

New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, October 9, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Scott Goud*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Karen Baron, Mike & Audrey Hunter, Ervna Marshall, Nancy Roach*

Counters: *Ken & Liz Robbins, John White, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Steve Harris*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Carol Fisher*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: 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**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *A Suite of Baroque Music From The Chapel Royal*
Nawton K. Chiles, clarinet arr. S. D. Wolff (©1969)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**
Come, ye thankful people, come (St. George's, Windsor) **803**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The people of Israel were called to celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord their God had given them.

C: **We want to celebrate with all that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us.**

ALL: **As we worship God together,
we give thanks for all God's gracious acts towards us.**

Introit *I Am The Bread Of Life* T. Chiles (2009)
I am the bread of life. Those who come to Me will never be hungry, and those who believe in Me will never thirst.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Thou Visitest The Earth* M. Greene (1695-1755)
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: and crownest the year with Thy goodness. [Ps 65]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

You spoke the Word and all things came into being, O God. Speak your Word again to us and make all things new again, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the

first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him,

‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Lesson John 6:25-35

pg. 98 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo *How Can I Give You Thanks?* M. Patterson (©2001); arr, T. Chiles (2003)
Monica Sowinski, soprano

How can I give You thanks, Oh Lord, when You made the stars that shine so bright?
How can I give You thanks, Oh Lord, when You gave the heavens light? Oh Lord, Your works are wonderful; their beauty I can see, and yet I stand here amazed, Oh Lord, that You give such gifts to me! How can I give You thanks, Oh Lord, when You came to earth from heaven above? How can I give you thanks, Oh Lord, when You gave the world such love? If I learn to sing Your praise and serve You all my days, I would just begin to thank You for Your gift of grace. How can I give You thanks, Oh Lord...

Sermon Part I

“Thanksgiving”

Rev. Andrew Reid

* **Hymn of Praise**

We plough the fields and scatter (Wir pflügen)

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Sermon Part 2

“Giving thanks”

We Respond in Faith and Service

*	Hymn of Faith	<i>For the fruits of all creation (Ar hyd y nos)</i>	802
	Offering and Offertory	<i>Thanksgiving Prayer (Kresmer)</i>	G.M. Martin (©2008)
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayer of Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern		
	The Lord's Prayer		
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Let all things now living (Ash Grove)</i>	338
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God (<u>Nun Danket</u>)</i>	J. Behnke (©2001)



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 10		Thanksgiving - office closed
	6:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, October 11	9:30 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery (Appin)
Wednesday, October 12	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	7:30 pm	Musical Meditations
Thursday, October 13	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 14	12:00 pm	WMS
	6:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Junior Youth Night
	7:30 pm	AA
	8:00 pm	Opera "The Medium"
Saturday, October 15	6:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Opera "The Medium"
Sunday, October 16	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Activity Day at NSJ! Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for bridge, euchre and board game players.

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

HIGHLAND

Tuesday, October 11 7:00 pm

Highland will meet in the Parlour to hear a very special guest. Annabel Sells will speak to us about her nursing career, a career that has certainly seen many, many changes throughout the years. It should be a very interesting evening so please come and enjoy an evening of worship, refreshments and friendship. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

FYI ...The Canada Youth participants will be sharing our conference experiences at the Presbytery meeting in Appin on Tuesday, October 11. This is our way of expressing our gratitude for their support.

MUSIC SERIES

October 12 7:30 pm



Introducing a new music series: **Musical Meditations**. This series will present classical church music based on the liturgical year to complement your faith practices. Listen to live performances by trained professionals and students, singers and instrumentalists. The first presentation will be on October 12 at 7:30 pm. The musicians will perform Bach's Cantata #98: *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan* with four singers accompanied by organ and violins. Take 30 minutes out of your busy day and listen to music that will touch your soul and fill your spirit. Free-will offering. For more information, please speak to Ariel Harwood-Jones.

WMS LUNCHEON

Friday, October 14 12:00 pm

Please RSVP Ann McClatchey if you are unable to attend.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 23 11:30 am

All are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship immediately following the worship service. Mike Ruggi and other attendees will be speaking about Canada Youth 2016. Free-will offering.

We are in need of **Halloween candy** for our Pumpkin Carving Night (October 28) and our Halloween parties (October 31). We are requesting **peanut-free** individually wrapped chocolates (Kit Kat, Smarties, Aero, etc). Please bring any donations to the office. Many thanks for your support!

NSJ brochures for Fall 2016 are now available at church entrances. Upcoming events and programs are detailed in this brochure. Please take one!



Reaching out to refugees in Montreal

Lama fled Syria with her three teenagers after her husband disappeared and she was badly injured in a bombing. Her sister Samira was living in Canada and asked Action Réfugiés Montréal for help. ARM filed the sponsorship paperwork and Lama was called for an interview, but proving a case is difficult, and she was refused. ARM and Samira did not give up. They worked with a lawyer and the case was overturned on a judicial appeal. Lama and her family arrived in Canada in December, 2015. Samira shares, "Thanks to the hard work, patience and generosity of ARM, my sister and her family are finally here!"

"SONGS OF INSPIRATION"
Featuring Rev. Matthew Martin and Rev. Valerie Kenyon
Accompanied by Steve Holowitz and Musical Friends
2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2016
St. James Westminster Church
115 Askin Street, London, ON
Tickets: \$20.00 Adults
\$10.00 Children 12 and under
Proceeds of concert: London Ecumenical Refugee Committee

Tickets available from the church office Monday through Friday.

The Stewart Library:

Copies of Our Daily Bread for September-October-November 2016 are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside the Lower Hall, at no charge.



YULETIDE BAZAAR AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 19 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Our Bazaar is fast approaching. We are looking for donations from you, the congregation:

JEWELRY—we are looking for “bling” so please donate jewelry that you are not using. Eva Goud and June Colwell are coordinating this table and it is very popular. You can speak to them or bring your donations to the office during the week.

SILENT AUCTION—if you have any business connections perhaps you could ask for a donation for our silent auction, another very popular table, or perhaps you have something at home that you received and cannot use. At the last Bazaar, we had some baskets - a baby basket, a sports basket, a beauty basket, or a toy basket are some suggestions for this Bazaar. A handcrafted item would also be excellent.

FROZEN ENTREES—small containers of lasagna, chili, frozen apple pie or any other specialty that you make would be greatly appreciated for the Deli table.

PRESERVES—pickles, jams, jellies, relishes, chutneys—whatever your favourite is, please make some for the Preserve table. Highland will cover the jars with Christmas fabric at their meeting on November 8.

CRAFTS—Debbie Latta is coordinating our craft table and would like your donations into the church by Thursday, November 17. Please give her an idea of how much it cost to make your donation in order to help her with the pricing.

THE GREAT COOKIE CAPER—Carol Fisher and Ann Milling are coordinating this project and would appreciate donations of Christmas cookies. Please watch for a future announcement regarding the date that they would like your donation.

BAKING—will be needed for the bake table.

CANDY—for those with a sweet tooth.

Along with the above needs, we will also need donations of books and items for our treasure table. Room has been set aside on the stage for these donations. Please remember that we do not sell clothing at this sale nor do we sell electrical appliances. The “treasure” table is designed to provide good quality items to our customers.

HELPERS—please volunteer to help sell on the day of the sale and to set up the day before.

If you need any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald or Eva Goud.



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:

Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9

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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