, real faith. A joint venture between Westmount and Knox, St. Thomas Presbyterian Churches open to anyone in the Presbytery of London. Lead by Rev. Jeffrey, Rev. Mavis and friends.

For those persons who were not contacted by email, 2017-2018 schedules for Scripture Readers, Hall Shepherds and Welcome Teams have been placed in your mail slot across from the church office.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 4 on their calendars for the seventh annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the NSJ Hall, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below, or complete the tear off slip below and put it in the offering plate.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to “ANOVA” (formerly Women’s Community House) to support their services. ANOVA works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please contact Karen Baron, Angie Benenati , Maureen Jamieson, Marg McGugan, Deb Noble-Van Hee, Cathy Reid or Monica Sass.

I would like to be a guest at Advent by Candlelight dessert and fellowship on December 4.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Outreach flyers are located at each entrance of the church. This flyer includes our continued programming for the summer plus lots of "save the dates" for the Fall. Please pick up several and share with family, friends and neighbours!

Help PWS&D respond to hunger in Southeast Africa. **Please make your cheque out to New St James Presbyterian Church and in your memo line indicate “South Sudan”.**

Together, we can make a difference.

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.

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.



The Ark Aid Street Mission, Inc has been receiving excess produce from Costco—food that might have defective packaging or one 'bad' item in the package. *The Ark* was picking up thousands of dollars worth of good food each week which they shared with their food partners. However, Costco's corporate policy required such food to be collected in a refrigerated truck which *The Ark* did not have. The City's and Province's response to help purchase such a truck "has been something to behold". These officials see how injecting fresh food into our food security programs will benefit potentially thousands in the community. To read more about this initiative, please see the Newsletter posted on the pin board outside the office. You will be interested to know that New St. James' *Thomas Kent Trust Fund* supports **The Ark**.

Reminder to all members of the congregation to keep saving pop can tabs: We sent in a whopping 55 lbs just before Christmas and since then have sent another 14 lbs and have 8 more lbs ready to send. Thank you to everyone who saves these tabs. They really are a wonderful help for folks who need special wheelchairs and strollers. Ask your friends and relatives to save them also. Please place them in the closet in the Nursery on the bottom shelf. Many thanks!!



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!

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