

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**185th Anniversary Sunday, May 6, 2018**



## **Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Karen Buchwald*

Welcome Team: *Irwandi Yusuf, Sonya & John Malone, Ann McClatchey,  
Mary Lou & Ian McCrimmon, Rosemary Whittaker*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Bruce Curtis*

Nursery: *Winn Files, Cathy Taylor*

Church School: *Sonya Malone, Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

**Note to 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**                      *Come, Come My Voice (Aria)*                      J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

\* **Entry of the Bible (When the trumpet sounds the congregation stands if able)**

\* **Opening Hymn**              *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey)*              **482**

**Welcome to the 185th celebration of the Foundation of the Church of New St. James!**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** “Look to the rock from which you were hewn!” For Your great faithfulness and Your constant renewal we give You thanks. We worship you as Creator and Sustainer of the universe and all that is.

**C:** **We are glad to be here at home in New St. James and looking forward to God’s continued goodness towards us as a congregation. We are inspired by our past and the field of all possibilities that lies before us. Help us celebrate today by being authentic with each other, kind, and faithfully optimistic about the future that awaits us all.**

**Introit**                      *Come, Let Us Sing*                      M.K. Beall (©2011)  
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Come, let us shout to the Rock of our salvation. Let us sing, let us shout, let us offer our praise! Come, let us sing!

### **Unison Prayer of approach**

Our loving God, we have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. We have come to God Himself, who is the Judge over all

things. We have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. Thank-you for the amazing company of heaven, here in spirit with us, as we remember them and the foundation they laid on which we build. Forgive us whenever we fall short of the legacy of Grace which they left for us. Let their example inspire us to seize the future as they did in their time and generation. Amen.  
Amen

**Words of assurance**

Minister: No one who sincerely asks for forgiveness from God is ever denied. In Christ we are all forgiven and set free to be fully our best selves!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**We Hear the Word of God**

**Anthem**      *This Is Our Meeting Place With God*      V.T. Courtney (©2007)  
This is our meeting place with God. This is our blessed communion. Praying and singing our thanks to the Lord, sharing in this sacred union. Come now, listen. Come and hear His voice. Kneel down, worship. Come now, all, and rejoice. Setting the table of fellowship where all are invited to know Him. Tasting and seeing how good is the Lord, come as you are and adore Him. Come now, listen...

**Reader**

Our forefathers and mothers heard these words in the King James version of scripture. Once the King James was considered to be in the vernacular language of the day as was Shakespeare! We are grateful for all those saints and modern scholars who have laboured over scripture to give us the sacred library of the Bible in contemporary language.

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Dear God, please help us to treat the scripture as Jesus did, who was unafraid to substitute love of the enemy for scripture that did not conform to love. Illuminate Scripture with Jesus' take upon it we pray, so that we may be Christlike. Amen.

**First Lessons**

Isaiah 40:27-31,  
Isaiah 51:1-6

**Pg. 668 in O.T.**  
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### **Responsive Psalm 150**

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**C: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**C: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

### \* **Gloria Patri**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 15:11-23

**Pg. 78 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Solo** *On Eagle's Wings* M. Joncas (©1979); arr. M. Hayes (©1991)  
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" *And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.* The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear. Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *And He will raise you up...* You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *And He will raise you up...* For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot upon a stone. *And He will raise you up...*

**Sermon** "Roots and wings!"

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

### \* **Hymn of Faith** Glorious things of thee are spoken (Austria)

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What New St. James Means to Me: - John Stewart  
- Shwe Nyein  
- The Harris Family: Steve, Lesley, James & Isla

## Prayers for the World

**Offering and Offertory**     *Ayre (Westminster Abbey)*     R. Proulx (©1993)

*The Tim Hortons and Starbucks cups are a fun way to raise money by contributing the loose change we have. The two cups are separately tracked to see which does better over the year. The money is earmarked for the deficit for 2018. Target is \$10,000. Collections so far: Tim Hortons \$1,455.59, Starbucks \$632.25 for a total of \$2,087.84.*

Praise God from where all blessings flow.

- \* **Celebratory Doxology** 830
- \* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

### Announcements

**Presentation**     **The choir and congregation moves to where they can see the T.V. for the presentation.**

### 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**     *The church is wherever God's people (Cornish Carol)*     **484**

- \* **Commissioning,  
Sung Benediction and Amen**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each and every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see: God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Postlude** *Trumpet Recessional (Westminster Abbey)*     R. Proulx (©1993)



**HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.**

The Highland ladies will meet in the parlour to hear a presentation from Cathy Reid regarding her experiences in Guiding. As we know Cathy can do, she will provide us with an interesting talk. Worship will start the meeting with refreshments following Cathy's presentation. Guests are welcome as well as anyone interested in becoming a member. Please call Karen Buchwald, 519-641-6742, for any further information.

**Notice - Elder's Packages ready for pick-up in Narthex**

**Harris Funeral Home is presenting a free Community Seminar.**

Topic: **Exploring Eight Critical Questions when someone you love dies.**

**Wed., May 16 at Forest City Community Church, 3725 Bostwick Rd.**

Featuring Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD, grief counselor. **To register call (519)**

**433-7253**

**Reminder:** Session reports are due in the office by Tuesday, May 8th.



**A dynamic gathering of youth**

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the vibrant ministry of Canada Youth. Every two years, hundreds of participants join together from across our denomination to celebrate their energetic faith. This remarkable event in July unites youth, young adults, church leaders and guests from around the world for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in large and small groups, dynamic keynotes and workshops, vibrant faith exploration and joyful celebration! CY is a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, make new friends, study scripture, and share joy. More than 4,000 folks have attended CY since it began and the impact of its ministry has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts.

*Presbyterians Sharing equips Presbyterian youth*

**Canada Youth information session at NSJ—Thurs. May 10th at 7:00 p.m.**  
 You are invited to come out and learn more about the Canada Youth Conference which will be held at Brock University in St. Catherine's July 2-7. Questions? Please call Joanne at the church.

**Stewardship:**  
 Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.  
*St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), philosopher, theologian*

**Congregational church picnic is Sunday, June 10 at Gibbons Park immediately after the church service. Pot luck lunch, games, refreshments and home-grown FUN.**

<b>THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES</b>		
<b>Monday, May 7</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study AA
<b>Tuesday, May 8</b>	10:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Activity Day at NSJ Lectionary Bible Study Amabile Highland Presbytery (Burns, Mosa)
<b>Wednesday, May 9</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
<b>Thursday, May 10</b>	1:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	AI-Anon Canada Youth Information Session AI-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, May 11</b>	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	WMS AA
<b>Saturday, May 12</b>	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gassi Voice Studio's Spring Rehearsal Gassi Voice Studio's Recital

**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.

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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