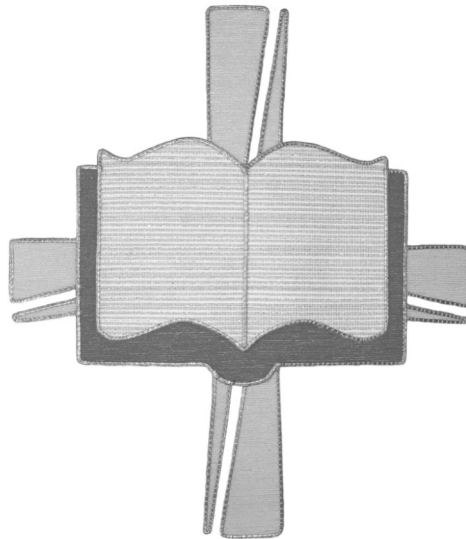


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 10:30am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Dr. Rev. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Gabor Sass*

Welcome Team: *Dolores & Jim Hunter, Liz & Ken Robbins, Jeanine & Pat Taylor, Susan Vallas*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Goud*

Sunday School: *Steve Harris*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

Note to 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 *Suite of Variations on Praise To The Lord (Lobe den Herren)* D. Dahl (©2016)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn # 321** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren)*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

C: Honour and majesty are before him, power and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Introit *O Spirit Of God, Eternal Source* M. Vulpus (1570-1615)

O Spirit of God, eternal source, with sevenfold gifts to govern life's course: stir up our souls, set us ablaze that we our Lord may faithfully praise. *Kyrie eleison.* O Spirit of God, most noble gift, send down Your fire with vigour so swift. Let endless praise from us ascend; on Your sure promise our lives depend. *Kyrie eleison.*

Unison Prayer of Approach

Wonderful God, so indiscriminate is Your love, so heedless of color and nationality and class, falling like sun and rain on all of Your children, the righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the unjust. For Your lavish, gracious care we give You thanks. Come now and sow in our hearts the seeds of new life. Come and witness with our spirits to lead us into the truth that sets us free. And may Your Great Spirit transform us all, so that others might come to know Your love, meaning and balance in their lives. For this we give grateful thanks to You as the Author of all being. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Friend. Amen.

Minister:

God promises always to love and forgive us — even when don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives. Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. That is why we respond, "**Thanks be to God.**"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Words of assurance: (Minister)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Christ forgives us, no matter what we have done, for, anyone who is in Christ can claim the promise that we are a new creation. We claim that transformation today! The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem*As A Fire Is Meant For Burning*

M. Haugen (©1992)

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn. [text: Ruth Duck (©1983)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear Your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your blessing in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 62: 1-2, 8-12

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

L: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

C: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

L: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

C: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.

L: And steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

* **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 I Corinthians 1: 18-25

Pg. 166 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson John 18: 33-38

Pg. 113 in N.T.

Choir: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Choir and Congregation Sung Response:



Anthem *Live Your Love* Stacey Nordheymer (©2018)
Live your love; give your grace; let every breath be an offering of praise. Pass your peace; share your song; trust in the Lord all your days. Bless as God has blessed you. Share and serve in faith. Let God's Spirit guide you – He will show you the way. Amen. [Text: J.M. Martin (©2018)]

Sermon "From Powerlessness to real Power" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 685** *How firm a foundation (St. Denio)*

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *Praise To The Lord (Lobe den Herren)*
G. Walther (1684-1748)

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks
Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Sept. 2nd, Tim Hortons has \$3,183.48 and Starbucks has \$1,536.17.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$4,719.65**

* **Doxology**

Dedication of Offering

**Our Church Family Together
Commissions our Malawi Mission Team**

INTRODUCTION: Tikkun Olam: means in Jewish teachings, any activity that improves the world, bringing it closer to the harmonious state for which it was created. It means partnership with God to restore creation in all its aspects. The Malawi Mission will try to fulfill part of that mandate.

CATHY REID: will speak about the aims of this 2018 mission to Malawi.

PRESENTATION OF PARTICIPANTS:

Karen Baron, Margaret Douglas, Gayle Harrison, Debbie Kalendar, Cathy Reid.

QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS:

Will you go in the name of Jesus Christ, to share the love of God, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit?

RESPONSE: **WE WILL.**

Will you go with open hands, willing hearts, enquiring minds, and caring souls, so that your faith may be nurtured and the lives of the people you meet be blessed?

RESPONSE: **WE WILL.**

Will you share your experience with us when you return, so that we may all celebrate with you, and grow in knowledge, understanding and faith through your experiences?

RESPONSE: **WE WILL.**

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION:

Will you continue to uphold our sisters with your love and prayers?

RESPONSE: **WE WILL.**

Will you welcome them home and allow them to share their experience that we may all grow in faith?

