

**NewSt.JamesChurch**  
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.



**Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *Mike Ruggi*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Pamela Johnston*

Welcome Team: *Donna Aziz, Bob & Carol Fisher, Jean Hadley,  
Hartono & Janti, Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *Ann Milling, Ken & Liz Robbins, Susan Vallas, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Susan McNair*

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Cathy Taylor*

Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Pat Goud, Megan Shin*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Karen Baron, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass, Susan Vallas*

Teen Class: *Christine Goud*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

**A Note for Visitors:** Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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** *Just As I Am (Woodworth)* Wm. Bradbury (1816-1868);  
arr. G. Young (©1994)

\* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**  
*Jesus, stand among us (Caswall)* **452**

### Welcome

**Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 43:1-7)

L: The Lord calls to you today.

He calls to you and says: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine."

C: **Because he knows us and goes with us,  
when we pass through the waters and walk through the fire,  
we will not be afraid.**

L: The Lord will not let the waters overwhelm you or the fire consume you.  
You are precious in his sight.  
He honours you and loves you.  
He has given people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

C: **The Holy One of Israel is our Saviour.  
He is with us always.  
His love endures forever.  
Glorious is his name.**

**Introit** *The God Of Heaven Thunders* N. Warren (©1973)  
The God of heaven thunders, Whose voice in cadent echoes resounds above the waters, and all the world sings, "Glory, glory, glory!" The mighty God eternal is to the throne ascended, and we who are God's people, within these walls cry, "Glory, glory, glory!" [from Ps.29]

### Prayer of Approach

### Words of Assurance

## We Hear the Word of God

**Duet** *Do Not Fear* T. Chiles (©2005)

When you walk through the waters I will be with you. When you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned. When you walk through the flames they will not consume you. *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not fear, I have redeemed you. Do not fear, for I have called you by name and you are Mine.* When you walk through the shadows I will be with you. When you walk in the darkness I will bring the light of day. When you fall on your knees, I will lift you up. When you feel all alone, I'll be there to love you. *Do not fear...* [from Isaiah 43]

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 43:1-7

pg. 672 in O.T.

### **Responsive Psalm 29**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendour.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.**
- <sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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### **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.

### **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

pg. 60 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *This Is My Beloved Son* D. Uhl (©1987)  
When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide. The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove. Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words: *This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased.* Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove. Come now in visitation. Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place. You are the Way, the Truth, the Light. Lead us to our salvation. When John baptized the Christ, our Lord...

**Sermon** **"I Will Be With You"** Mike Ruggi

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

- \* **Hymn of the Faith** *Standing at the portal (St. Alban's)* **811**
- Prayers of Concern**
- Offering and Offertory** *Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Morecambe)*  
D. Hustad (©1960)
- \* **Doxology** **830**
- \* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
- Announcements**
- Our Church Family Together**
- Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** Inside cover of Book of Praise
- \* **Hymn of Discipleship** *I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfold)* **671**
- \* **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**  
Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.
- \* **Benediction**
- Postlude** *I've Just Come from The Fountain*  
African American Spiritual; arr. R. Billingham (©1996)

## **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](http://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

<b>Monday, January 11</b>	9:00 am	Ox-Well Activity Program
	7:00 pm	Trustees (George Rendell's home)
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Human Resources
	7:00 pm	Presbytery
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study
	5:30 pm	Conversation Circle
<b>Thursday, January 14</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, January 15</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, January 16</b>		Camp Kintail Interviews
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	CCNC

Please pick up your **2015 Income Tax Receipt** in the narthex.

### *Creative Hands*

Every second and fourth Tuesday at NSJ beginning January 12.

1:30-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting  
or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

## HIGHLAND

**Tuesday, January 12 7:00 pm**

All ladies are invited to Cathy Taylor's home at 20 Franklin Avenue for our January meeting.

**Indoor Playground** resumes January 13. FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.

Reminder: **Session reports** are due Thursday, January 14. Please email Janet Hisey at [jhisey@newstjames.com](mailto:jhisey@newstjames.com).

**“PAY IT FORWARD” SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20  
SERVED 5-7 P.M.**

Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 5 & under FREE  
Tickets for sale during coffee hour from the CE committee



### **DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 7. The Annual Report needs to be ready for Sunday, January 31. Therefore, the deadline for your annual report submissions is **Wednesday, January 20**. Please submit to [jhisey@newstjames.com](mailto:jhisey@newstjames.com).

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

**Sunday, January 24 11:45 am**

All are invited to a Fellowship Lunch with guest speaker Megan Shin, our pastoral intern from Knox College. Freewill offering.

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ this fall. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

*The Stewart Library:* Copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge, in the Library.

## 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. Keep saving those stamps!



### The Key is Good Soil

Subsistence farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America make up more than 70 per cent of the world's hungry. While Canada has a good track record for supporting agriculture in its aid programs, the aid budget for agricultural development has been on the decline. Good Soil is an ongoing campaign of Canadian Foodgrains Bank that aims to strengthen government funding for small-scale agriculture. Increased funding will not only help farmers improve their yields and adapt to changes in climate, it will stimulate economic growth, improve opportunities for women, enhance vital nutrition for children and promote environmental sustainability. Learn more about the issue at [www.foodgrainsbank.ca/good-soil](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca/good-soil).

#### **Stewardship:**

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.

Brian Tracy (1944-),  
motivational speaker and author



**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.*

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	Bruce Curtis
<b>Minister Emeritus</b>	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files
<b>Minister in Association</b>	Rev. Joyce Elder
<b>Associate for Congregational Life</b>	Joanne MacPherson – jmacpherson@newstjames.com
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<b>Director of Music</b>	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
<b>Choristers</b>	Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Natalie Gassi, soprano; Brooklyn Elhard, soprano; Morgan Traynor, mezzo- soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; Adrian Armenti, baritone
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday
<b>Custodian</b>	Mark McDonald - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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