

New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday of Peace, December 4, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Jennifer Whitworth*

Welcome Team: *Bruce & Liz Emmerton, Lyn Hill,
Brian & Donna Hunter, Mary Leitch, John White*

Counters: *Ann Milling, Susan Vallas*

Hall Shepherd: *Jacob Golose*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Sonya Malone*

Church School: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Pageant Rehearsal*

Hospitality: *Highland*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School students are starting to prepare for their Christmas pageant. The Nursery is open as usual, and a rocking chair is available in the sanctuary for use during the service.

***Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen* J. Brahms (1833-1897)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (St. Theodolph) **115**

Welcome

Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy see insert

Introit *A Tender Shoot* O. Goldschmidt (1829-1907)
A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race. It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light. This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring. The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing. Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light. [text: Wm. Bartholomew (1793-1867)]

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*
(Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen) H. Distler (1908-1942)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from a tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as prophets long have sung, it came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour, when half-spent was the night.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

May the Spirit of the Lord rest on us, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, and knowledge as we delight in the Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

pg. 640 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁸ **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

pg. 2 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Listen Here!

J. Althouse (©2002)

O, a tiny child will set us free, listen here, listen here. He will come to earth for all to see, listen here, listen here. He's the Saviour God has promised long, and every voice shall rise in song, listen here, listen here. We will ever know His heavenly name; He's the Prince of Peace the angels proclaim, listen here, listen here. He will come to us in dark of night, listen here, listen here. He will fill our souls with love and light, listen here, listen here. Unbar the gate, break down the door; let the Saviour reign forevermore, listen here, listen here. We are waiting for the promised day, when a child will take our sins away, , listen here. O, come, O come Emmanuel, listen here, listen here. And ransom captive Israel, listen here, listen here. Hail to the Lord's anointed Son; He will be the true and Holy One, listen here, listen here. Now we all await His heavenly birth; He'll come down like rain on fruitful earth, listen here, listen here. [text: J. Althouse (©2002)]

Sermon

"Anticipating peace"

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith** *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (Es ist ein' ros' entsprungen)* **151**

Offering and Offertory *Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen* E. Adler (1845-1926)

	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Prayers of Concern		
	Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Come, thou almighty King (Moscow)</i>	293
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<u><i>Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen</i></u>	J. Leavitt (©2001)

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.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, December 5	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study AA
Tuesday, December 6	10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Activity Day at NSJ Lectionary Study Creative Hands
Wednesday, December 7	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
Thursday, December 8	1:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Al-Anon Al-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 9	12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	WMS Caroling All-Ages Event AA
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent 10:30 am 3:30 pm	Worship Service CCNC

Immediately following the worship service today, there will be a congregational gathering for a preliminary budget discussion.

Activity Day at NSJ! Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for bridge, euchre and board game players.

Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**

WMS CHRISTMAS LUNCH **Friday, December 9 12:00 pm**

Meet in the sanctuary at noon. Please bring a gift for the Pastoral Care Remembrances.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Friday, December 9 6:30-8:00 pm

After our carol sing, we will go back to NSJ for hot beverages and yummy treats. Bad weather? Come out for a fun Christmas movie.

Attention Elders: **Christmas Remembrances** for shut-ins will be ready in the Lower Hall for pick up on Sunday, December 13.

ACTIVITY DAY @ NSJ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday, December 13 12:00 pm

Christmas Turkey Lunch with all the trimmings! Cost: \$14.00. Please RSVP your attendance by Sunday, December 11. All welcome!

Start-up for January:

Activity Day January 10

Indoor Playground January 11

An Evening of Hope and Reflection

Wednesday, December 14 7:00 pm

An evening of quiet reflection, special music and inspirational message. This service is designed to help us slow down, bring comfort to those who are struggling or simply to pray for the healing of a troubled world. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.



SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is the time when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We recall those who waited and prepared for the promised Christ child: the prophet Isaiah, Mary, his mother, and John the Baptist. We also think about God's promises that are yet to be revealed under the reign of Christ, in "the age to come" or "the day of the Lord." Advent is oriented in both the past and the future, as we remember the story of the birth of Jesus and prepare for when he will come again. The liturgical colour of the season is purple, the colour of preparation and repentance. The graphic on our linens combines the star of Christmas with the cross of Easter.

MALAWI MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

Calendars are available for sale today for only \$5.00! 12 images of the people of Malawi and New St James, and the work that we are doing together. A year of reminders and a great way to support future ministry together. See Cathy, Gayle, Jessie or Karen after the service.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Thank you to everyone who created another wonderful Advent by Candlelight evening by organizing, hosting, arranging, participating, singing, dancing and providing the music. We raised \$1,327.15 for the work of Women's Community House.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ensure that donations are recorded before year end, they must be received in the church office not later than 12:00 noon on December 30. Anything received after then may not be included in your 2016 receipt.

PWS&D Supports Relief Efforts in Haiti

In the wake of the devastating Hurricane Matthew, over 1.4 million people in Haiti are urgently awaiting humanitarian aid. Coping with the sudden loss of family members, homes and livelihoods, impacted communities are also facing hunger and disease. PWS&D is responding to the situation by providing assistance in the form of food, emergency non-food items, shelter, clean water and sanitation services through our partners at the ACT Alliance. If you wish to help support relief efforts, you may do so by making a donation to PWS&D through your offering envelope, mailing a cheque to the office, donating online or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark all donations "Hurricane Matthew."

Please note: If you worship at NSJ and require financial assistance during the advent season, please see Rev. Reid.

Counters Needed: If you can spare 30 minutes after Service, one Sunday per month, you are invited to join our illustrious group of counters. All you need to know is how to count. Running an adding machine or small spreadsheet is a bonus. Training to be provided. Please see Frank Walsh or email walshfw@gmail.com.



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.



December 10 is Human Rights Day

In many parts of Haiti, a lack of resources, gender power imbalances and widespread poverty limit prevention and treatment for women who are victims of sexual violence. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working to protect and promote the rights of women and girls and ensure they have access to the services they need to combat this injustice. After she was attacked on her way to the market, Rodeline received medical care and psychosocial support from health workers and assistance from social workers so she could access legal support. "I am happy and grateful for the health centre's welcome," says Rodeline. "Every time I went there, the staff always took care of me."

Stewardship:

Consider your possessions loaned to you by God.

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), philosopher

NEW ST. JAMES - WHAT WE BELIEVE:

*God is calling the people of New St James,
as followers of Jesus Christ,
to worship God and to serve the community.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
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