

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Jeff Goud*

Welcome Team: *Dave & June Colwell, David Colwell,
Jeff Goud, Keith McCreary, Tim Van Hees, John White*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Ann Milling*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Sonya Malone*

Church School: *Joanne MacPherson, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Monica Sass, Hannah Whitworth*

Hospitality: *Members at large*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, 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	<i>By Adam's Fall Is All Forlorn (Durch Adams Fall)</i>	D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)
* Entry of the Bible		
* Processional Hymn	<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)</i>	542
Call to Worship	PWS&D Liturgy	see insert
Congregational Introit	<i>Holy, holy, holy (Nicaea)</i>	299

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Duet *We Remember You* W. Harrah (©2000); arr. L. Larson (©2006)
Natalie Mitchell, soprano & Jocelyn Molanar, soprano

We remember You – we remember You by Your sacrifice of love. All glory now is due. At this table here mercy hovers near. Thanks is offered up; in this bread and cup we remember You. Precious risen Lamb, Jesus who was slain, now enthroned in glory, forever You will reign. Gladly we embrace both these signs of grace. Thanks is offered up; in this bread and cup we remember You.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

We who do not live by bread alone, wait for your word, O God, that your steadfast love may surround us. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 **pg. 2 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm 32

- ¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ² **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;**

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

* **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 4:1-11

pg. 3 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay; let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side. If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe if I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt, my soul to deeds of ill, naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Death will come one day to me: Jesus, cast me not from Thee; dying, let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Amen. [text: W.H. Baker (1821-1877)]

Sermon

"Journey to Jerusalem"

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of the Faith**

Lord Jesus, who through forty days (St. Flavian)

200

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (Resignation)

D. E. Thomas (©2001)

- * **Doxology** 830
- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Celebrates Communion

- * **Communion Hymn** *Here, O my Lord, I see thee (Langran) vs. 1-3* 543
- * **Apostles' Creed** 539

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.
 C: **And also with you.**
 L: Lift up your hearts.
 C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
 L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
 L: ...we lift our hearts in joyful praise:
 C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**
 L: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
 C: **Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung) 831

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion

- * **Hymn of Discipleship** *Here, O my Lord, I see thee (Langran) vs. 4-7* 543
- * **Commission and Response** *Day by day* 455
- * **Benediction**

Postlude *O Lamb Of God Unspotted
 (O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig) M. Reger (1873-1916)*

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, March 6	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Financial Task Force AA
Tuesday, March 7	10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Activity Day@NSJ Lectionary Study Creative Hands Human Resources
Wednesday, March 8	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Indoor Playground Lenten Service
Thursday, March 9	1:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Al-Anon Al-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 10	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	WMS AA
Sunday, March 12	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Worship Service CCNC

If you are an adult leader, teen leader or a leader in training (grades 7 & 8) for VBC please attend this very quick, but important, orientation lunch immediately following today's service.

COMMUNION

We gather at our Lord's Table today, in memory of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died and rose from death for our sakes. Please note that the bread that we serve is gluten-free and nut-free, and that you have the choice of red wine or white grape juice. You are invited to partake of the elements as soon as you have been served.

The youth and their families would like to sincerely thank you for attending the "Souper" Luncheon last Sunday. We raised \$536.00! This will help sponsor at least 10 youth to attend the junior high retreat at Camp Kintail in June. Many thanks to all those who donated soups, squares and helped the day of with set up and clean up. Your support for the youth at NSJ is most appreciated!

Thank you to all who attended, promoted, and helped with the Shrove Tuesday Supper. The Fundraising Committee initiative raised \$346.55. The funds will be used to support both the operations and mission work of New St. James.

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 shuffleboard and card players.

CREATIVE HANDS meet Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please join us between 1&3 pm in an upstairs classroom.

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

WMS LUNCHEON
Friday, March 10 12:00 pm

If you are unable to attend, please contact Ann McClatchey.

Don't forget to **turn your clocks ahead** one hour next Sunday, March 12.



