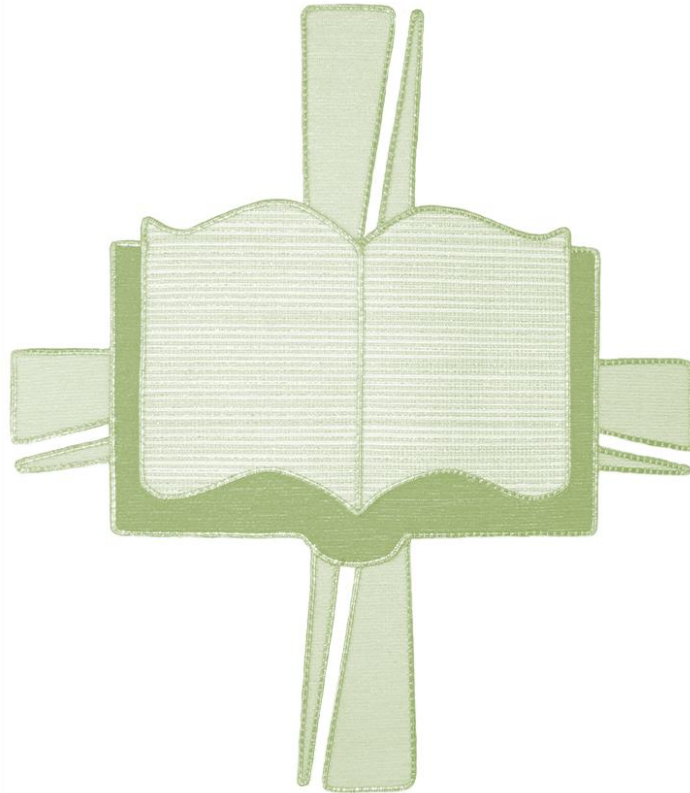


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 10:00 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Ann Milling*

Welcome Team: *Volunteers*

Counters: *Doug McKay, Ann Milling*

Hall Shepherd: *Kathy Ruggi*

Nursery: *Janet Hines, Winn Files*

Summer Church School: *Cathy Reid*

Theme: *On the hillside*

Hospitality: *Lemonade*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for Visitors: Summer Church School at New St. James starts at 10:00 am, 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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Entry of the Bible**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God meets us in our moments of greatest need

C: and in our moments of greatest fulfilment.

L: God's presence with us is God's greatest gift to us.

C: In gratitude, we come to worship the LORD our God.

* **Hymn of Praise** *When morning gilds the skies* (Laudes Domini) **438**

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Musical Offering *Within These Walls* P. Choplin (©2010)
Grace Hakala, soprano

Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in Your name. As we join our hearts in a holy unison, we come to find communion in Your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond, a spirit from above. And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by Your love. *We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels and You are the wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, You are the Bread.* Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm. *We are the branches...* Within these walls, give us Your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls there are hurting people who have never felt Your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let Your will be done. We are Your people; You will leave us never, and we shall work together until Your kingdom comes. Your kingdom come! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, as you have held us close through nights of wrestling, so let your blessing be upon us. Open our ears to your Word that we may know your presence now. Amen.

First Lesson	Genesis 32:22-31	pg. 30 in O.T.
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 14:13-21	pg. 16 in N.T.
Sermon	“Pearl of great value”	Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

*	Hymn of the Faith	<i>Be thou my vision (Slane)</i>	461
	Prayers of Concern		
	Offering and Offertory	<i>Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (In Babilone)</i>	Dutch Folk Tune; arr. J. Leavitt (©1991)
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Our Church Family Together		
	Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Come, know my joy, the Maker says (Flight of the Earls)</i>	788
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>Lord Of Glory, You Have Brought Us (Hyfrydol)</i>	A. Moore (©1995)

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.

Lemonade Time! Lemonade and cookies are served after the summer worship services. We are looking for hosts for one or more Sundays from now until the first week of September. The sign-up list is in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you for your help.



NOTES FROM THE MINISTER

I am sorry to inform you that Janet Hisey has submitted her resignation as our office administrator. She and her family plan to move closer to her husband's work and to the university where her daughters will be studying. But she will work with us as we search for her successor.

The HR committee has begun its work of reviewing the position description, planning a recruitment strategy, considering how and where to advertise, and establishing what the needs of the congregation are right now and in the light of my retirement.

We will miss Janet enormously, but this is the right step for her family. There will be an opportunity to say a proper farewell later, but for now, be assured that we have the matter in hand and will move ahead decently and in good order.

As wildfires remain active in British Columbia, please pray for affected communities and first responders. Donations may be made to PWS&D in support of physical and emotional recovery for those impacted by the fires. Mail a cheque to the office, give through your offering envelope (clearly marked for BC Fires), donate online, or call 1-800-619-7301. Please mark donations for "BC Fires." Learn more at WeRespond.ca/bc-wildfires.

REAL FAITH: Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Curious about your life, faith and the world? Keen to connect with other young adults? Join us!

When: Fourth Thursday of the month
Time: 8 pm-9 pm
Where: Westmount Presbyterian Church,
521 Village Green Ave.,
London (beside Westmount Mall)
Contact: Jeffrey at 519-472-3443 minister.westmount@gmail.com
or
Mavis at 519-631-2414 m.currie@knox.ca for more info

Together we will explore some of the big questions and topics that we encounter as we seek to follow Jesus in the world today. Real conversation, real faith. A joint venture between Westmount and Knox, St. Thomas Presbyterian Churches open to anyone in the Presbytery of London. Lead by Rev. Jeffrey, Rev. Mavis and friends.

For those persons who were not contacted by email, 2017-2018 schedules for Scripture Readers, Hall Shepherds and Welcome Teams have been placed in your mail slot across from the church office.

Please note that on Sundays July 2 up to and including September 3 the Worship Service begins at 10:00 am.

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Outreach flyers are located at each entrance of the church. This flyer includes our continued programming for the summer plus lots of "save the dates" for the Fall. Please pick up several and share with family, friends and neighbours!

Help PWS&D respond to hunger in Southeast Africa. **Please make your cheque out to New St James Presbyterian Church and in your memo line indicate "South Sudan".** Together, we can make a difference.

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.

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.



The Ark Aid Street Mission, Inc has been receiving excess produce from Costco—food that might have defective packaging or one 'bad' item in the package. *The Ark* was picking up thousands of dollars worth of good food each week which they shared with their food partners. However, Costco's corporate policy required such food to be collected in a refrigerated truck which *The Ark* did not have. The City's and Province's response to help purchase such a truck "has been

something to behold". These officials see how injecting fresh food into our food security programs will benefit potentially thousands in the community. To read more about this initiative, please see the Newsletter posted on the pin board outside the office. You will be interested to know that New St. James' *Thomas Kent Trust Fund* supports **The Ark**.

Reminder to all members of the congregation to keep saving pop can tabs: We sent in a whopping 55 lbs just before Christmas and since then have sent another 14 lbs and have 8 more lbs ready to send. Thank you to everyone who saves these tabs. They really are a wonderful help for folks who need special wheelchairs and strollers. Ask your friends and relatives to save them also. Please place them in the closet in the Nursery on the bottom shelf. Many thanks!!



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!

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