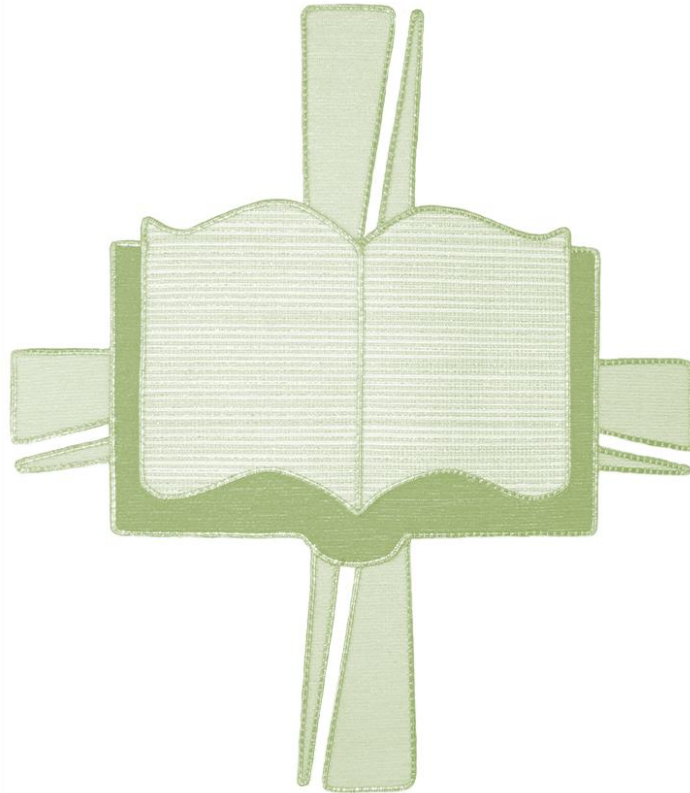


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Steve Harris*

Welcome Team: *Bob Baron & Karen Baron, Jacob Golose & Telly Tatuil, Ernva Marshall, Nancy Roach, Mystery Usher!*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Rob McGugan*

Nursery: *Janet Hines, Karen Buchwald*

Church School: *All Ages Services*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for Visitors: The service today is an All Ages Service. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

***Please stand, if able**

Worshipping God

Prelude *The Lord Of The Dance (Shaker Tune)* Trad. American

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**
All who hunger, gather gladly (Holy Manna) **534**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come with grateful hearts

C: for God has blessed us with the world we live in.

L: We come with grateful hearts

C: for God has blessed us with enough food for all.

L: We come with grateful hearts

C: for God calls to celebrate with others the good things we enjoy.

L: Come, now is the time for worship.

Congregational Introit *Come, now is the time to worship*

B. Doerksen (©1998); arr. M. Hayes (©2005)

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come. One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. Come, now is the time to worship...

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

Following Christ

Solo *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing* Trad. American;
Conlan Gassi, tenor arr. R. Walters (©1993)

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love. Here I raise mine ebenezer*, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus

sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*stone altar

Unison Prayer of Illumination

As we gather to hear your word, O God, let us hear your voice. And as we hear, let our lives be transformed. Amen.

Reading Psalm 65:1-4 **Pg 527 in O.T.**

Sermon **Thanksgiving - Part 1**

* **Hymn of Praise** *For the beauty of the earth (Dix)* **434**

Reading Psalm 65:5-8 **Pg 528 in O.T.**

Sermon **Thanksgiving - Part 2**

Anthem *To The First Of My Lovers, And The Last* S. Carter (1915-2004);
arr. C.H. Johnson (©2012)

To the first of my lovers on a high and holy hill, and the last of my lovers I light a candle still, and the bells will be ringing on a high and holy hill for the first of my lovers and the last. On the hill that was holy for the pagan long ago, in the house of Our Lady now I praise the Name I know, and the bells will be ringing on a high and holy hill for the first of my lovers and the last. Oh my loves have been many but the loving was for One, for the same light can shine in a candle or the sun, and the bells will be ringing on a high and holy hill for the first of my lovers and the last. To the end and beginning of the loving that I know, to the end and the beginning my candle-light will go and the bells will be ringing on a high and holy hill for the first of my lovers and the last.

Reading Psalm 65:9-13 **Pg. 528 in O.T.**

Sermon **Thanksgiving—Part 3**

Serving Others

* **Hymn of the Faith** *For the fruits of all creation (Ar Hyd Y Nos)* **802**

Prayers of Concern

	Offering and Offertory <i>We Cannot own The Sunlit Sky (Endless Song)</i>	<i>Trad. American</i>	
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	The Lord's Prayer	Inside cover of Book of Praise	
	Announcements		
*	Hymn of Discipleship <i>Let all things now living (Ash Grove)</i>		338
*	Commission and Response <i>Sing Amen</i>		264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude <i>Will You Come And Follow Me (Kelvingrove)</i>	<i>Trad. Scottish</i>	

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, October 9	THANKSGIVING DAY—office closed 7:00 pm AA
Tuesday, October 10	10:00 am Activity Day at NSJ 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study 7:00 pm Highland 7:00 pm Presbytery (NSJ)
Wednesday, October 11	9:30 am Indoor Playground 6:30 pm Junior Youth
Thursday, October 12	9:30 am Mom's Group 1:30 pm Al-Anon 7:30 pm Al-Anon 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 13	12:00 pm WMS 7:30 pm AA
Saturday, October 14	9:30 am Rummage Sale
Sunday, October 15	10:30 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CCNC 4:30 pm Congregational Potluck

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!

