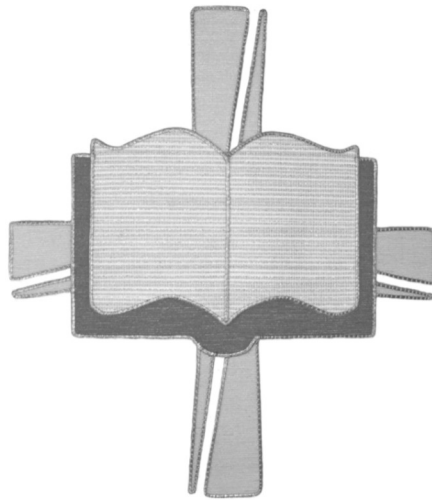


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**  
**Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 10:30am**  
**We Gather to Worship God**



## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

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

**Music Leader:** Torin Chiles

**Reader:** Bruce Curtis

**Welcome Team:** Ernva Marshall, Ann McClatchey, Pat & Jeanine Taylor, Susan Vallas,  
Johannis Weydekamp

**Counters:** Pam Johnston, Susan Pepper, John White

**Hall Shepherd:** Bruce Curtis/Pat Ferris

**Nursery:** Carol Fisher

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

*Younger Children:* Deb Noble-Van Hees, Telly Lengkey

**Hospitality:** Women's Council

**Stewart Library:** Open every Sunday

**Note to 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 an usher.

## We Gather to Worship God

\* **Please stand, if able**

**Prelude**                      *There In God's Garden (Shades Mountain)*                      R. B. Farlee (©2000)

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

\* **Processional Hymn # 462**                      *All my hope on God is founded* (Michael)

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

### **Call to Worship**

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. His greatness is unsearchable.

**C: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, we will meditate.**

**Introit**                      *There In God's Garden (Shades Mountain)*                      K. Lee Scott (©1987)

There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations; tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

Dear God, it is an enormous privilege to come here to New St. James to seek You, but it will be an even deeper privilege to find You. As we approach Your throne of Grace, help us to embrace what we need to embrace in our present circumstances, and then find You where we personally touch the world. We welcome the unexpected, knowing so often, that Your Great Hand has guided us to where we never dreamed we would be... and yet on reflection it was the right place at the right time. May this church service this morning, be part of Your Divine guidance for us all. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance (Minister)**

God always draws near to those who seek God. We can be healed and forgiven when we turn to God. We confess our sins and deliberate faults and ask for forgiveness. We are assured, when we do this in sincerity, that the slate is wiped clean and we can begin again with full confidence that no matter what happens, God loves us. Amen.

## We Hear the Word of God

**Solo**                      *Consider The Lilies*                      N. Sleeth (©1978)  
Consider the lilies and how they grow, blossoming there in the field; 'tis not for their labour they flourish so, flowers of beauty to yield. *Through the grace of God above, tending all in constant love, every want shall be supplied, for God the Lord will provide.* Consider a moment the birds in flight, everywhere filling the air, with never a worry they seek the height, nourished in bountiful share. *Through the grace of God above...* Store not up in great array treasures for the coming day; in the kingdom first believe, and all good things you shall receive. For more than the lilies that bloom and grow, more than the birds of the air, your Maker forever your need will know and feed you with heavenly care. *Through the grace of God above...*

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Dear God when we are full of doubt and fear, we lose insight and the world seems to close in upon us. Open our eyes to see the full picture of Your Great Grace and help us to find that Grace in these Scriptures we pray. Amen

**First Lesson**                      Genesis 29: 4-28                      **Pg. 25 in O.T.**

### **Responsive Reading**                      Psalm 37: 1-11

- L: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**C: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**  
L: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
**C: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**  
L: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.  
**C: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**  
L: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.  
**C: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it leads only to evil.**  
L: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.  
**C: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**  
L: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**\* 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 4: 10-13

**Pg. 199 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson**        Luke 12: 27-31

**Pg. 75 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                    *Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee*                    Bert Vander Hoek (©1999)  
Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek! Jesus our joy be Thou, as Thou our prize will; Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through all eternity. [text: from the medieval Latin; Tr. E. Caswell (1814-1870)]

**Sermon:**                    “Embrace the place where you are!”                    Rev. Dr. David Thompson

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

**\* Hymn of Faith # 327**        *Sing praise to God who reigns above* (Mit Freuden Zart)

**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 it is 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**    *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (Resignation)

D. Wood (©1989)

**Hortons vs Starbucks Update:** Total raised as of September 8th **\$3,887.70**

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Story**

\* **Hymn # 18**      *Through all the changing scenes of life (verses 1-4) (Wiltshire)*

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Westminster Abbey Trumpet Tune*

D. Lasky (©2011)



### **FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE**



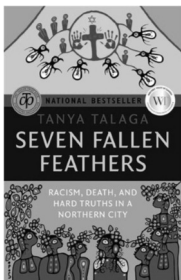
To protect people who are sensitive or allergic to scent, we want to make New St. James scent-free. Please keep this in mind when applying perfume and aftershaves. Thank you.

