

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**Second Advent: Sunday of Peace**

**December 9, 2018 at 10:30am**



## **Serving You Today**

**Worship Leader:** *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

**Music Leader:** *Torin W. Chiles*

**Reader:** *Angie Benenati*

**Welcome Team:** *Liz & Bruce Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Donna & Brian Hunter, Mary Leitch*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Keith McCreary*

**Sunday School:** *Karen Baron, Heather McDonald, Ann Morris, Deb Noble-Van Hees*

**Nursery:** *Janet Hines, Theresa Walsh*

**Hospitality:** *C.E.*

**Stewart Library:** *Open Every Sunday*

**A Note for Visitors:** Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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.

**\* Please stand, if able**

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude**      *Benedictus*      A. Rowley (1892-1958)

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

\* **Processional Advent Hymn # 125**    People, look east (Besançon)

\* **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** On this second Sunday of Advent let us remember the prophecy of Isaiah: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

**C:** **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

**Lighting of the Peace Candle for Advent 2 (John Stewart and friends)**

### **Advent PWS&D Liturgy**

**Hymn #119**      Second verse      *Hope is a star*      (Moon Beams)

**Introit:**      *Thou Shalt Know Him*      A. Lovelace (©1974)  
Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, nor the vantage of His airs, nor by anything He wears, neither by His crown, nor His gown, for His presence known shall be by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. [text: Anon. 15<sup>th</sup>C]

### **Advent Unison Prayer**

#### **Advent Peace Prayer**

Emmanuel, Humanity waits in darkness longing for your light. In the centre of darkness, rekindle our hope. As we wait for peace in the midst of war, be with us. Restore and set right our relationships. Replace the darkness in our hearts with your light and joy. Let your word set alight the hope the world needs to bring to life your justice, love and Peace. **Amen.**

### **Unison Words of Assurance**

Dear God thank-you for assuring us of forgiveness: Who knows and understands our actions as you do? Who hears as we confess our sins and forgives as you do? Who takes a broken heart and makes it whole as you do? Who finds a life that's lost and welcomes it home as you do? No one loves more fully than You do! Thank-you God! Amen.

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Solo** Listen Here, Listen Here J. Althouse (©2002)  
O, a tiny child will set us free. Listen here, listen here. He will come to earth for all to see. He's the Saviour God has promised long, and every voice shall rise in song. We will ever know His heavenly name; He's the Prince of Peace the angels proclaim. He will come to us in dark of night. He will fill our souls with love and light. Unbar the gate, break down the door. Let the Saviour reign forevermore. WE are waiting for the promised day, when the child will take our sins away. O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel. Hail to the Lord's anointed Son. He will be the true and holy one. Now we all await His heavenly birth. He'll come down like rain on thirsty earth. O, a tiny child will set us free...

### **Unison prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**First Lesson** The uses in the New Testament of the Greek word "homothumadon" usually translated in the King James version as being of one accord.

**For Prayer:** “These all continued with **one accord** in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”

**For the Birth of the Church:** “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place.

**Fellowship and Community:** “And they, continuing daily with **one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

**To Praise God:** “And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with **one accord**, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.

**For Miracles:** And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

**For sending out Missionaries:** It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul.

**For Worship:** Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 29: 1-2; 10-11

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**C: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\* **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** Philippians 2: 1-2 **Pg. 197 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** St. Luke 11: 1-13 **Pg. 72 in N.T.**

**Choir:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Choir:** Blessed Jesus at thy word

**Sermon: “Why the importance of Being of one accord?”**

(Homothumadon)

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

**Choral Response to the Sermon:** *Sweet Are The Prayers Of A Friend*

P. Choplin (©2018)

Sweet are the prayers of a friend. How sweet are the prayers that are offered up by a friend who calls, calling up to heaven, “Lord, come down and bless again.” Friends pray for healing, they pray revealing the heavy burdens of our souls. They pray for courage, unfailing courage, asking God to make us whole. Friends pray us through troubles, through all our struggles when life seems to fall apart. They pray us through grieving, always believing, our God can heal a broken heart. Sweet are the prayers of a friend for a friend.

