

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
May 26, 2019 at 10:30am
6th Sunday of Easter before the Ascension 2019**



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David S. Thompson

Music Leader: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa Walsh

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

Ian & Mary Lou McCrimmon, Rosemary Whittaker

Counters: Jim Hoskin, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon

Hall Shepherd: Vince Morris

Nursery: Liz Emmerton

Sunday School: Karen Baron, Pat Taylor (Teens)

Hospitality: Highland

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

We thank you, that through his Ascension Jesus is now set free to be Lord of all: no longer bound to a particular place or time, but with us always—able to reach, even to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, Forgive us for so often failing to grasp the wonder of the Ascension, for living each day as though it had never been. Forgive the smallness of our vision, the narrowness of our outlook, the weakness of our love, the nervousness of our witness, our repeated failure to recognize the fullness of your revelation in Christ Give us a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith, and a greater understanding of all You have done. For, Like the Apostles, we too will never fully understand all Ascension means. We accept, but we do not fully understand. We believe, yet we have many questions. Help us, despite our uncertainty, to hold firm to the great truth that the wonder of Jesus the Christ, goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine; and in that faith, may we live each day, to His glory and honour. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Minister)

There is now no condemnation for those of us who belong to Jesus Christ! We no longer have to live under the threat of God's judgment. For through Jesus, we have been freed from the tyranny of sin and death. 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, once and for all. Through Him we have been set free!

Thanks be to God!

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Indescribable* J. Reeves & L. Story; arr. A. Albritton (©2009)
From the highest heights to the depths of the sea creation's revealing Your majesty. From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring, every creature's unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming: indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name; You are amazing, God! All powerful! Untameable! Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim: You are amazing, God! Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go; or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow? Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light, yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom: *Indescribable...*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 47: 1-9

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

C: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

L: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

L: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

L: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

C: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

L: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

*** 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 Ephesians 1: 15-23

Pg. 192 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24: 44-53

Pg. 91 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem: *All Hail The Power Of Jesu's Name*

H. Ley (1887-1962)

All hail the power of Jesu's name, let angels prostrate fall: bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call; praise Him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown Him Lord of all. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David's Lord did call; the God incarnate – Man Divine; and crown Him Lord of all. Let every tribe and every tongue before Him prostrate fall; and shout in universal song the crowned Lord of all. Amen.

Sermon: "The full blown mystery of the Ascension" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

*** Hymn of Faith: # 270** *The head that once was crowned with thorns* (St. Magnus)

Prayers for the World

Offering and offertory *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*
(Westminster Abbey) D. Lasky (©2011)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of May 19th \$1,855.00

* **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 # 267** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* (Darwall's)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise* (Llanfair) R.J. Powell (©1995)



Attention Elders: Communion packages are ready for pick up in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, May 27	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, May 28	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, May 29	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
Thursday, May 30	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, May 31	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, June 1	9:00 am	AA
	4:00 pm	CCNC practice
Sunday, June 2	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

SAVE THE DATES!



Saturday, June 15th Friendship Communion & Strawberry Luncheon



Sunday, June 23rd Summer Picnic at Gibbons Park

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS:

And now, our God, we give thanks to you, and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13

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.



Family-Style Worship

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Family Church of Heritage Green in Stoney Creek, ON is a community of faith offering family-style worship that includes all. From songs and prayers written with kids in mind to interactive activities that draw the gathered community into God's presence, every service brings families together while putting Christ at the center. All programs in the church, such as kids club, youth leadership-in-training and parent support groups, work towards the goal of supporting local families while building lasting relationships.

Presbyterians Sharing supports new congregations



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.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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