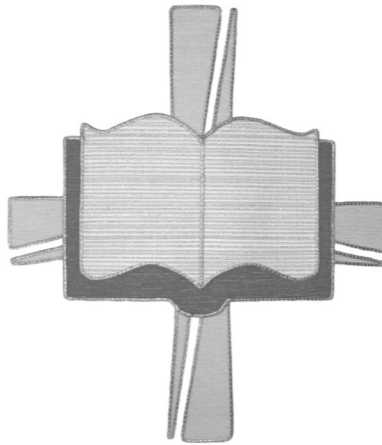


New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
Sunday, September 8, 2019
Service at 10:30am
Rally Sunday and Commissioning of Teachers
We Gather to Worship God**



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Leader: Torin Chiles

Reader: Gabor Sass

Welcome Team: Pat & Jeanine Taylor, Susan Vallas, Ernva Marshall, Jean Phillips

Counters: Ellen Faubert, Pat Goud, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh

Hall Shepherd: Pat Goud

Nursery: Carol Fisher

Church School: *Senior Class:* Marg McGugan, Susan Vallas

Younger Children: Deb Noble-Van Hees, Telly Lengkey

Hospitality: Highland

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

Note to Visitors: Summer Church School at New St. James starts at 10:00am, 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.

We Gather to Worship God

*** Please stand, if able**

Prelude *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether* (Union Seminary) J. Biery (©1996)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand, if able*)

* **Processional Hymn # 489** *Help us to help each other, Lord* (Dunfermline)

* **Welcome to New St. James** (*please turn and greet one another*)

Call to Worship

L: Love binds us together. Hatred separates us. Today we choose to love under all circumstances. We are here to learn about love; to first dip our feet into the ocean of love and then when we are confident, our whole selves, knowing that it is from Love that we come and it is to Love that we return.

C: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. Love never ends.

Introit *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether* (Union Seminary) H. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name two or three are brought together, You are in the midst of them. Hallelujah! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

Unison Prayer of Approach

Dear God as we approach Your throne here today, in this church, among these people, give us love for one another; enough to carry a heavy load for another in need. Help us to lighten loads that people carry by our smiles, our embraces and our going the second mile. Help us to come into the fullness of who we really are by letting Your great Love heal us in our hearts. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Minister)

All those who come to God seeking a new life are encouraged to confess their sins and failures to God in silent prayer now... *(a period of silent prayer)*

Be assured that God loves us all no matter what we have done and wishes us eagerly to do the good as we know the good. God's forgiveness is unconditional to anyone seeking to live a new life based on the loving teachings of Jesus; who asked us to love each other and be kind to those who use us ill. Be assured of that forgiveness, and let Joy and liberation come into your life this day! Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Put On Love

L. Dengler (©2011)

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive as God forgave you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts for God. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God. Amen. [Colossians 3:12-17]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Dear God: Please give us understanding, that we may keep Your paths toward You open. May we follow You and what is true with our whole heart and be free! Amen.

First Lesson

Proverbs 18: 21-24

Pg. 601 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 133: 1-3

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*** 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.

Epistle Colossians 3: 12-14

Pg. 201 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 15: 12-15

Pg. 109 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Let Us Love One Another* A.B. Sherman (©2004)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon His name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is: not that we love God, but that He loves us and sent His only Son to free us from our sins. How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God? He sent His only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love also and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love one another. [1 John 4:7-11]

Sermon: “**The Lonely Heart: Connection**”

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 371** *Love divine, all loves excelling* (Hyfrydol)

Prayers for the World and New St. James

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory *Where True Love And Charity Are Found* (*Ubi Caritas*)
M. Biery (©2000)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of September 1st \$3,763.60

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Commissions the Church School

Hymn of Faith # 487 *Onward Christian Soldiers* (St. Gertrude)
(The Old hymn written for Sunday school Rally days)

The children and teachers of the Church school enter the sanctuary.

Commissioning

Question to the Congregation

Minister: Our Church school teachers and leaders have a vital role to play in the formation of faith both in our children and adults. Will you support them with prayer, encouragement, interest and compassion?

Response: We will.

Questions to members of the Christian Education team teachers and leaders:

Minister: God has called you to be teachers and leaders and we recognize and honour your gifts. Will you commit yourself cheerfully to this calling? Will you prepare carefully to teach and to lead? And will you pray with and for the students in your care?

Response: We will

Questions to the students in Church School and the Teen Group:

Minister: You are a vital part of New St. James. Will you do your best to learn from your teachers? Will you work with them? And will you help them as they help you?

Response: We will.

