

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, March 6, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Megan Shin*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Jeff Goud*

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

Counters: *Dave Daggett, Ann Milling, Susan Vallas*

Hall Shepherd: *Ann Milling*

Nursery: *Sonya Malone, Nancy Roach*

Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Pat Goud*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *Session*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

As we listen to the words of scripture, soften our hearts, O God, that we may be changed and made anew. Amen.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

pg. 181 in N.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.

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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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

pg. 78 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Redeemed A. L. Butler (©1963); arr. S. Brubacher (2002)

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!
Redeemed through His infinite mercy; His child, and forever, I am. Redeemed, and so
happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell! I know that the light of His presence

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 7	9:00 am	Ox-Well Activity Program
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 8	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery (Westmount PC)
Wednesday, March 9	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study
	5:30 pm	Conversation Circle
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday, March 10	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, March 11	12:00 pm	WMS
	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, March 13	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	CCNC

The **Spirituality Centre** is open for Lent in the classroom opposite the upstairs kitchen. The theme this year is *"Body Image and Prayer Text"*.

"Put a sock or two in it!" That phrase is the 2016 theme for the **BACK TO BASICS** Lenten project. Can you 'give up' a coffee/tea each week in Lent and 'take up' the challenge to use that money to purchase socks and underwear for needy men, women and children? Items will be donated to local groups such as Rotholme, Quintin Warner House, the Unity Project Against Homelessness in London and Merrymount. The Mission and Social Action Committee is so confident you can **"put a sock in it"** that collection boxes are at every church entrance during Lent. *"Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."* *Philippians 2:4*

HIGHLAND

Tuesday, March 8 7:00 pm

All women are warmly invited to attend this meeting.

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

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

2016 LENTEN SERVICES AT NEW ST JAMES

"Will you come and follow me?" Biblical leaders of God's people - warts and all

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30pm, in the McNair Chapel

WMS

Friday, March 11 12:00 pm

Please contact Cathy Reid if you are unable to attend the luncheon.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

March 14-18

Planning is already underway for VBC and we are excited about "conquering challenges with God's mighty power." Well, why not help in one of the following areas - crafts, snacks, games, music, stories or mission? If you can help, please speak to Deb Noble-Van Hees, Karen Baron or Cathy Reid after church.



SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 2 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Time to start getting your donations ready for our Spring sale. We will need household goods, good, clean clothing (men's, women's and children) including shoes, books (no magazines or encyclopedias), jewellery, bedding, toys and other treasures you may have. Help will be needed during the sale AND two days prior in order to get ready. Mark this date on your calendars and be sure to tell family and friends about this sale! Any questions, contact Karen Rendell.

**PRESBYTERIANS GOT TALENT!
(A Variety Show Fundraiser)
Saturday, April 16 7:00-8:30 show**

Sweets, coffee and tea to follow

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and/or help with the night of the program. Please see Frank and Theresa Walsh or Deb Noble Van-Hees if you are interested. Thanks!

MALAWI 2016 - CAN HELP!

If you have a sewing machine, or have access to a sewing machine and can sew a straight stitch, this opportunity is for you. The Mission Trip to Malawi this September will be setting up an eye assessment clinic and will provide eye glasses for those who need them. To date, there are 2000 pairs of eye glasses donated and making the trip. Those eye glasses also need to be protected so we are making **2000 eye glass cases**.

Eye Glass Case Sewing Kits include:

A "**simple**" pattern (that takes **10 minutes** to complete), a sample eye glass case and material that is ready to sew will be available for pick-up starting Sunday, March 6 after church in the New St. James Hall during coffee hour. Each sewer is asked to consider taking one pile of fabric that will make 25 eye glass cases. Then, please consider another kit.

Where can I Pick-Up Kits or Return Finished Eye Glass Cases?

Eye glass sewing kits will be available for pick-up and return in the Church office during the week and Sunday's after church in the NSJ Hall during coffee hour. *There will be a sign-in sheet available at pick-up and drop-off.*

Timelines to Complete:

We would like this project to be completed before the end of June so everyone can enjoy their summer. Therefore, we would like to have 500 eye glass cases completed by the end of each month (March, April, May, and June). **The count is on!**

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Mary Anne Simpson at 519-657-3754.

Thank you for your support.

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 devotionals are available, at no charge.
- ❖ A copy of “**Body, Mind and Soul:** Thinking together about human sexuality and sexual orientation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada” is available.
- ❖ CBC **Canada Reads 2016** shortlist book selections are available.

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ this fall. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

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.



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.



March 8 is International Women’s Day

Simiona, Santa, Isaura and Leona are Maya-Mam women living in Guatemala. Unfortunately, like many other indigenous women striving to provide for their families, they are faced with discrimination, unequal treatment and the unrelenting cycle of poverty. Through the local Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported group called United for Development, however, their lives have transformed. They are learning how to properly raise livestock, produce organic fertilizers and diversify crops to increase their yields. After receiving training in small business development, they are also empowered to use their household income to support their families and community. Through the program, Simiona, Santa, Isaura and Leona are inspired to claim their rights and make a positive difference in their lives and in the lives of those around them.



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. Keep saving those stamps!

Stewardship:

Safeguard Creation, because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us! Never forget this!

Pope Francis (1936 -)

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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