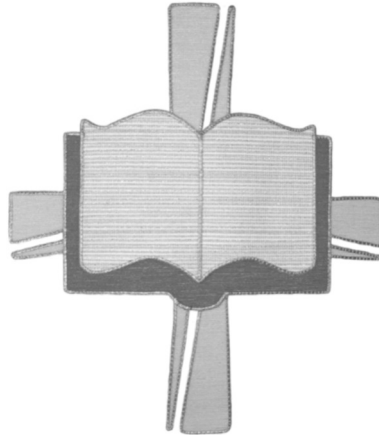


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 10:30am

We Gather to Worship God



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Leader: Torin Chiles

Reader: Jeff Goud

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

Counters: Volunteers

Hall Shepherd: Cathy Rudell

Nursery: Karen Buchwald

Church School: Deb Noble-Van Hees and Karen Baron

Hospitality: HR & Worship Committee

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.

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* Please stand, if able

Prelude He Comes To Us As One Unknown (*Repton*) M. Sedio (©1998)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 444 (verses 1, 2 & 4)** *Sweet is the solemn voice* (Hamburg)

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

Call to Worship

L: God is greater than our understanding can comprehend. Yet we are called to draw near to God, as we understand God's life; in every flower that blooms, God's life in every person we meet, for in God's Life we all live and move and have our being, and it is good.

C: **God we thank-you for our creation and preservation until this hour. Fill our worship with Your great gentle Presence and transport us to where we have never been but deeply need to be. Amen.**

Introit *You Shall Have A Song* H. Ziegenhals (©2014)
You shall have a song and gladness of heart, for music can joyfully our love to all impart. Lift every voice, play the flute and violin, and you shall have a song to sing, alleluia!

Prayer of Approach

Dear God all things and creatures are drawn to You and come from You. Thank-you that we are all distinct and unique and precious in Your sight. Even the hairs of our heads are numbered and you see each sparrow fall. As we celebrate our particularity, deliver us from comparing ourselves to others and so live more fully into your distinct image that You have for each of us as individuals. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of assurance Those who turn to God seeking forgiveness for any wrongdoing are heard by God and forgiven. We claim the assurance of pardon and all sins and failures forgiven, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Give To My Eyes, Lord*

R. Corp (©2007)

Give to my eyes, Lord, the blessing of seeing Your face in all around me, the light of Your glorious grace. Help me to see the needs of Your people and be ready to go, Lord, wherever Your Spirit leads me. Give to my feet, Lord, the blessing of walking Your way, going wherever You lead me throughout the whole day. Show me the paths that lead where Your people need me, mine Your own footsteps, wherever Your Spirit leads me. Give to my mouth, Lord, the courage to speak of Your cross, boldly proclaiming Your death was a gain not a loss. That through Your blood, true justice and mercy may be building Your kingdom, wherever Your Spirit leads me. Give to my heart, Lord, the grace to rejoice in Your love, showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above. That by Your word I'll share in the joys that You give free, help me to go, Lord, wherever Your Spirit leads me. Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to You and by my service I'll show that I'm faithful and true. Help me to live and praise You; please Lord, set me free. That You may use me, wherever Your Spirit needs me.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

God You gave us first the Law for us to live well. Help us to hear Your voice in the Scriptures. Amen.

First Lesson Exodus 20: verse 17

Pg. 66 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 32: 1-11

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

L: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

C: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

L: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

C: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

L: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

* **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 Timothy 6: 6-10

Pg. 210 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 33-48

Pg. 5 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Just As I Am, I Come

V. C. Johnson (2011);

quoting "Woodworth" by Wm. Bradbury (1816-1868)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to The, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt – struggles within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now to be Thine and Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come, Just as I am. [text: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)]

Sermon "Freeing ourselves from Comparison thinking"
Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

Hymn of Faith # 676 (verses 1, 2 & 4) *Jesus, lover of my soul* (Aberystwyth)

Greta Thunberg Speech Prayers for the Climate Change and
the Church's response.

Offering and Offertory *Just As I Am* (Woodworth) C. Nordman (1895-1973)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of September 22nd **\$4,260.05**

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements Recognition and appreciation of NSJ staff and the choir

Story

* **Hymn # 690 (verses 1, 2 & 4)** *Fight the good fight* (Pentecost)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (*Cwm Rhondda*) J. B. Carlson (©1999)



SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR - TODAY!



Today's the day to express our thanks and appreciation to the Choir and our Church Staff, Torin Chiles, Judi Le Blanc, Mark McDonald and Bonnie Marcaccio and to celebrate Torin's 15 years of service as New St. James' Director of Music. Join the celebration to express your thanks and appreciation, while enjoying some very special and picture-perfect cake!

A fire drill will take place on Sunday, October 13th at the end of the service.

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.

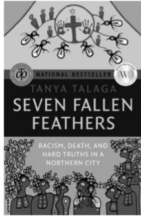
LINE DANCING AT NSJ

Deb O'Hara is offering 6 weeks of line dancing lessons starting Sept 30 through November 11th (no class on Thanksgiving Monday) from 2:30-3:30 in the gym. Cost is \$36 for the 6 weeks. Questions - ask Deb Noble-Van Hees.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, September 30	1:30pm	NSJ Book Club
	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, October 1	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, October 2	9:30am	No Childreach this week
	7:00pm	CCNC
Thursday, October 3	12:00pm	Glengarry
	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	6:30pm	Worship Committee
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, October 4	7:30pm	AA
Sunday, October 6	10:30am	Worship Service

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



The New St James Book Club will meet on **September 30 at 1:30pm in the Stewart Library**. 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.**

**SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st**

The Seniors' Activity Day continues Tuesday, Oct. 1st 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. **"Please bring a brown bag lunch."**

**FALL GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 9:30am-12:00 noon**

Women's Council hopes that you are all busy getting your donations ready for the fall sale. We are ready to accept these donations now until Friday the 18th of October. Please remember to donate articles that are clean and useable. Please no magazines, old style TVs, old style monitors. We would like jewelry, good clean clothing, linens, shoes, purses, books, household items, gift items, small furniture, small working appliances, lamps, toys and other general garage sale items. Please plan to help sort the merchandise on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, the 18th and plan to help sell on the 19th. Please let Karen Buchwald or Deb Van Hees know if you can help.



Presbyterians Sharing: Together we make a difference!

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel.

Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action

STEWARDSHIP:

Money never stays with me. It would burn me if it did. I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it should find its way into my heart.

John Wesley (1703-1791), cleric, theologian

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.

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.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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