

New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Transfiguration Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Megan Shin*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Sonya Malone*

Welcome Team: *Bruce Curtis & Pat Ferries, Mary Jean Dodge, Jim Hoskin, George Rendell, Dee-Ann Vickers, Johanis Weydekamp*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Frank Walsh*

Nursery: *Cathy Taylor*

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

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

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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 *Beautiful Saviour (Schönster Herr Jesu)* G. Hamilton (©2001)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
Oh worship the King (Hanover)

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Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Holy God, we come to the mountaintop,
Surrounded by the mystery and glory of your presence.
C: **We are made new in your holiness.**
L: We are given strength by the glory we glimpse on the mountaintop.
C: **We are in awe of your glory.**
L: We are gathered to worship now but we will scatter to the world.
C: **Bring us to the mountaintop**
And equip us for the work to be done in the world.

Introit *Jesu, Only Light* H. Albert (1604-1651)
Jesu, only light, no rose or lily white in their beauty dare with Thy Light compare. Shine Thou upon me, Lord, and lead me by Thy Word. Strengthen, Lord, my faith with powers of Thy grace. Draw my heart above by Thy heavenly Love, that I may dwell with Thee throughout eternity.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *O Light Of Life!* M. Wilberg (©2010)
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; our ember is Thine. Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear, deepen our love – Thy fire appear! Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth – grow bright in us, shine in all the earth! O Light of Life! O sweet Light of Grace! Thou bidst us come, we follow apace. See the bright tree! Behold the white fruit! Feasting, we weep; we witness the root! O Light of Life! O

dear Light of Love! Come, wash us clean, send forth thy white Dove. Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes; help us to love – 'tis price of the prize. Then let us come, enrobe us in white. Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light. O Light of Life! Amen.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

God of glory, may our hearts be enlightened by your radiance as we listen to your Word. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

pg. 81 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- ⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- ⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

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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 9:28-43

pg. 69 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Beautiful Saviour

(Schönster Herr Jesu)

F.M. Christiansen (©1955)

Fair are the meadows. Fairer the woodlands robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus

is fairer, Jesus is purer – He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honour, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

Sermon

“From the mountaintop”

Megan Shin

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of the Faith** *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory (Geneva)* **186**

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *In Christ Alone* K. Getty & S. Townsend (©2001)

Lauren Fulton & Travis Kantor, Co-directors of Music for PYPs

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

* **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** *There is a redeemer* **358**

* **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Bright And Fair
(Wie Schön Leuchtet)

M. Sedio (©1996)

The Annual Meeting will take place immediately following the worship service. Please join us for a luncheon in NSJ Hall following the meeting.

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, February 8	9:00 am	Ox-Well Activity Program
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, February 9	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	5:00 pm	Pancake Supper
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery (Trinity PC)
Wednesday, February 10	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study
	5:30 pm	Conversation Circle
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday, February 11	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
Friday, February 12	12:00 pm	WMS
	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, February 14	10:30 am	Communion Service
	2:00 pm	CCNC
	3:00 pm	Lesley Andrew Studio Recital

ATTENTION ELDERS: Please pick up your **Elders Package** in the narthex.

“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 will be in the office and at every church entrance during Lent. *“Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”*
Philippians 2:4

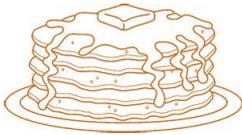
Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:30-3:00 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.



COMMUNITY PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday, February 9 5-6:30 pm

Dinner available between 5-6:30 pm in New St. James Hall. Sponsored by the teens.

HIGHLAND

Tuesday, February 9 7:00 pm

All ladies are warmly welcomed to join us for our February meeting.

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
Beginning February 10, **Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30pm**, in the McNair Chapel

WMS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 12 12:00 pm

Optician Gayle Harrison will be speaking about her eye assessments in the Dominican and Malawi. Please contact Cathy Reid if you are unable to attend the lunch.

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.



Knox St. Thomas is busy preparing for a Presbytery-wide event entitled, “**With One Voice – A Hymn sing for Voices, Pipes, Brass and Percussion**”. This will be a wonderful evening celebrating the songs of our faith. It is being organized by the Organ and Music Committee at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas to honour Dr. Wayne Carroll on his 40th anniversary as our Director of Music. It will be held at Knox Church, 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas on April 10 at 7:00 pm. There will be a mass choir from across the Presbytery and the city of St. Thomas; the guest organist is Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm from The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, in Montreal, Quebec.

We need your help! We need you to help us select the favourite hymns of the Presbytery. Then we need your voices to join with ours on April 10, 2016 so that we can sing “With One Voice”! To that end, please select three of your favourite hymns that you would like to see included in the evening program. If the hymns are from our hymn book, indicate the title and hymn number. If not in our hymn book, simply provide the title of the hymn. **Please submit your “votes” via email to donnaellis782@gmail.com by February 12.**

We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to a joyful evening of music and song.

Upcoming Youth/Young Adult Events. Save the date!!

Junior Youth (grades 5-8)
Friday, February 19 7:00-9:00 pm

Tubing at Boler Mountain
Senior Youth/Young Adults (ages 14-25)
Sunday, February 21 3-5 pm
Cost: \$15.00

One Day Wonder
Presbytery-wide Junior Youth Event
Saturday, March 5 at Westmount PC

Questions? Please call Joanne at the church.

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!

The Stewart Library: Copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge, in the Library.

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.

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. Keep saving those stamps!



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.



PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. PWS&D focuses on the work our church is doing to help vulnerable people across the globe improve their quality of life and create positive, lasting change in their communities. Programs in international development and emergency relief are helping women, men and children rise above poverty and disaster and access basic necessities like nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care, quality education and basic human rights. Through support of individuals and congregations and in collaboration with global partners, we respond together to make the vision of abundant life a reality.

Stewardship:

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

William James (1842-1910), philosopher

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.*

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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday
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