RESPONSE: **WE WILL.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Lord God of all people, you call us to serve you wherever we may find ourselves, and to be faithful in our witness to Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we pray for our sisters who are embarking on this great adventure, and for the people they will meet. Give them strength for the journey, joy in their experiences, and the knowledge that You go with them always. Hear our prayer, our God and Father, and hear us now as we pray together as Jesus taught us and say,

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.

* **Hymn # 587** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (Beecher)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *Praise To The Lord (Lobe den Herren)* G. Merkel (1827-1885)



Programs start up this week!

Activity Day (Sept. 11) and **Indoor Playground** (Sept. 12) start up as well as our Youth Programming.

Please note: The **youth night is on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:00-8:00pm**. Please bring a toonie to help with dinner costs. We are trying something new this year! The youth night will now be open to everyone Grade 5 and up. We hope you can make it!

HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Highland will meet at 6:50 p.m. at the Goodwill at 255 Horton Street E for a tour of their facility. Parking is at the rear of the building going in at the driveway on the west side of the building. Let's make our first meeting of the year a great success! For any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

USHERS - GREETERS

The regular schedule for ushers-greeters for Sunday services runs from September to June each year and resumes this year on September 2nd. With a few revisions, the schedule repeats year to year with the same personnel. **For your shifts this upcoming season, please double check the schedule posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or on the bulletin boards just inside the two Oxford Street entrances.** There are still openings available for one additional person for Sunday services in the month of December, three people for March and one person for June. If you would like to volunteer as a greeter, please contact John White at jtwhite_ca@yahoo.com or (519) 681-9043. Thanks!

The New St. James **Book Club's September's selection** is *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams* by Wayne Johnston – A best selling Canadian novel about Joey Smallwood and his role in bringing Newfoundland into Confederation. Our next meeting is on **September 24th at 1:30 PM**, at the home of Pat Shaver. The Stewart Library has ten copies of *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams*, available to interested NSJ readers, borrowed through the Book Club in a Bag program from the London Public Library. All books must be signed out and returned by Sunday Sept. 23 or at our book club meeting.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE & BREAKFAST, Saturday, November 17.

As our fall activities begin, be sure to remember the upcoming Bazaar. Many have been working hard making preserves and hopefully there will be deli items and baking made in the future. Items for the Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated. We will have our delicious breakfast of eggs and pea meal bacon along with the preserves, silent auction, baking, the tombola table, a deli table and we will be joined by a variety of vendors. Your help is needed in all aspects of this sale but right now I ask you to spread the word regarding the sale. We need you to advertise for us! The sale and breakfast start at 9:00. To volunteer to help or for further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

NSJ Spaghetti Dinner. Back by popular request – a mouth watering spaghetti and salad dinner! If you remember how awesome the sauces and dressings were, you won't want to miss this fundraiser In support of our many missions. **Wednesday, October 3 from 5:00 to 7:00. \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for those under 12.** Tickets available after Church or in the office.



September 9: A learning experience in Cuba

Theological education does not only occur in the classroom. *Presbyterians Sharing* supports mission and intercultural experiences for staff and students of our theological colleges. In 2018 two faculty members and 11 students from Knox College visited the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Matanzas in Cuba. After an afternoon of interacting with young Cuban kids, one student shared that “no amount of reading could have exposed us to their reality.” Another student observed that “meeting with ministers, church members and youth and hearing the ways they seek to bring the hope of the Gospel into their communities and into the heart of their beloved homeland was a learning experience you cannot obtain through books or lectures”. One way to experience the beauty of God’s unfailing love is through encounters with God’s people in a genuine and meaningful way.

Presbyterians Sharing supports theological students

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.

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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, September 10	10:00 am	Women's Council Meeting
	4:00 pm	AA—70 Years
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, September 11	10:00 am	Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery
Wednesday, September 12	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
	6:00 pm	Youth Night @ NSJ
	6:00 pm	Clarinet Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 13	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, September 14	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, September 15	10:00 am	Little London Community Opera
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Stewardship: The stewardship spark is ignited when we know we hold a trust that was never entirely ours, and that this trust will be passed to others when we are finished.

Mark L. Vincent, Speaking About Money

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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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.

MALAWI MISSION TEAM – SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 14, 2018

Thank you for supporting us by your prayers and donations. We are delighted to share this commissioning service with you. If you would like to follow our mission please sign into **ourmalawi2018.blogspot.com**

Our itinerary is liable to change once we reach Malawi but the following will give you an idea of where we will be during our month in Africa.

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| September 14 – 21 | Karen and Cathy will be attending Tumekutana Conference in Johannesburg. Please pray for the women who will be attending from 22 African countries as we share together. |
| September 22 – 29 | Meet Gayle, Marg and Debbie at Johannesburg airport and fly to Malawi.
Working in Chipagala – eye assessments, cooking shelter, Blessings group, Timvane Centre, School, Church and Mvano guild
Visit Mulanji Hospital and Chigodi Women's Centre |
| September 30 – Oct 6 | Chuluchosema projects – well, school visits, eye assessments, Church |
| October 6 – 13 | Chipagala projects |