**Prayers for the World**

**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.

**Carol Time Capsule**



**The History of the Carol:**  
“Once in Royal David’s City”

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

**Offering and Offertory (The offering is taken up during the singing of the carol.)**

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and slowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay: Christian children all must be Mild, obedient, good as He.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern; Day by day, like us He grew; He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feeleth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above, And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, we shall see Him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; Where like stars His children crowned All in white shall wait around.

#### **Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks**

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Dec. 2, Tim Hortons has \$4,619.10 and Starbucks has \$2,477.63.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$7,096.73.**

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

### **Our Church Family Together**

**Announcements**

**Presentation to Elder John Stewart, by the Clerk of Session**

**Presentation by Sunday School**

**Sunday School sings Amazing Grace**

**Prayers for New St. James**

**Silent Prayer**

\* **The Advent Carol for Peace on Earth #148** It came upon the midnight clear

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Sung Amen # 264**

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

**Postlude**

*Once In Royal David's City (Irby)*

R. Buckley Farlee (©2001)



**ATTENTION ALL ELDERS:** Please pick up your pastoral baskets and flowers in the servery off the gym after the service today. Thank you!

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Thank you** to the many people who helped in so many different ways to make the evening such a delightful success. The tables were magical and desserts were wonderful. The Personal Journey to the Nativity theme of our service was very meaningful to each person. Our offering of **\$1620** will be sent to **ANOVA** to help provide services **for abused women and children.**

**SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Come one! Come all! **Let's sing Christmas carols together December 9th, 16th and 23rd before our worship service begins.** The team of Eva Murray, on piano, and Bob Baron will lead us. Caroling is planned from 10 a.m. until 10:25. And Eva has said she would warmly welcome partnership with anyone who plays and who would like to share the joy of playing the carols on our grand piano. If interested, please contact Pat Goud at 519-433-6463. We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of the greatest gift ever. How can we keep from singing?!

### **HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Highland ladies will meet in the parlour for their annual Christmas celebration. We will enjoy a worship, a carol sing, a gift exchange and some wonderful refreshments. Please bring a wrapped present with a value between \$10 and \$15 for the gift exchange. Also please bring unwrapped adult toiletry items that will be given to the London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre to be distributed to the Mothers at Christmas. New members are warmly welcomed. For any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE AND VENDOR SALE**

Women's Council wants to extend another very sincere thank you to all those who helped in any way to make our bazaar a success. It was a wonderful day with lots of laughter and fellowship with the added bonus of a significant profit from our sales. **As of today our profit stands at \$7,644.57.** Half of this has been put in the church funds and half stays in Women's Councils funds in order to allow them to continue their contributions to our church's life. They will be able to use it for coffee hour supplies and to continue to update different areas of the church. Recently, Women's Council has bought more glass mugs, repaired the downstairs stove, replaced the toilets in the ladies washroom downstairs, purchased the curtains for the teen room and paid for additional railings on the stairs from the lower hall to the main level.



### **SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE**

The Salvation Army will be here on Thursday, December 13 to pick up toys. If you would like to donate a toy please put in the box in the office. There is a wish list on the bulletin boards.

### **MUSIC CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF SUNFEST**

**Next Generation Leahy family band, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the London Music Hall.**

The band is comprised of 6 children, age 8 – 16 that are incredibly talented musicians, this is to be a great event.







## Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

**STEWARDSHIP:** Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of advancing the Reign of God.

*Henri Nouwen, theologian (1932-1996)*

## 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.



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!

## THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the December/January/February Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

## 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.

### CAROLING WITH CARE

Mary Maxim London invites all parish yarn crafters to join us for an afternoon of carolers and caring. Come down on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**, to hear our carolers and enjoy 10% off yarn purchases. We are also a donation centre for Knitted Knockers, Hats for Kids, and blankets for the Humane Society. Join us at 1025 Wellington South between **2 and 4 pm, Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

#### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, December 10</b>	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	10:00 am	Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
	12:00 pm	Zumba Drop in class \$3
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
<b>Thursday, December 13</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, December 14</b>	12:00 pm	WMS
	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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