

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 10:30am**



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Marg McGugan*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Pamela Johnston*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Pat & Jeff Goud, Jean Hadley, Janet Hines*

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

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Cathy Taylor*

Hospitality: *Highland*

Stewart Library: *Open very Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: The service today includes the Church School children. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

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* Please stand, if able

Prelude *Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring (from Cantata No. 147)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)

* **Processional Hymn # 174** *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Mordun)*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: One: Arise! Shine!

C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Arise! Shine!

C: God's light pierces the darkness.

L: Arise! Shine!

C: God's light is revealed for the way ahead in this new year.

L: Arise! Shine!

C: For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Let us worship God!

Introit *Bring We the Frankincense Of Our Love* H. K. Carmichael (©1976)

Bring we the frankincense of our love to the feet of the holy Child, ever remembering God's great gift of a love that is undefiled. Holy the Infant, and holy the mother, and precious the gifts that we bring: praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit and praise to Christ Jesus our King!

Prayer of Approach

God of power and might, of grace and of love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joy and sorrow, manifesting your greatness in the child of the manger. And so, we praise you for your love which is great enough to embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts. Surprise us with your grace that we, with the rest of the church and the whole creation, may praise and adore you, O God, our Creator and Redeemer and Guide.

Unison Prayer of Confession

In recalling all that you are and all that you do we recall who we are and what we have done. Let us confess together our sins: **God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us as a gift to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. There are times when we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light; We hold tightly to our possessions while Christ blesses the poor. We waste our gifts; we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, forgive us and help us to amend our ways.**

Words of Assurance

God is righteous and just and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. Like “rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth”. God’s goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through this child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God’s mercy and assurance of pardon. Amen

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *The Coventry Carol* trad. English Carol; arr. M. Hayes (©1999)
Lully, lullay, thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day, this poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by, by lully, lullay? Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay. Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever mourn and say, for Thy parting nor say, nor sing, by, by lully, lullay. [melody & text from *The Coventry Pageant* of the Shearmen and Tailors (15th C)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit open our ears to the call of your voice, open our eyes to the dawning of a new day, open our hearts to a new way of living, in Jesus name we pray

Responsive Reading Psalm 72: 10-15

L: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

C: May all kings fall down before him; all nations give him service.

L: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

C: He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

L: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;

C: Precious is their blood in his sight.

L: May gold of Sheba be given to him

C: May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

* **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 3: 7-12

Pg. 193 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pg. 2 in N.T.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Love Came Down At Christmas*

M. Sirett (© 1998)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine; Love was born at Christmas – stars and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love Divine; worship we our Jesus: wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, Love be your and love be mine, Love to God, Love for plea, Love for gift and Love for sign. [text: C. Rosetti (1830-1894)]

Sermon: “A Serenity of Love”

Marg McGugan

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 145**

In the bleak mid-winter (Cranham)

Prayers for the World



Offering and Offertory *In Bethlehem a Wonder (Zu Bethlehem Geboren)*
H. Schroeder (1904-1984)

In joyful response let us offer our gifts to God. The offer will now be received.

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Dec. 30, Tim Hortons has \$5,519.10 and Starbucks has \$2,847.38.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$8,366.48.**

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Children's Story

Prayers for the People

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 # 371** *Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)*

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

*** Sung 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.

Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hyfrydol)* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



HIGHLAND

The next meeting of the Highland Ladies is at Cathy Taylor's home on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PLAN (PAR)

Would like to arrange for automatic payment from your bank account to contribute financially to our church through PAR? Or, would like to adjust your current amount? It is an easy process, please contact Judi in the office for details.

Reminder: Session reports due Wednesday, January 9th.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 7	6:30 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, January 8	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Highland
Wednesday, January 9	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
Thursday, January 10	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, January 11	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, January 12	9:30 am	Private Function
Sunday, January 13	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



Every Gift Matters

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, "Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts." Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters!

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

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!

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 the December/January/February Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

STEWARDSHIP: Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer, lay theologian

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