

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
April 7, 2019 at 10:30am
Fifth Sunday in Lent
We Gather to Worship God**



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Pam Johnston*

Welcome Team: *Frank & Theresa Walsh, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau, Paul Loftus, Ellen Faubert*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Paul McIntosh*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Liz Emmerton*

Sunday School: *Telly Lengkey*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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 *Tis A Gift To Be Simple* (Shaker Tune)

- * **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)
- * **Processional Hymn # 197** *Forty days and forty nights* (Aus Der Tiefe)
- * **Welcome to New St. James** (*Please turn and greet one another*)

Responsive Call to Worship

L: The Great God who made all things is Lord of all nations and peoples. He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

C: The Lord is exalted over all the peoples. A mighty King is he, a lover of justice. Let us extol our God, worshipping at His footstool, for He is Holy.

Introit *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* J. Hilton (1560-1608)
Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with an upright heart before Thee this day and evermore.

Unison Prayer of Approach

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to despair and hopelessness, especially when someone we love is dying; not trusting in Your ability to heal or call forth new life or to translate us into eternal life. Forgive us for doubting your power, to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit You to the end of history or the world beyond this one; for not wanting to trust You to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life, sprouting into being in our very midst, especially in the Season of Lent, which in our country is also the season of Spring! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus calls us to be free, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past, and pushes away the barriers that close us off from love. We are made free in the Spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins. Thanks be to God.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Jesus, Tempted in The Desert (Beach Spring)* from The Sacred Harp, 1844
Jesus tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: “Use your power,” the tempter tells Him, “turn the barren rocks to bread!” “Not alone by bread,” He answers, “can a human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!” Jesus tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: “Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re bound to gain!” Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns His eyes another way: “God alone deserved our homage! God alone will I obey!” When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread. By Your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, Your way betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Our Loving God, we come to You in prayer seeking to understand and make connections that will heal us, that we did not see before in Scripture. Come with, in, and under the Scripture, with Your Great Presence, and be our teacher this day. Amen

First Lesson

I Kings 12: 1-11

Pg. 317 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 93: 1-5

L: The LORD is King, He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, He is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

C: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

L: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

C: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the **LORD!**

L: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, 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

Colossians 1: 15-19

Pg. 200 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Luke 4: 1-13

Pg. 61 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo *Above All* L. LeBlanc & P. Baloché (©1999); arr. M. Hayes (©2005)
Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were there before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth—there's no way to measure what You're worth. Crucified, laid behind the stone; You live to die, rejected and alone. Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

Sermon "The temptation of power!" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 626** *Lord of all power* (Slane)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *A Fantasy on "Beach Spring"* W. Wold (©2000)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of March 31st \$704.90

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story "The Paschal Candle"

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 # 778** *Come, know my joy, the Maker says* (Flight of the Earls)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

A Lenten Recessional on "Beach Spring"

W. Wold (©2000)



GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Women's Council wants to thank all those who helped in any way to make our sale a success. We can always count on the members of this wonderful congregation to make the effort to offer help and bring donations.

BIBLE STUDY - MONDAY NIGHTS

We spend much of our life waiting: for healing for ourselves or a friend, for a wayward child to return to God, for a new job, for marriage and children and grandchildren. Sometimes the waiting can cause us to feel stuck, or forgotten by God. But waiting time is not wasted time. The next Bible Study on Monday nights is "Waiting For God". The eight study sessions (beginning Monday April 8 at 6:30pm) will help you to draw nearer to God in times of uncertainty and postponement. The study will lead us through significant moments of waiting in Scripture. We will become familiar with the dynamics of such times and learn to hear God's call and to rest and trust in his timing.

HIGHLAND GROUP - TUESDAY, APRIL 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Highland Group will meet at the Food Bank on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 to volunteer until 8:00. The Food Bank is at 926 Leathorne Street which is near the corner of Adelaide and Commissioners. Please be there early or on time as the doors are locked at 6:30 and you will not be heard outside. You may wish to bring a donation of food or money. We will go to the Tim Hortons across Commissioners at 8:00. For any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

WMS

WMS meets on Friday, April 12 at noon. Please join us for lunch and to hear about the regional gathering in Vancouver. The theme was "Let your light shine." Please let Cathy Reid know if you want to come.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

Please join us for a free will offering lunch, immediately following church on Sunday, April 14. Our guest speaker is Dr. Gabor Sass. His topic is "Back to the Garden". How to create your own Garden of Eden in the city. This is sure to be an amazing presentation. All ages welcome.

FAITH FORMERS - SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019
at Westmount Presbyterian Church, 9:30am-4:30pm

A day for everyone who cares about passing on faith to the next generations - parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, elders, clergy, all are **welcome**. Our plenary speaker **Rodger Nishioka**, distinguished faith formation educator, will leave you inspired and equipped for your important role. The cost is \$10 includes lunch and 2 workshops. For more information please visit www.faithformers.ca or connect with us on Facebook.com/faith formers.

THE MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE is looking for two or three new members. The Committee meets three or four times a year to allocate the \$10,000 given to it by the Trustees. Meetings usually take place in the morning of the second Friday of the month. If you are interested in learning more about this Committee, please contact Lyn Hill at lyn.hill@sympatico.ca or at 519-472-8353.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, April 8	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, April 9	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland at Food Bank
Wednesday, April 10	7:00 pm	Presbytery
	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	5:30 pm	Dancing with Debbie
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
Thursday, April 11	7:30 pm	Kammerchor
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 12	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	12:00 pm	WMS
Sunday, April 14	7:30 pm	AA
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

“BACK TO BASICS”

“Ask and ye shall receive!” The “Back to Basics” project has collected **592** pairs of socks and underwear, surpassing last year’s total of 431. Many of the items have already been delivered to various agencies. If you wish to donate clothes or provide financial support, just a reminder that this project will end on Easter Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP: To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven.

Johannes Gaertner (1912-1996), poet, theologian, professor

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.



World Health Day (April 7)

Good health starts with good nutrition—especially for young children. In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. Because of crop losses, his single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. She knew Marcellus needed medical attention, but the price of transport to the closest health facility was more than she could afford. Hope came to Marcellus’s mother in the form of a mobile clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a nutrient-rich food supplement called Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Marcellus is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

PWS&D brings health care closer to home

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.



Thank you so much for the wonderful farewell celebration on March 24th. We so appreciate the very kind words, lovely reception and most generous gifts. We will have very fond memories of our time together. We will be back to visit for sure! Until then, you all will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go forward with the next chapter at New St. James. Thanks again!

Godspeed and all our very best, The MacPherson Family

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