

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday
We Gather to Worship God



Luther Posting His Ninety-Five Theses

SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Leader: Torin Chiles

Reader: Scott Goud

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

Counters: Jim Hoskin, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon

Hall Shepherd: Tom Dekay

Nursery: Winn Files

Church School: Deb Noble-Van Hees, Telly Lengkey

Hospitality: Members

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.

*** Please stand, if able**

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Prelude *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place (Wie Lieblich)* J. Brahms (1833-1897)
The Clarinet Aficionados: Scott MacDonald, leader; Nancy Graham,
Teresa Janik, Laura Visconti, David Pauls.

- * **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** *(please stand, if able)*
- * **Processional Hymn # 466** *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* (Praise the Lord)
- * **Welcome to New St. James** *(please turn and greet one another)*

Call To Worship

L: Do not put your faith in mortals in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth. On that very day their plans perish.

C: **Happy those whose hope is in the Lord their God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever!**

Introit *Make A Joyful Noise* D. E. Wagner (©2005)
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with a song! [Ps. 100:1-2]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Our Loving God, in uncertainty there is always the whole field of possibilities before us. Let us focus this day on the good the true and the beautiful and so find You!

Words of Assurance

Over the eons people have found that in the confession of failures and deliberate sins, there is forgiveness and release. May we be assured of that release this day and going forward in our lives, as we seek to make a difference in the world for goodness and for love. Amen

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing

R. Lowry (1826-1899);
arr. Sarah Quartel (©2018)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation, I hear the real though far-off tune that hails the new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul – how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness 'round me close, sings in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth – how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it, and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it. The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing?

Unison Prayer for Illumination

In these Scriptures help us to discover things that we have not thought applied to us. And then help us to pay forward for the goodness we have received by meeting the needs of the poor, the orphan, the refugee and those who are bereaved, without seeking credit for the goodness we have passed on to others. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 37: 12-24

Pg. 34 in O.T.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 71: 17-24

L: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

C: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

L: Your power, and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

C: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

L: You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

C: I will also praise you with the harp, for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

L: My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.

C: All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

*** 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: 12-16

Pg. 210 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 1: 18-25

Pg. 1 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo *I Believe/You'll Never Walk Alone* Drake, Graham, Shirl & Stillman (©1952);
Lesley Andrew Hammerstein (©1945)

Sermon "Every end is a new beginning" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

Hymn of Faith # 315 *A mighty Fortress is our God* (Ein' Feste Burg)
(Martin Luther's hymn at the time of the Reformation. He wrote the words and music.)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. ***Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.***
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.





2019 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Christmas Kettles campaign is just around the corner. We have the opportunity to support this Salvation Army program by 'hosting' the kettle in the Valu-Mart at Oxford and Richmond. Our initial target is to fill the 2 or 3 hour timeslots on each of Thursday, November 28; Friday, November 29; and Saturday, November 30. Four time slots per day: 10:00 to 1:00, 1:00 to 3:00, 3:00 to 5:00, and 5:00 to 7:00. The Salvation Army will provide signage identifying New St. James as the host. A sign-up sheet is posted in New St. James Hall for these times plus all other times throughout the 2019 Kettle season. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Walsh. Have fun, help others, and ring those bells!

SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29th

The Seniors' Activity Day continues this coming Tuesday starting at 10 AM. We'll begin the day with coffee/tea and goodies and then play our favourite card and board games. For the more-energetic, there's always shuffleboard. At noon, **a catered lunch will be served** as we bid farewell to Rev. Dr. David Thompson. Cost is \$11. Please let Lyn Hill know **today** if you would like to attend. (519-472-8353)

NSJ BOOK CLUB

This month the NSJ Book Club will be reading: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows. We will meet in the Stewart Library on October 28 at 1:30 pm. Copies of the book are available in the Stewart Library. Books must be signed out and returned by Sunday October 27 or at the Book Club meeting. Everyone welcome.



HOPE ABOUNDS

Cyclical PCC is a church-planting initiative within The Presbyterian Church in Canada that encourages presbyteries and leaders to take first steps towards beginning new worshipping communities. At the Spring 2019 Cyclical PCC Gathering, 46 leaders discerned ways that the Holy Spirit is calling the PCC to plant new ministries. Not only are people interested in starting new worshipping communities, but such communities are already beginning, and there is a growing interest in taking part in this work. The task of starting new worshipping communities belongs to the whole denomination. Please pray for the leaders already engaged in this work and for new leaders as they discern their involvement.

Presbyterians Sharing is planting new ministries

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Oct. 28	1:30pm	NSJ Book Club
	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Oct. 29	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Oct. 30	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, Oct. 31	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Nov. 1	7:30pm	AA
Sunday, Nov. 3	10:30am	Worship Service
	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble

AT NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2019 7:00PM

The sounds of silents - A night at the movies at Knox Presbyterian Church, 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, featuring Martin Annderle on the Knox organ and grand piano. We will be watching a silent Laurel and Hardy movie as it was originally enjoyed, accompanied by live improvisational organ music. Then, a tribute to Canada with images from sea to sea by local photographers, accompanied by original piano music. FREE WILL offering with all proceeds going to the St. Thomas Inn out of the Cold. Dessert to follow. Join us.

WESTMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 11:00am-2:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP: Empty pockets never held anyone back. It's only empty hearts that do it.

Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993), minister, author

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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