

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, January 8, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Pamela Johnston*

Welcome Team: *Donna Aziz, Bob & Carol Fisher, Jean Hadley,
Hartono & Janti, Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Ken & Liz Robbins, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Susan McNair*

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Winn Files*

Church School: *Joanne MacPherson, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Hospitality: *Members at large*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for 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 *Prélude Sur L'Introit De L'Épiphanie* M. Duruflé (1902-1986)

* **Entry of the Bible**

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

Call to Worship

L: In the beginning, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

C: **Through the waters of the flood,
God made the earth and humankind anew.**

L: By a well in Samaria, a woman was the first to recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

C: **When he was baptized by John,
Jesus was confirmed as God's Beloved.**

L: Let us worship the God who creates, saves, and makes new.

Introit *When Jesus Came to Jordan* F. A. Mehrrens (1922-1975)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, He did not come for pardon, but as God's Holy One. So when the Dove descended on Him, the Holy One, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known* W. Held (©2001)

When Christ's appearing was made known, king Herod trembled on his throne; but He who offers heavenly birth seeks not the kingdoms of this earth. The eastern sages saw from afar and followed on His guiding star; by light their way to Light they trod, and by their gifts confessed their God. Within the Jordan's sacred flood the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood, that He, of Whom no sin was known, might cleanse His people from their own. And oh, what miracle divine, when water reddened into wine! He spoke the word, and forth it flowed in streams that nature ne'er bestowed. For this His glad

epiphany, all glory unto Jesus be, Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore. [text: Coelius Sedulius (5th C; trans.)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

As God's Word is read and preached, may the Holy Spirit descend upon us, and through God's love, confirm us as God's daughters and sons. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

pg. 670 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.**
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.**
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

pg. 3 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Epiphany Carol – Sing Of God Made Manifest B. Neswick (©1994)

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound. Signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold – grave and God and King foretold! Sing of God made manifest where at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by You, but your bidding I will do." Then flew from heaven a double sign – dove like spirit, voice divine, hailed the

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, January 9	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 10	10:00 am	Activity Day@NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery (South Nissouri)
Wednesday, January 11	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	9:30 am	Women's Council
	2:00 pm	VBC Meeting
Thursday, January 12	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 13	12:00 pm	WMS
	7:00 pm	Junior Youth Group
	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, January 15	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Lesley Andrew Studio Recital
	3:30 pm	CCNC

MALAWI MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

Calendars are available for sale today for only \$5.00! 12 images of the people of Malawi and New St James, and the work that we are doing together. A year of reminders and a great way to support future ministry together. See Cathy, Gayle, Jessie or Karen after the service.

The CE Committee has carried out some housecleaning chores and now has several books, DVDs and games to give away. The books etc. will be on a table in New St. James Hall for the next few weeks. Any books not taken by the congregation will be sent to the Mission Store for sale locally or distribution overseas.

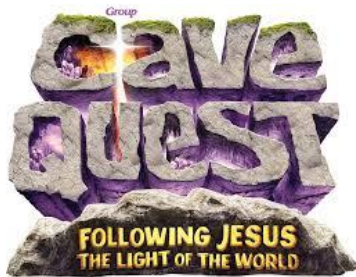
Do you like to sew?
Do you like to get together with friends to sew?
Would you like to make bags for the hygiene kits for Malawi?
If you answered YES to one or more of these questions, why not join us
on **Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm** in the **Creative Hands Group**?

HIGHLAND GROUP

Tuesday, January 10 7:00 pm

Highland ladies will meet at Cathy Taylor's home, 20 Franklin Avenue. For further information please contact Karen Buchwald 519-641-6742.

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



It doesn't seem like a year since we were planning the last **Vacation Bible Camp**. This year the theme will be Cave Quest and the first meeting for volunteers will be **Wednesday, January 11 at 2 pm** in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome to help and we hope to see as many as possible at the meeting. We all have different gifts and here is an opportunity to work together and have a great week with the children in March. The dates are March 13-17. Even if you can only help for one day please come.

WMS

Friday, January 13 12:00 pm

Please RSVP Ann McClatchey if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

Junior Youth (grades 5-8) @ NSJ

Friday, January 13 7:00-9:00 pm

All welcome and bring friends!

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 12. The Annual Report needs to be ready for Sunday, January 29. Therefore, the deadline for your annual report submissions is **Wednesday, January 18**. Please submit to jhisey@newstjames.com.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 15-22

In this anniversary year marking 500 years since the reformation in Germany (1517) the London congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and some of their close neighbouring parishes in the Catholic Diocese of London, are being intentional about extending the bridges of Christian fellowship between our two communities.

We started our joint work by sharing the live video feed of the service held in Lund, Sweden, on October 31, when Pope Francis and Lutheran World Federation President, Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, led the commemoration service marking the start of this 500th anniversary year.

January sees the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and we are using this opportunity to continue our work together and would love for you to join with us.

At the start of the week we are gathering at **St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church**, 511 Cheapside Street (Cheapside & Maitland) on Sunday, January 15 at 7:30 pm. We conclude the week at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 746 Colborne Street (Colborne & Oxford) on Sunday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. Pastor Steve Johnston (Trinity) and Father Murray Sample (St. Michael's) are extending an invitation to join us for these two services. This invitation is also on behalf of Pastor Katherine Altenburg (Redeemer, Lutheran), Father Mark Poulin (St. Justin's, Catholic) and Pastor David Wirt (St. Ansgar, Lutheran).

For more information contact Pastor Steve Johnston, Trinity Lutheran, steve@webfeed.ca 519-639-8224.

Save the date!

*Senior Youth (grades 8-12) @ St. Lawrence PC
Thursday, January 19 7:00-9:00 pm*

Community Movie Night @ NSJ

Tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 20 6:30-8:30 pm



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 29 11:30 am

Join us for a luncheon in New St. James Hall immediately following the worship service. Special music by The Emmanuel Singers.

New St. James Book Club will meet on **January 30** at the home of Pat Shaver at 1:30 pm. The January book selection is *Post Captain* by Patrick O'Brian – a novel set on the high seas during the Napoleonic Wars. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pat.



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!



Sharing God's love

Antioch Community Church is a new congregation in Oakville, Ontario. Striving to build a strong foundation in the community, they participate in many programs that reach out to people in need—families who fall below the poverty line, stressed single parents and retirees that struggle to make ends meet. Members go door to door to collect food for a local food bank and work with Kerr Street Ministries to provide hope to people living in need. A community breakfast for ninety people helped Antioch build relationships while sharing a home-cooked meal. One member was inspired to collect donations for a second community breakfast. Antioch is a church where people can come together to serve and show God's compassion, while reaching out in love to the community.

Stewardship:

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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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Minister Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files
Minister in Association	Rev. Joyce Elder
Associate for Congregational Life	Joanne MacPherson - jmacpherson@newstjames.com
Director of Music	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
Choristers	Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Jocelyn Francescut, soprano; Laura Neilsen, soprano; Shannon Wijnker, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; David Stainton, baritone
Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
Custodian	Mark McDonald - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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