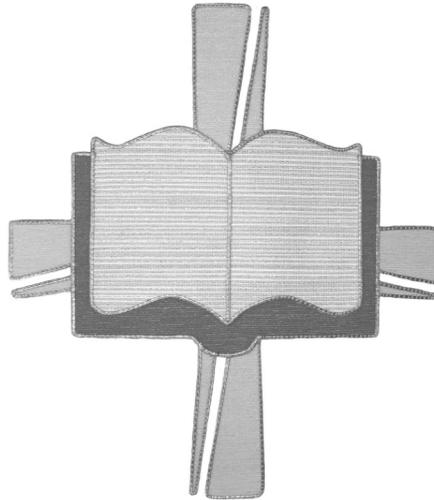


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 10:30am**



## **Serving You Today**

**Worship Leader:** *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

**Music Leader:** *Torin W. Chiles*

**Reader:** *Donna Aziz*

**Welcome Team:** *Rob McGugan, Charlene Beynon, Laura Summers-Crozier, Audrey & Mike Hunter, Doug McKay, Barbara Oshana*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Jim Hunter*

**Nursery:** *Liz Emmerton, Carol Fisher*

**Hospitality:** *Session*

**Sunday School:** *Sonya Malone, Shwe Nyein, Monica Sass, Susan Vallas*

**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.

**\* Please stand, if able**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**    *Melodia Espressivo*

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

\* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn # 433**    *All creatures of our God and King* (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Welcome**

**First Lesson Ruth 1: 1-18 Read by Dr. Thompson**

**Solo**        *Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee*

Ch. Gounod (1818-1893)

Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people will be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried – the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

**Call to worship:**

**L:** “God puts the solitary in Families.” As the world becomes increasingly rootless, help us at New St. James to develop a loving community that serves London and beyond.

**C:** **We serve the Lord God with gladness. We give thanks to God and bless the sacred names of God. For God is good. God’s mercy endures forever. God’s faithfulness continues to exist for all generations.**

**Prayer of Approach from John of Chrysostom ( 349-407)**

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

L: We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

**C: God our Father we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and have acted ungratefully.**

L: Hear our prayer, and in your mercy forgive us and help us.

**C: We enjoy the fruits of harvest but sometimes forget that You have given them to us.**

L: Father in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

**C: We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.**

L: Father in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

**C: We store up goods for ourselves as if there were no God and no heaven. Father forgive us and in thy mercy heal us we pray. Amen.**

### **Word of Assurance**

There is now no condemnation for those of us who belong to Jesus Christ! For Jesus did what the law could never do. He personally took on the human condition, entering into the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right in history, on which we look back and forward, to His coming again. Through him we have been set free!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Anthem**    *God Be In My Head*

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing. [text: The Book of Hours (1514)]

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Mother of all Wisdom, and Father of Surprise, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. Where we are closed, open us up with your Word, that we might recognize the Christ and follow. Amen.

**First Lesson**      Genesis 23: 1-9

**Pg. 18 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading**      Psalm 146: 1-10

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

L: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. he LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

\* **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.

**Gospel Lesson**      Matthew 7: 7-8

**Pg. 7 in N.T.**

**Choir:** This is the Gospel of our Lord

**Choir and Congregation Sung Response: Thanks be to God**



**Anthem**      *The Prayer*      D. Foster (©1998); arr. T. Fettke (©2008)  
We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and teach us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace to a place where we'll be safe. We pray we'll find Your light and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night. Remind us where You are. Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day. Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see. Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. Lead us, Lord.

**Sermon**      "Is There a Cure for Loneliness?"      Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\* **Hymn of Faith # 209**      *O Love that wilt not let me go* (St. Margaret)

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory**      *Hymnus*      César Frank (1822-1890)

### Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Oct. 28th, Tim Hortons has \$3,979.20 and Starbucks has \$2,087.43.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$6,066.63. \*See Financials.**

\* **Doxology**

**Dedication of Offering**

**\* FINANCIALS**

YTD FINANCIALS	Jan 1–Oct 31/18	Jan 1–Oct 31/17	\$ Change	2018 Budget	2017 Budget
Income					
Congregational Support	\$ 182,179	\$ 188,560	\$ (6,381)	\$ 279,000	\$ 269,000
Trust Funds	\$ 106,369	\$ 106,489	\$ (120)	\$ 113,764	\$ 111,597
Other Income	\$ 12,233	\$ 11,330	\$ 903	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,700
Total Income	\$ 300,782	\$ 306,379	\$ (5,597)	\$ 406,264	\$ 394,297
Total Expense	\$ 333,102	\$ 355,555	\$ (22,453)	\$ 413,897	\$ 425,956

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Total Expense is \$333,102

Deficit is \$22,453

*Note from the Minister - We can balance if we all pull together!*

<b>Our Church Family Together</b>
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**Announcements**

**Story**      Hope, Hugs and Sydney Vickers interview with Dr. Thompson.

**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 # 57**      *On Eagle's Wings (On Eagle's Wings)*

**Commission and Response**      *Sing 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.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Grand Choeur Final* T. Dubois (1837-1924)



### **Slippery Sidewalks**

It's that time of year again with the sidewalks getting slippery. Calling one and all to help look out for each other as we traverse those slick sidewalks, streets, lane-ways and parking lots on our way to and from worship. Let's be on the alert to help keep one another safe!