Unison Prayer

God of us all, You have made us all with unique gifts. We ask You to bless each one of us as we learn and grow in our faith. Give us insight, wisdom, enthusiasm, joy, patience and kindness and love in all things. May we follow the leadership of Christ, worship You and serve others in all that we do. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Story

* **Hymn # 472** *We are God's people* (Symphony)

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata In Severn*

J. Rutter (©1986)



ENVIRO STEWARDSHIP

Cooler nights in September mean less reliance on air conditioning. Air conditioning cools our interiors, but can heat up the outside temperature by 1 - 1.5 degrees in cities. Opening windows in the early morning to let in the cool night air can quickly reduce indoor temperatures by several degrees, especially if you can create a cross breeze. Just remember to close them again before the day starts to heat up. Raising the temperature of your air conditioner by even half a degree also helps save energy. If we each save a little, we all save a lot.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:30AM

Lectionary Bible Study to commence **Tuesday, September 10th at 10:30am**. These are the scripture readings to *kick* off the season: Genesis 29: 7-23; Psalm 37:1-11; Philippians 4:11-13; St. Luke 12:27-31. **All are welcome!** It's upstairs on the second floor, in the Parlour (nice easy chairs!) 😊

SENIOR'S ACTIVITY DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

The Seniors' Activity Day starts this Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 10:00am. We'll begin the morning with coffee and goodies and then play our favourite games: euchre, dominoes and UNO. If you have a new game for us to try, bring it along. For the more energetic, there's always shuffleboard. Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up @ 3:00pm.

**HIGHLAND GROUP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 7:00P.M.**

The Highland ladies will meet in the parlour for a beginning of the year social. Please bring any photos from your summer holidays to share with us as we catch up on each other's lives and plan our year to come. We may even find time to play a game! If you are interested in becoming a part of the Highland Group, please join us. We would love to see you. Please contact Karen Buchwald for more information.

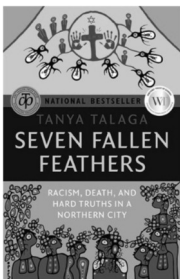
**WMS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

"WMS" will begin the fall session on Friday, September 13 at noon. A catered lunch will be served at a cost of \$12. The speaker for this meeting will be from the "Unity Project". EVERYONE is welcome. Please call Ann McClatchey at 519 673 3733 if you would like to attend.

**FALL GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

Saturday, OCTOBER 19 is the day and 9:30am. is the time! We are challenged to beat the record profit we made on our sale last spring! Start gathering your donations and mark the date on your calendar. We need donations of good, clean clothing, clean linens, shoes, purses, books, household items, gift items, jewelry, small furniture items, small working appliances, lamps, toys and other general garage sale items. Please try to help sort our merchandise on Thursday, October 18 and on Friday, the 19th and plan to help sell on Saturday. Please let Karen Buchwald or Deb Van Hees know if you can help. Remember, please, that half of our profits go the church operating funds and half stay with Women's Council to continue their work.

**NSJ BOOK CLUB
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 1:30PM**



The New St James Book Club will meet on **September 30 at 1:30pm**. This month we will be reading *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga — a Canadian author telling the stories of First Nation high school students who travel to Thunder Bay to attend high school. Copies of *Seven Fallen Feathers* are available in the Stewart Library. **Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.**



NSJ NEWSLETTER

Pick up the newest copy of the NSJ Newsletter. They are available at the doors of the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, September 9	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, September 10	10:00am	Senior's Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Highland
Wednesday, September 11	7:00pm	Presbytery @ Chalmers
	9:30am	Childreach (indoor playground)
	10:00am	Women's Council
Thursday, September 12	6:00pm	Clarinet Choir
	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 13	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	AA
Sunday, September 15	10:30am	Worship Service
	3:30pm	CCNC

COUNTERS NEEDED!



Counters needed and if you can spare a few minutes one Sunday each month please sign up in the NSJ Hall or contact Frank Walsh 519-850-0139. No accounting skills required, will provide training.



September 8: International Literacy Day

With PWS&D's support, children living in the neighbourhood surrounding Guatemala City's garbage dump are accessing education at the Francisco Coll School. Students who excel qualify for scholarships to further their education. Other graduates pursue vocational training in order to achieve employment, a dream otherwise unachievable. A student from Francisco Coll will be continuing her studies in business administration at university. Her words of thanks are a testament to the importance of the project that is equipping students to pursue their dreams: "I give you thanks because with your extraordinary effort I will have a better future full of more opportunities to be able to help my family and grow professionally."

PWS&D builds bright futures through education

STEWARDSHIP: Generosity is to materialism what kryptonite is to Superman.
Lloyd Shadrach, pastor and author

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.



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.



**A FUN & FAMILY-FRIENDLY CYCLING
FUNDRAISER FOR PWS&D'S
MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Money raised through this event saves lives - helping moms and babes in Afghanistan and Malawi get access to pregnancy and post-natal care we take for granted.

Donations are even matched 4:1 by the Canadian government for maximum effect!

Want to join the London Presbytery ride team? Our 25 km ride begins at Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Novice or experienced cyclist?

Everyone is welcome!
Register at the link below or send any questions to kent.buchanan@gmail.com.

**TO DONATE, OR TO JOIN THE RIDE TEAM
[HTTP://RIDE.W-ITH.US/LONDON4MALAWI](http://ride.w-ith.us/london4malawi)**

**RIDE DATE:
SAT., OCT. 5, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

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