

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 10:30am**



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David S. Thompson

Music Leader: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Jennifer Whitworth

Welcome Team: Irwandi Yusuf, John & Sonya Malone, Ann McClatchey,

Ian & Mary Lou McCrimmon, Rosemary Whittaker

Counters: Ellen Faubert, Pat Goud, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh

Hall Shepherd: Cathy Rudell

Sunday School: Pat Taylor, Telly Lengkey, Shwe Nyein

Hospitality: Men of NSJ

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 *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether (Union Seminary)* H. Friedell (©1957);
arr. J. Biery (©1996)

- * **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)
- * **Processional Hymn # 52** *How lovely is thy dwelling place* (Harington)
- * **Welcome to New St. James** (*Please turn and greet one another*)

Responsive Call to Worship

L: On this fourth Sunday of Easter we celebrate that women were first to the tomb and first with the Good news that Jesus was alive after his death and crucifixion. It is also Mother's day when we celebrate the special role that a mother has to birth us. Today we all give thanks for the woman who birthed us into this world and are grateful for the gift of life she brought to us. We are also grateful for all the mothers we know who bless our lives with their kindness.

C: Dear God, for all the mothers here this day; for those not with us, who we have lost to death, separation, mental illness or dementia; those who live far away from us, mothers all, who blessed us with the gift of life, we give grateful thanks and ask You to bless them wherever they are in this reality or the next.

Introit *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether (Union Seminary)* H. Friedell (©1957)
Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name two or three are met together You are in the midst of them. Hallelujah! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

Unison Prayer of Approach

God of all life, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of baptism, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other in faith and Life. Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers: who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt, whose love and care we usually took for granted, as we often take Your love for granted. Today we pray for: those who are grieving the loss of their mother, maybe even years after they were separated; those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her; those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love; the families separated in the wars across the earth Lord God give them all special blessings. Keep us united the way Jesus intended, so that we can nurture all people with unconditional love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Our Lord God every mother knows deep down inside, the importance of forgiveness and of being forgiven. Experiencing forgiveness when we have wronged someone can be huge. We realize, after hurt, that forgiveness isn't often an easy gift to extend. But we are all aware that You forgive those who confess their sins, and wish to be rid of them. And so, we are grateful for Your unending unconditional love for us. Thank-you for Fathering us and Mothering us through the tough times in life. Help us to embrace Your gift of forgiveness this Day and extend it to others as You wish us to do. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* D.A. White (©1994)
Mothering God, You gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, You are my rain, my wind, my sun. Mothering God, You took my form, offering me Your food of light, grain of life and grape of love, Your very body for my peace. Mothering spirit, nurturing One, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know. [text: Juliana of Norwich (c. 1417)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

In these sacred words help us to find the pulse of a Life lived with confidence in You and the Future, whatever it holds for us.

Responsive Reading Psalm 84: 1-7

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

L: They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

*** 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 Acts 9: 36-43

Pg. 128 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 2: 1-11

Pg. 93 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *A Mother's Silent Prayer*

Sally DeFord (©2001)

She calls upon the Father of creation, with every act of kindness for our sake. She seeks His grace to guard and guide her children, to raise us up in righteousness, strengthen us in faith, *and as each labour of her love becomes an offering, gifts upon the altar of her home, He hears her silent prayer, and labours with her there, to mold our hearts, to shape our very souls.* Every selfless deed is her petition, that bears aloft a fervent, wordless plea, and like a prayer ascending into heaven, every quiet sacrifice entreats Him silently. *And as each labour of her love...* Each word of hope or counsel, each sorrow that she shares, each comfort that she offers, is a mother's silent prayer. Of high estate or poor and lowly station, 'mid mortal praise, or by the world unknown, every work of motherhood's devotion rises up to plead for her before the Father's throne. *And as each labour of her love...*

Sermon

"A mother's best gift?"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 434** *For the beauty of the earth (Dix)*

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *Good Christians All, Rejoice And Sing (Gelobt Sei Gott)*
J. Leavitt (©1991)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of May 5th \$1,531.95

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

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

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *Come You Faithfull, Raise The Strain (Gaudeamus Paritur)*
R. Farlee (©1995)



OFFICE NOTE: This week I will be away at CRIEFF Monday to Wednesday.
Bonnie Marcaccio will be here. Thanks, Judi Le Blanc.

HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday , May 14, 7:00 p.m.

Highland will gather this Tuesday in the parlour for a meeting led by Cathy Reid and Karen Baron. They will be doing a presentation on Tumekutana, a conference for African women from 22 countries that they attended before their last trip to Malawi. Guests are welcome to come. For more information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

Reminder - Session Reports are due to the office Monday, May 13th.

SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, June, 15th Friendship Communion & Strawberry Luncheon



Sunday, June 23rd Summer Picnic at Gibbons Park

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, May 13	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, May 14	10:00 am	Activity Day
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery
Wednesday, May 15	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
Thursday, May 16	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, May 17	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, May 19	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

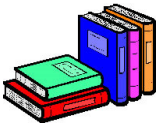
STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

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.



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.



Envisioning Malaria-free Communities

In Thimalala village in Malawi, Jimmy Gondwe was not sleeping well. He was concerned about the mosquitoes inside his home, fearing they carried the deadly malaria virus. While malaria rates have gone down in Malawi, it remains a significant health challenge, especially among pregnant women and children. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes mostly bite at night, with more than 80 per cent of transmission occurring indoors. To help ensure more households stay healthy and malaria-free, a Presbyterian World Service & Development project is helping to safely treat homes with insecticide. Jimmy reports that since the project, he feels safer inside his home—a now mosquito-free environment. “I am grateful for the support,” Jimmy said.

PWS&D envisions malaria-free communities

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.

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