

Peace

Grace to you
And Peace
From God
-Romans 1:7

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

December 10, 2017 - 10:30 am

Second Advent Peace Sunday * Liturgical colour purple

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, 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 *On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry (Winchester New)* M. Archer (©1994)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *People, look east (Besançon)* **125**

Welcome

Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy - The Harris Family see insert

Lighting of the candle of Peace *Hope is a star (Moon Beams)* **119**

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. When God is a child, there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Introit *Tomorrow Christ Is Coming* C.A. Gibbs (1889-1960)

Tomorrow Christ is coming, as yesterday He came! Created in God's image, we must make peace on earth. God will fulfill Love's purpose and this shall be the sign: We shall find Christ among us as woman, child, or man.

[text: F. Kaan (©1968), alt.]

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Who But The Lord

C. Courtney (©2017)

O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar. Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "here am I"? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, set the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace? O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

By Your words, O God, may our minds be opened to a greater understanding of Your coming as the Prince of Peace. May love deepen in our hearts and may we find there a greater service for Your kingdom of light and love. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-5

Pg 667 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 85:8-13

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

C: Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

L: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness will go before Him, and will make a path for His steps.

Gloria Patri

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 1:1-8

Pg 34 in N.T.

L: This is Mark's story of the beginning of the Good News of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God

* **Hymn of Faith**

Long ago, prophets knew (Theodoric (Personent Hodie))

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* **Prayers for the World**

Offering and Offertory *Of The Fathers Love Begotten (Divinum Mysterium)*

W. Held (©1970)

* **Doxology**

830

* **Dedication of offering**

Announcements

* **Hymn of Discipleship**

Go tell it on the mountain (Go tell it)

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Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Sing Amen

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Postlude

Go Tell It On The Mountain

T. Albrecht (©1987)



Liturgical Linens - Colours for Advent and Christmas

Purple is the liturgical colour associated with anticipation. The cloth on the Communion table has a stylized star/cross in white and silver representing the hope in Jesus' birth and his death. The black Alpha and Omega symbolize the beginning and the end. The pulpit fall and the minister's stole have the same stylized star/cross in white and silver. White is the liturgical colour of new beginnings, hence its use at the season of Christmas. The Communion table cloth, the pulpit fall and the minister's stole have an embroidered gold Celtic cross. More information on back page of PCC Calendar.

Notes: The linens were the inspiration of the late Shirley McNair, former Clerk of Session. They were made of Tassilo fabric by Desmarais and Robitaille of Montreal and presented to New St. James on November 29, 2009.

The beautiful large gold and white wreath is in memory of Mrs. Chris Hunter, mother of Jim Hunter.

The Activity Day group would like to cordially invite you to join us on our last day (for the year) for a Christmas Turkey luncheon. **Tuesday, December 12 at noon. Cost \$12.00.** Everyone welcome, but Joanne has to know numbers by TODAY if you are able to attend.

Sunday Morning Christmas Caroling: You are invited to join us in December on Sunday mornings before Christmas to enjoy caroling together before our worship service begins. The team of Eva Murray, on piano, and Bob Baron will lead us. On Dec. 10th, be advised, caroling will commence time-permitting, after the church school is finished using the sanctuary for rehearsal. On Dec. 17th and 24th caroling is planned to be from 10 a.m. until 10:25. We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of the greatest gift ever. How can we keep from singing?!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Fri. Dec. 15th 6:30

Join us for a fun evening of caroling and then back to NSJ for yummy treats and hot cocoa!



The Market Place Vendor Show was a great success. We raised \$6,100 to support our church budget. What a great effort and thank you so much for those who baked, made preserves and deli, who volunteered their time and donated tombola's and attended the event. The vendors enjoyed themselves and were delighted with the turnout.

HIGHLAND GROUP, Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The Highland ladies will meet in the parlour for our Christmas meeting. We encourage new members to join us. Please bring toiletries for the mothers at the pregnancy crisis centre. Also, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 to \$15 for our gift exchange. We will have a Christmas worship, Christmas carols and Christmas treats--so be sure to be there! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519)641-6742.

2018 CALENDARS FOR SALE TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR!

Look for youth selling Presbyterian Church calendars during coffee hour today and for the next two Sundays. Calendars are \$5.00 and 100% of the profit will be going towards our youth ministry fund (sending youth to camp, Canada Youth conference, etc.) Many thanks to Harris Funeral Home for their generous donations of the calendars, which in turn, support our youth!

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, December 11	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, December 12	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
Wednesday, December 13	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
Thursday, December 14	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 15	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	All Ages Carolling
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, December 16	7:00 pm	Amabile Concert
Sunday, December 17	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Special Session Meeting - Session will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm to consider a report from the Human Resources Committee.

Search Committee Meeting - A meeting of the New St. James Search Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm following the Special Session Meeting.

Newsletter



Exciting Volunteer Position: Cathy Urquhart has done the New Connection newsletter for so many years and due to the many changes in her life, it has been decided that this would be a good time for someone else to step in. We hope there is someone out there who would like to try their hand at this new adventure. Please contact the office to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Slippery Sidewalks: It's that time of year again with the sidewalks getting slippery. Calling one and all to help look out for each other as we traverse those slick sidewalks, streets, laneways and parking lots on our way to and from worship. Let's be on the alert to help keep one another safe!



World AIDS Day - Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence.

While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover. Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment.

PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women



Salvation Army Kettles – Valumart Richmond & Oxford

Can you spare 3 hours between now and Christmas? The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign is underway and there are 52 shifts available at the Valumart located just a block west of NSJ. Wouldn't it be great if our church 'adopted' this location to fill as many of those slots as possible. The commitment for you, and a friend, if you'd like, would be to be at the indoors kettle, smile, thank, & wish a Merry Christmas to those who pass by. A little bellringing for all donations would be in order as well. Shifts are 2.5 – 3 hours each, mostly in the afternoon or early evening. More information is available at www.londonchristmaskettles.ca or see Frank Walsh who has a list of current open timeslots.

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 at 519-434-1204 to activate the prayer chain.

Stewardship:

Generosity is not giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is giving me that which you need more than I do.

-Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), Lebanese American artist, poet

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.

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