## ENVIRO STEWARDSHIP

The Council of Canadians is hosting a summit titled “Water Justice in a Climate Emergency,” which will bring together people and groups across Michigan, Ontario and First Nations who are working for water justice throughout the Great Lakes Basin. Honorary Chairperson **Maude Barlow** will be a keynote speaker, alongside water advocates like **Lela George**, an Indigenous activist from Oneida Nation; **Claire McClinton**, a labour leader from Flint, Michigan, and **Holly T. Bird**, an attorney and former judge. The Summit is open to the public on Saturday September 28. **The summit registration is free and open now. Sign up to attend this event today.**

## SENIORS’ ACTIVITY DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

The Seniors’ Activity Day continues Tuesday, Sept. 17th 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 at 3:00pm. **Bring a brown bag lunch.**



## 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.**

## BONNIE MARCACCIO IS RETIRING!

After serving as New St. James’ casual Office Administrator for 20 years, Bonnie has decided to retire! We have been truly blessed by Bonnie’s expertise, her good nature, availability and familiarity with the position. We are especially grateful that Bonnie stayed for an additional four months in the fall of 2017, while we recruited for Janet Hisey’s replacement, after already working July and August and then Bonnie also provided orientation for Judi in January.

If you would like to contribute to a gift to thank Bonnie for her faithfulness and many contributions to New St. James, please forward your donation to Judi Le Blanc by September 29.

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, September 16</b>	5:30pm	Northern Hospitality
	7:00pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30pm	Extencicare
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Session
<b>Wednesday, September 18</b>	9:30am	Childreach (indoor playground)
<b>Thursday, September 19</b>	1:30pm	AI-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AI-Anon
<b>Friday, September 20</b>	7:30pm	AA
<b>Sunday, September 22</b>	10:30am	Worship Service
	3:30pm	CCNC

**FROM THE WORSHIP /MUSIC COMMITTEE  
AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

You are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday September 29** to express New St. James' thanks and appreciation to the Choir and our Church Staff, Torin Chiles, Judi Le Blanc, Mark Mc Donald and Bonnie Marcaccio. We will also be celebrating Torin's 15 years of service as New St. James' Director of Music. So mark your calendars for **September 29** and come out to express your thanks and appreciation while enjoying some great cake!

**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.





## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE (SEPTEMBER 21)**

The International Day of Prayer for Peace is a time to reflect on the importance of upholding peace among people and across nations. A peaceful society is one where justice, equality and security are available to everyone. To achieve this, people everywhere need to have the opportunity for economic and social development. That is why PWS&D is working in some of the most vulnerable and marginalized countries around the world to help families overcome poverty hunger, and oppression by promoting health, education, gender equality, sanitation, protection of the environment and social justice. While peace will enable a compassionate world to take shape, a sustainable environment will also further peace.

PWS&D promotes sustainable development for peace



### **NSJ NEWSLETTER**

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

### **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.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Give to God what's right, not what's left.

*Anonymous*



**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](mailto: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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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CRIEFF HILLS

**BIRD BANDING AND FALL HIKES at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to noon.** Drop by the picnic shelter in the morning to watch birds being banded and released. No charge, but donations are appreciated. Bring the whole family! Crieff Hills is located just south of Guelph [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

**MANNA DAY** at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Speaker Michelle O'Rourke is the author of *Befriending Death: Henri Nouwen and a Spirituality of Dying* (Orbis Books, 2009). Cost \$25 (includes lunch) paid at the door. Pre-registration is required on our website [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com) or email [programs@crieffhills.com](mailto:programs@crieffhills.com)

**FINDING BALANCE: CRIEFF HILLS WOMEN'S RETREAT** November 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie will speak on the practice of crafting an individual 'rule of life' by focusing on what is truly important. Enjoy nourishing meals and great company while surrounded by the beauty of rural Ontario. To register email [programs@crieffhills.com](mailto:programs@crieffhills.com)