

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, May 8, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Carol Fisher*

Welcome Team: *Ann McClatchey, Ian & Mary Lou McCrimmon,
Anne Taylor, Rosemary Whittaker, Irwandi Yusuf*

Counters: *Ken & Liz Robbins, Frank Walsh, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Paul McIntosh*

Nursery: *Theresa Walsh*

Young Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Susan Vallas*

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

Teen Class: *Christine Goud*

Hospitality: *Rob McGugan & men*

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 *Come Away To the Skies (Middlebury)* D. Thomas (©2000)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
We are God's people (Symphony) **472**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

C: **With the people of many lands we are glad!**

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

C: **We give thanks to God's holy name!**

Introit *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen* G. Young (1965)
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus our Lord, is risen today! Alleluia!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One* H. Willan (1880-1968)
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise, my love, my fair one and come away. [Song of Solomon 2:10]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, whose voice is heard in thunder and in silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we may hear your word for us today. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

First Lesson Acts 16:16-34 **pg. 136 in N.T.**

Responsive Psalm 97

1 The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

- 2 **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- 3 Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- 4 **His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 **The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**
- 7 All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.**
- 9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 **The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

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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

John 17:20-26

pg. 111 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Borning Cry

J. Ylvisaker; arr. P. Kadidlo (©2004)

Morgan Traynor, mezzo-soprano

I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'til rising sun. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old. I

encourage them in the way of Jesus Christ, as faithful members of his church? WE WILL.

Declaration

The Aaronic Blessing

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *We are one in the Spirit* **471**

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

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (Mfurahini, Haleluya)* E. Vogt (©1993)

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.

ATTENTION ELDERS: Communion packages are ready for pick-up in the narthex.

For those persons who have requested offering envelopes, please find them in the mail slots across from the church office. Thank you.

Moderator Calls the Church to Pray for the People of Fort McMurray

We are deeply saddened by the fires of Fort McMurray. We cannot begin to imagine the stress and panic that many must be feeling as they sit helplessly watching these unfolding events. We are also mindful of the exhaustion firefighters on the front lines must be feeling. Our prayers are clearly with everyone facing these challenges. May God's strength uphold all those seeking to cope with this tragedy and may the desperately needed rains come quickly.

The Rev. Karen Horst

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

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| Monday, May 9 | 9:30 am | Ox-Well Activity Program |
| | 6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | AA |
| Tuesday, May 10 | 1:00 pm | Creative Hands |
| | 5:00 pm | Junior Amabile Singers |
| | 7:00 pm | Highland |
| | 7:00 pm | Presbytery (North Yarmouth) |
| Wednesday, May 11 | 9:30 am | Indoor Playground |
| | 4:00 pm | Lectionary Study |
| Thursday, May 12 | 1:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| | 2:00 pm | Sewing Group |
| | 7:30 pm | NSJ Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| Friday, May 13 | 12:00 pm | WMS |
| | 7:00 pm | Junior Youth Night |
| | 7:30 pm | AA |
| Saturday, May 14 | 6:00 pm | LERC Fundraising Dinner |
| Sunday, May 15 | 10:30 am | Communion Service |
| | 2:00 pm | CCNC |

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.

HIGHLAND GROUP

Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm

The Highland Ladies will have their annual Dutch Auction this month. Gather up the treasures you are willing to part with or bake some treats to auction, sharpen up your bidding skills and prepare to take home new treasures. This is always a fun filled evening! For further information contact Karen Buchwald.

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

WMS LUNCHEON

Friday, May 13 at noon

RSVP Cathy Reid if you are unable to attend the luncheon.

LERC Fundraising Dinner

6:00 pm on Saturday, May 14 in NSJ Hall

Featuring the famous chef Ann Morris and keynote speaker Mr. Valerian Marochko, Executive Director of LCCLC. Tickets \$25 adults, children 6-12 \$10, 5 and under free. We discovered on Saturday, April 16, to our delight, that Presbyterians do indeed have talent but we at LERC know that Presbyterians also HAVE HEART!

