

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, March 15, 2020 - 10:30am

Third Sunday in Lent



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark McLennan

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Janice Mark

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

Counters: Pam Johnston, Susan Pepper, John White

Hall Shepherd: Jacob Golose

Sunday School: Telly Lengkey, Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: In Church Ushering

Hospitality: WMS

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 *My Song Is Love Unknown* K. Osterland (©2000)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn # 61** *O come and sing unto the Lord* (Irish)

Welcome

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

Introit *All Who Hunger (Holy Manna)* William Moore (Shape Note Songbook c. 1825)
All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth you will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *My Soul Is Athirst For God* A. R. Gaul (1837-1913)
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat, day and night, while they daily said unto me, "where is now thy God?" Oh, bring me out of my trouble. My soul is athirst for God...

Prayer for Understanding

Creator God, your Word is the rock beneath our feet, a firm foundation for our lives. Send us your Holy Spirit to be our guide and our light of understanding as we listen for your solid wisdom this day in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

First Lesson Exodus 17: 1-7

Pg. 64 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 95

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

C: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

L: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

C: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

L: when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

C: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

L: I Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

*** 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 5: 1-5

Pg. 155 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 4: 5-30; 39-42

Pg. 94 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Love Unknown (Just As I Am)* Wm. Bradbury (1816-1868);
arr. P. Drennen (©2005)

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou came to set me free! O Lamb of God, I come, I come. My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love for, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Yet who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon and relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! Here might I stay and sing a story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I gladly all my days will spend. Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now to be Thine, yes, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

* **Hymn # 190** *You thirsty ones* (Belmont)

Sermon **“Drink Up!”** Rev. Mark McLennan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 657** *Woman in the night* (New Disciples)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering and Offertory *All Who Hunger (Holy Manna)* D. Wood (©1972)

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 651** *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer* (CWM Rhondda)

* **Commission and Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen # 780**

Postlude *My Song Is Love Unknown (Rhosymedre)* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



The next **Extencicare Church Service**, 860 Waterloo Street, will take place on **Tuesday, March 17 at 2:30 PM**. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Vincent L. Morris

There will be **no Senior's Activity Day** this **Tuesday, March 17th**. It will **resume next Tuesday, March 24th**.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SOUP SUPPER - FILM & DISCUSSION - WORSHIP

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"

"BACK TO BASICS" - Please keep those socks and underwear coming!

CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR LERC - SATURDAY, MARCH 21st

LERC is holding a concert to raise money on Saturday, March 21st, 1:30 to 3:00 PM at **St. James Westminster Church, 115 Askin St.** featuring the Karen Choir of London. This fund raising event is important because the program under which we are attempting to bring a Karen family over to reunite with their relatives here requires LERC to provide all the funding, about \$32,000.

NSJ BOOK CLUB - MARCH 30th

This month the NSJ Book Club is reading *The Muse* by Jessie Burton. Copies of *The Muse* are available in the Stewart Library. Borrowed books must be returned to the Stewart Library by March 29, or at the book club meeting on March 30, at 1:30 PM, at Pat Shaver's home. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. For more information speak to Pat at 519 434 7973.

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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - APRIL 19th

The next fellowship luncheon will take place in the NSJ gym on April 19 after church. This event will feature Htoo Plo who came to Canada as a refugee from Thailand. She recently visited at great personal risk Burma and the very camp she came from as a child. She will give us a first-hand report on the dire conditions in the refugee camps. She will also tell us about the family we are trying to bring to Canada.

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Vacation Bible Camp-Kintail on the Road Monday, March 16 - Friday 20th from 9:00am-3:30pm

Monday, March 16	5:30pm	Northern Hospitality
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, March 17	2:30pm	Extencicare
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Session Mtg.
Wednesday, March 18	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, March 19	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, March 20	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, March 21	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble
Sunday, March 22	10:30am	Worship Service
	1:00pm	Musical Meditations Rehearsal

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS



Shaun MacDonald was inspired to be an instrument of God's peace by the prayer of St. Francis. He decided to put that into action by serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Hebron, Palestine. From October 2019 to January 2020, Shaun provided a protective presence, monitored human rights violations, and supported local peace and human rights groups as he witnessed life under occupation. Most importantly, he visited Palestinian families and shop keepers to learn their stories so he could share them with Canadians upon his return. The World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Since then, over 1,800 accompaniers from 22 countries have participated. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support this important ministry.

Presbyterians Sharing promotes peace in the Middle East

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 8th we collected \$89.75. Our grand total is \$1,014.65.

STEWARDSHIP: We need to help younger people recognize their own capacity to do good and help them discover the rewards of generosity.

Bill Clinton (1946 -), 42nd President of the USA



New St. James Presbyterian Church

Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Stated Supply Minister	Rev. Mark McLennan
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Ministers Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files and Rev. Andrew Reid
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