

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

October 6<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday, 2019 at 10:30am  
We Gather to Worship God



## Serving You Today

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

**Music Leader:** Torin Chiles

**Reader:** Steve Harris

**Welcome Team:** Captain: Bob Baron, Karen Baron, Nancy Roach, Members of the  
Congregation

**Counters:** Doug McKay, Pam Johnston, Susan Vallas

**Hall Shepherd:** Rob McGugan

**Nursery:** Karen Buchwald

**Sunday School:** Deb Noble-Van Hees, Shwe Nyein

**Hospitality:** C.E.

**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**                      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Picardy)*                      A. Rowley (1892-1958)

**The History of World Communion Sunday:** World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). It was an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity. It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

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

**The Great Scottish Presbyterian Entry of the Communion elements**

\* **Processional Hymn # 13** (for the communion elements),  
*Ye gates, lift up your heads on high* (St. George's, Edinburgh)

**(The elements are processed down the aisle by the youth of New St. James to be received by the elders who lay the table for Communion. The choir leads the congregation from the side aisles.)**

**When the table is laid the choir processes down the main aisles:**

- \* **The Procession of the choir, singing with the congregation**
- \* **Hymn # 540**      *One bread, one body* (One Bread, One Body)
- \* **Welcome to New St. James** (please turn and greet one another)

**Call to Worship**

L: We are come to mount Zion and unto the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, to the church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to the Judge of all and to the spirits of just people made perfect.

**C: Wherefor let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well pleasing to God with reverence and Godly fear.**

(Please be seated)

**Introit**                      *O Taste And See*                                      R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him  
[Ps. 24: 8]

**Unison Prayer of Approach**

Dear God in the stillness of our hearts speak your truth that sets us free. As we approach You, let the trials and challenges of the past week melt away in the Light and peace of your Presence. Amen.

**We Hear the Word of God**

**Solo**                      *How Beautiful*                                      T. Paris (©1990); arr. L. Larson (©2011)  
How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Dear God light up the Scriptures today so that we may learn from them and become better people, more closely aligned to Your Image in us. Amen.

**First Lesson**          Genesis 3: 1-8

**Pg. 2 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading**      Psalm 46: 1-7

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### \* **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**                  Hebrews 12: 25-29

**Pg. 227 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson:**      Matthew 8: 23-27

**Pg. 8 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem**      *Christians Come, Gather At The Table*

D. Besig (©2007);

quoting *St Peter* (A. Reinagle (1799-1877))

One by one, Christians come, and gather at the table of the Lord. We know we are not worthy; we've failed in many ways, but we will find forgiveness here today. One by one Christians come, and celebrate the promise of our Lord. He takes our sins upon Him; He feeds our hungry souls. He heals our broken hearts and makes us whole. *Take this bread; take this cup. Feel God's grace; share God's love. All join hands, and let our prayers be heard: May the peace of Christ be known through all the world.* One by one Christians come, and lift your praise together to the Lord. We sing with many voices; His glory we proclaim, for we are all united in His name. *Take this bread...* "In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north; for all who share this gift of grace are servants of the Lord."

Sermon

“Our Common Quest”

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## We Respond in Faith and Service

**Offering and Offertory**      *Unto Him That Loved Us*      Vivian Vevenger (©1992)

**Hortons vs Starbucks Update:** Total raised as of September 29 \$4,462.25

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Celebrates World Communion Together

\* **Communion Hymn # 542**      *Let all mortal flesh keep silent (Picardy)*

\* **The Apostles' Creed**

(Traditional Version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

### **Unison Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **Minister**

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

### **The Institution of the Sacrament**

### **The Distribution**

### **Prayer After Communion**

### **Announcements:**

- \* **Hymn # 96 Let us with a gladsome mind**
- \* **Commissioning and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Picardy)*

A. Roberts (©2006)



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

On **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, the sanctuary will be decorated for the Thanksgiving Service. **You are invited to bring fresh produce that day** and place it at the front of the sanctuary. The food will be distributed to various agencies in the city.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Friends, We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many calls, lovely cards and prayers of concern after the recent loss of my mom, Shirley Newman. It has been a difficult time, but your show of support has been wonderful and most appreciated. Love and our best, The MacPherson Family.

### **MEMORIAL**

The family of David McGee would like to express their appreciation for prayers and cards from NSJ. David passed away on Wednesday, October 2nd in Whitby, ON. Funeral was Saturday, October 5th at Mount Lawn Funeral Home, 21 Garrard Road, Whitby, ON L1N 3K4

### **WMS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> at 12noon**

Everyone is invited to attend WMS and hear Gayle Harrison's presentation on her Romania Mission trip. A catered lunch at a cost of \$12 will be served at noon followed by the presentation. Please let Cathy Reid know if you wish to attend.

### **LINE DANCING AT NSJ**

Deb O'Hara is offering 6 weeks of line dancing lessons starting Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup> ( 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.

### **SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Seniors' Activity Day continues Tuesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We'll begin the morning with coffee and goodies and then play our favourite games: euchre, dominoes and BINGO. 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."

### **HIGHLAND GROUP - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:00PM**

The Highland ladies are welcoming Deb O'Hara to lead us in an evening of line dancing. We will meet in New St James Hall with worship, business meeting and refreshments following our dancing. All are welcome so grab your water bottle and join us! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

### **FALL GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> and plan to help sell on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please let Karen Buchwald or Deb Noble-Van Hees know if you can help.



### **World Teachers' Day (Oct. 5)**

Many children around the world do not have the opportunity to go to school for a variety of reasons—one of them is a lack of trained teachers. To improve access to quality education that helps children escape cycles of poverty, PWS&D's girls education project in Afghanistan runs workshops to strengthen the capacity of teachers. Teachers are educated about child rights, gender and peace, and trained in improved teaching methods to ensure that access to education translates to positive learning outcomes for girls and boys. "My lessons were difficult and sometimes boring for the students," admits Ismatullah, a school teacher in Bamyan, Afghanistan. "After receiving this training, I learned interactive teaching methods that improve the teaching quality and engagement of the students during classroom activities."

*PWS&D helps teachers thrive*



**Newsletter deadline for submissions for the next issue:  
October 16. Please send to [nsjnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nsjnewsletter@gmail.com)**

**STEWARDSHIP** Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.  
*P.T. Barnum (1810-1891), showman, politician, businessman*

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, October 7</b>	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00pm	Highland
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC
	7:30pm	AI-Anon
<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AI-Anon
	12:00pm	WMS
<b>Friday, October 11</b>	7:30pm	AA
	10:30am	Worship Service
<b>Sunday, October 13</b>		