You have been introduced to our new Karen family and now we feel it is time to bring another Karen family out of the refugee camp in Thailand. The situation there is desperate as the Thai government, in an attempt to expedite the refugee expatriation to Burma, are cutting back on the food supplies to the families to starvation levels. Of course the families resist returning to Burma where there are still landmines, inferior shack housing, no work and sporadic fighting in some of the Burmese states. We only have another couple of years to sponsor refugees as the repatriation process ends in 2018. Once a person is repatriated, he no longer qualifies as a refugee. Please join us on May 14. [Please see Inez Butcher for a ticket.](#)

GERANIUM WALK

New St James will be the final stop on Sydenham Saunter, this year's Architectural Conservancy Ontario walking tour, on **Sunday, June 5**. We anticipate as many as 300 people coming for refreshments served by Women's Council. Plans are in hand to spruce up the building and the grounds for the occasion. If you are asked to help out, please say yes to help us showcase New St. James to visitors. We will be recruiting guides to show people around – inside and out – and to point out features of the history, architecture, windows, organ, etc. Background material will be provided. Please let the office know if you would like to help and have not been signed up.

The Garden Committee plans to spruce up the gardens in advance of the Geranium Walk on June 5. They would welcome your support financially or practically. In order to coordinate our efforts, please contact Elizabeth Harris.

WANTED: Someone to lead the singing from 10:20-10:30 at the start of Church School each week. If more than one person volunteers we can set up a rota. The children love to sing and we feel this would be a good way to begin our time with them.

Christian Education Committee



Lauren Holden – Camp name Pika – will spend her fifth year working at Camp Kintail this summer. Lauren has been involved in our Kintail-related activities as well as Wednesday Nights at New St James. This spring, Lauren and three other camp counsellors are planning the North to South Hike for Campership, walking 900km along the Bruce Trail to raise \$10,000 for the Kintail Campership fund. This fund provides scholarships for children who could use some financial assistance in going to camp.

If you would like to support this fine cause, donations can be made online, or through a pledge form which is available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren at northtosouth@campkintail.ca or <http://www.campkintail.ca/get-involved/north-to-south-hike-for-camperships/>

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.



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, we have made over 1100 eye glass cases. There are only 18 kits left in the office. Please take one if you can help. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Mary Anne Simpson. Thank you for your support.

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

The Stewart Library:

- ❖ Copies of Our Daily Bread for June-July-August 2016 are now available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside the Lower Hall, 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.

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.



Stewardship:

Don't wait for other people to become loving, giving, compassionate, grateful, forgiving, generous or friendly – lead the way!

*Steve Maraboli (1975 –),
motivational speaker and author*



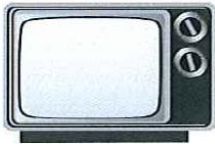
Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the Canadian Bible Society boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution. Keep saving those stamps!



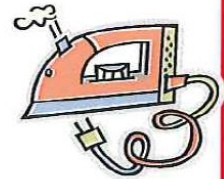
Serving up support for families in need

This past October, Knox Presbyterian Church in Victoria, BC hosted a dinner to raise funds for communities in need across the globe. Admission to the dinner was \$10 with proceeds going towards Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that are helping create positive, sustainable change in developing communities. Over plates of pasta, each table was offered the chance to pool their money together and choose the projects they wanted to support. "Total money raised was \$742 which far exceeded our expectations for such a simple event," shared The Reverend Laura Kavanagh. By working together, small actions can help vulnerable families overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

London Ecumenical Refugee Committee News



LERC'S SCRAP METAL AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ACCOUNT WITH ZUBICK'S



You can bring your scrap metal and deceased electronics during business hours
Mon. to Fri. 7:30 to 4:30
Saturday 7:30 to 11:30
to John Zubick Limited
105 Clarke Road



AND IDENTIFY THAT THE PROCEEDS SHOULD GO TO "LERC".



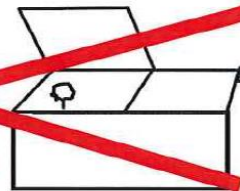
In a nutshell, any metal item, dead electronic items that plug in or use batteries AND dead batteries



**THIS RESTRICTION IS IMPORTANT!
NO FRIGDES, FREEZERS OR
SMOKE DETECTORS.**



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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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| Minister | Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com |
| Clerk of Session | Bruce Curtis |
| Minister Emeritus | Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files |
| Minister in Association | Rev. Joyce Elder |
| Associate for Congregational Life | Joanne MacPherson – jmacpherson@newstjames.com |
| Student Intern | Megan Shin – mshin@newstjames.com |
| Director of Music | Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca |
| Choristers | Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Natalie Gassi, soprano; Brooklyn Elhard, soprano; Morgan Traynor, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; Adrian Armenti, baritone |
| Office Administrator | Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday |
| Custodian | Mark McDonald - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
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