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 10:30 am

Please join us Tuesdays at 10:30 am until noon. Our new format will be discussing the sermon and Scripture readings each week.

HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Group will attend the Presbytery Meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00. The group will be the hosts for the refreshments portion of the meeting. A short business meeting will follow the refreshments. For further information, please call Karen Buchwald.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 14 9:30-noon

Your donations for our sale will be accepted all this week. Mark will be happy to help you bring them into the church. Your help is needed to sort on Thursday, the 12th and Friday the 13th, starting at 9:00 each morning. It is especially helpful if some of the men would be there early Thursday morning to lift some of the heavier things. Help is also needed to sell our merchandise on Saturday morning. You would again need to be here around 9:00. Please call Karen Buchwald at 519-641-6742 to volunteer for Saturday. We also need drivers to take our leftover merchandise to a thrift shop immediately after the sale. If you cannot help at the sale, perhaps you could arrive at 12:00 to load up your vehicle and deliver it to your favourite or closest thrift shop. It would be appreciated if you could donate your old newspapers to use for wrapping our "fine" china.

Silence, the movie (2016), is an historical period drama based on the book by the same name hear God's voice. The book, *Silence*, caused lively discussion at the NSJ Book Club and the Tuesday morning Bible study last year. We will be viewing the film in the Lower Hall on Monday, October 23, at 1:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for the film and for conversation afterwards. (This film is not suitable for children – there are scenes of violence

and torture.)

Pumpkin Carving! Saturday, October 27 6:30-7:30 pm

\$2 donation to help cover the cost of pumpkins. Please join us for the fun night of carving lots of pumpkins for the “lighting of the pumpkins!” **Some carving kits will be available, but if possible, please bring your own.**



Candies needed for Pumpkin carving night!

Please bring individually wrapped peanut free candies to the church office by Sun. Oct. 22nd. Many thanks for your support!

Youth help needed!

We are serving a dinner twice a month to our youth and their friends. We are looking for a couple of people (or a team) to do just ONE meal for the entire year (Sept.-May) for our youth nights. Duties include: buying, cooking, serving and helping clean up on youth nights. (Please save receipts and you will be fully reimbursed)

So far:

Sept 13 was covered by Cathy Reid (Junior youth----pizza)

Sept. 20 was covered by Deb Noble Van-Hees (senior youth----pizza)

Need help:

Oct. 11 jr youth

Oct. 18 sr youth

Nov. 8 jr. youth

Nov. 15 Sr. youth----covered by John Stewart----lasagna

If you can help, please call Joanne at the church. Thank you for supporting our youth at NSJ!!

NSJ Book Club will meet on the last Monday of the month, October 30, 2017 at Pat Shaver's home at 1:30 p.m. The October book is “The Midwife of Venice” by Roberta Rich. Extra copies are available in the Stewart Library but must be returned before October 29th. For more information, please call Pat.

St. George's Presbyterian Church's Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan service will be held on **Sunday, October 22nd at 10:30 am**. Wear your tartan, hear the bag pipes, and enjoy this unique service. Ample parking is available.

VON needs YOU!

One hour a week can make a positive difference in someone's life

Volunteers needed to visit a lonely senior in their home once a week

For more information call Delia Huitema, Coordinator of Volunteers - Middlesex-Elgin at 519-659-2273 or email at delia.huitema@von.ca Thank you in advance for your consideration of our programs and services.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 4 on their calendars for the seventh annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the NSJ Hall, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to "ANOVA" (formerly Women's Community House) to support their services. ANOVA works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please contact Karen Baron, Angie Benenati, Maureen Jamieson, Marg McGugan, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid or Monica Sass.

Stewardship:

Money often costs too much

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882),
American essayist, lecturer, and poet*



PINT SEALERS and HALF PINT SEALERS along with their lids if possible are needed for preserves being made for our upcoming Vendor Sale in November. Please leave them in the lower kitchen or call Karen Buchwald for pick up.

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.

Day of the Girl (October 11)

A major obstacle to development in many vulnerable countries is that too many women and girls are unable to pursue their hopes and goals, hindered by discrimination and inequality. In Afghanistan, sports are generally male-dominated, but Fahima had a talent for cricket and longed for the chance to play. Presbyterian World Service & Development’s Girls Education Program equips schools with sports equipment and leads awareness-raising sessions on the benefits of physical education for students’ cognitive development. Fahima’s school is participating in the program and now has sessions dedicated for girls to play sports. The young athlete could not be more thrilled. “The school made a cricket team and I was selected as captain,” shares Fahima. “I plan on leading my team to victory!”

PWS&D empowers women and girls

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.



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| Minister | Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com |
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| Minister Emeritus | Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files |
| Associate for Congregational Life | Joanne MacPherson - jmacpherson@newstjames.com |
| Director of Music | Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca |
| Choristers | Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Alyssa Woolhether, soprano; Laura Nielsen, soprano; Máiri Demings, alto; Conlan Gassi, tenor; David Stainton, baritone |