### **CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE & BREAKFAST 25 VENDORS**

**Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Marketplace is almost here! Now is the time to think about BAKING—we need the table loaded with homemade goodies so please help. Pies, cakes, cookies, loaves, muffins, candy, breads, squares, tarts or your very favourite sweet would all be welcome. Please bring them to the church on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> if you can or very early on Saturday morning. Deli items, if to sell frozen, can be marked DELI and brought in anytime and put in the big freezer in the kitchen. SILENT AUCTION items are still welcome—right up to Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. They can be put in the office. If you have PRESERVES to donate, please put them in the lower kitchen by Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> so that Highland can decorate them festively. Bottles for the TOMBOLA table are still needed. Please put them in the box in the office. Thank you to all that have offered to help. For setting up on the Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will start by 9:00. On Saturday, please be here between 8:00 and 8:30 in order to get settled in your assigned spot. If you are able, please dress in the colours of Christmas. Please be sure to tell anyone and everyone about our sale—the BREAKFAST is delicious and along with our own products, the 25 VENDORS will be offering a wide variety of interesting items to purchase—one stop shopping for all your holiday needs!

### **OUTREACH FLYER**

**Outreach flyer information is due as soon as possible.** Please email Joanne at [jmacpherson@newstjames.com](mailto:jmacpherson@newstjames.com) the items you would like to include in the new November/December Outreach Flyer. Please submit your items by Tuesday, November 6th at noon, so that the flyers can be ready for Remembrance Day.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, November 18**

Please join us immediately following church for a free will offering lunch. Cathy Reid and her team that just returned from Malawi is our guest speaker!

### **PIANIST NEEDED**

Marg McGugan is **looking for a pianist for once a month for one-half hour at Manor Village Worship Service**. Anyone interested in playing the piano, please contact Marg by email [me5mcgugan@gmail.com](mailto:me5mcgugan@gmail.com).

### **2018 SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN**

The **Christmas Kettle campaign** is just around the corner. We have the opportunity to **support this Salvation Army program by ‘hosting’ the kettle in the Valumart at Oxford and Richmond**. Our initial target is to fill the 3 hour timeslots on each of **Thursday, November 29; Friday, November 30; and Friday, December 1. Three timeslots per day: 10:00 to 1:00, 1:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 7:00**. The Salvation Army will provide signage identifying New St. James as the host.

**A sign-up sheet is posted in New St. James Hall** for these times plus all other times throughout the 2018 Kettle season. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Walsh. Have fun, help others, and ring those bells!



### **Caring for Creation in Calgary**

The youth at Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary are bettering the health of their local community while also supporting the well-being of the global community. Members of the congregation donated to PWS&D in support of the teens' efforts to pick up litter, rake and sweep around the church's property. In the end, the group collected five large bags of garbage and raised \$932 for PWS&D. "We were encouraged by our faith in Christ's love to share our gifts with the world," shares Roberto DeSandoli, young adult ministry coordinator at Grace. Across Canada, Presbyterians are stewards of the blessings of God—sharing our gifts to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

*Faithful to our calling, we respond together*

### **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.

### **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.



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!

### **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The women of New St. James are asked to mark the evening of **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3** on their calendars for the eighth annual **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**. 6:30pm for fellowship and dessert and service in sanctuary at 7:40pm. If you would like to be a hostess, please contact Maureen Jamieson (519-652-2830) or Angie Benenati (519-471-9158).

**STEWARDSHIP:** In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**Christmas Luncheon Buffets at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.** Come and enjoy a delicious hot buffet and dessert buffet for \$18 per person (HST included) in our historic one room schoolhouse in Puslinch, just south of Guelph. Buffets are served at 12 noon on Tuesday through Friday from December 4th-7th, and December 11th-14th. Reservations are required! Please call 1-800-884-1525 to reserve your table. We look forward to seeing you! [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

## THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, November 5</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, November 6</b>	10:00 am	Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
<b>Wednesday, November 7</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
<b>Thursday, November 8</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, November 9</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, November 10</b>	12:00 pm	Private Function
<b>Sunday, November 11</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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<b>Interim Moderator</b>	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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