NSJ Fundraising

Please mark this date on your calendar (and invite all your friends!):

March 29 5:30–7:00pm **Spaghetti Dinner** \$10 per adult; \$5 per child 12 & under

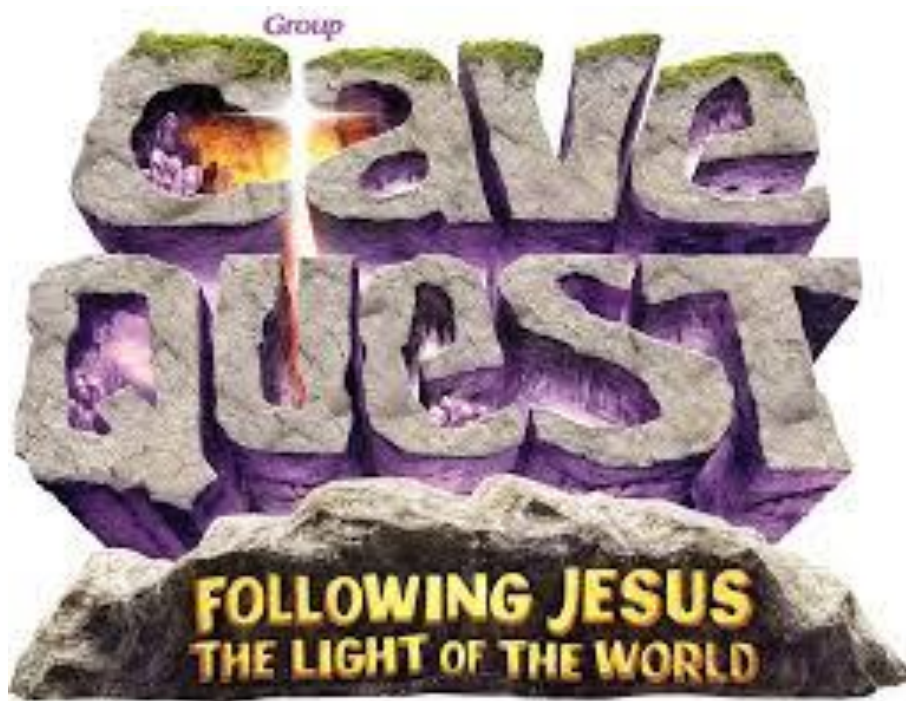
If you would like to help at this event, or you would like to organize another fundraiser for NSJ, please contact Frank Walsh, Deb van Hees or Joanne McPherson.

The 2017 “**Back to Basics**” project is upon us! Please donate new socks and underwear in the boxes provided at each entrance. The clothes will be delivered to various organizations in the city.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at

New St. James Presbyterian Church



March Break - March 13-17, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Early drop off available at 8:30 a.m.)

JK - Grade 6

Cost: \$5.00

**Registration forms available in the church office or
at www.newstjames.com**



In the early church, Lent was a time of training and preparation for baptismal candidates at Easter. By the fourth century, it developed into a 40-day period, following the biblical pattern of 40 days or 40 years of preparation and anticipation. In its early form, elements of penitence were included. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple, the colour of penitence and reflection. In our tradition, Lent is a time to re-examine and reaffirm our identity as people baptized into Christ's body, the church.

Our baptism is a symbolic dying and rising with Christ. In Lent, we turn with Christ towards these events in his life. Along the way, the Spirit gives the opportunity for us to redirect and refocus our lives, and more fully realize our baptismal identity. We recall where we are going and what it cost God for us to become resurrection people. We become open to the possibilities of new beginnings all around us. The season of Lent points us to Easter.

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.



International Women's Day (March 8)

Deeba teaches chemistry at a high school in Afghanistan, where cultural barriers frequently limit opportunities for women and prevent them from entering the workforce. While she has the support of her family, Deeba experienced challenges as a woman working outside the home. One challenge was the lack of training she received in educational methods, making it difficult to teach her lessons. Thanks to a Presbyterian World Service & Development program that supports training for teachers in Afghanistan, Deeba is participating in workshops to help her improve the quality of lessons for her students. Because of this program, she is inspiring students to reach their full potential and setting examples for women. "I can feel the respect for myself in my students' eyes."

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.

Stewardship:

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

*Augustine (354-430 AD),
Christian theologian and 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.*

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