

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 10:30 am**



## **Serving You Today**

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

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Lyn Hill*

Welcome Team: *Bruce Curtis, Mary Jean Dodge, Pat Ferries, Jim Hoskin,*

*George Rendell, Dee-Ann Vickers, Sydney Vickers*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Shwe Nyein*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Pat Goud*

Church School: *Sonya Malone, Tom and Andrea Dekay, Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Hospitality: *Members at Large*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

**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**    *Beautiful Saviour (Schönster Herr Jesu)*

G. Hamilton (©2001)

**Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible (Please stand if able and remain standing for the Processional Hymn)**

\* **Processional Hymn**    *Oh worship the King (Hanover)*

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### **Welcome**

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',  
On that one mountain where all moments meet,  
The daily veil that covers the sublime  
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.  
There were no angels full of eyes and wing  
Just living glory full of truth and grace.  
The Love that dances at the heart of things  
Shone out upon us from a human face  
And to that light the light in us leaped up,  
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,  
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope  
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.  
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar  
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are. Rebecca Merry.

### **Call to Worship**

L: "He was transfigured before them."

C: "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them."

**Introit**    *Every Pilgrim Has A Mountain*

T. Weed (©2014)

Every pilgrim has a mountain that is hers alone to climb, rising from the deepest places, standing with the rush of time. Every mountain has a summit calling out to him who seeks, though the way is often winding and the summoning oblique. Every summit has a threshold with a path from either side, where the hopeful meet the Hoped-for and the guided know their Guide. Guide us now and guide us always, God of pilgrimage and peek, Source of all that draws and drives us, Sum of every thing we seek. [text: M. Hudson (©2004)]

### **Prayer of Approach**

Our Loving God, the experience of Transfiguration that we will read about today is beyond our ken. Like Peter who did experience it, we would probably be afraid. But we are aware that we can ask you to transform and renew our minds and hearts. And that is what we hope for today. Forgive us our shortcomings. Transform our minds from their daily worry tracks into the light and peace of Thy Great Presence. Fill us with Your Spirit and bring us to joy! Amen

### **Words of Assurance**

God always forgive us. Nothing is too hard for God. Be assured, that in the name of Jesus Christ and for His love's sake, we are forgiven! Let that knowledge of Divine forgiveness transform your mind this day and all days going forward. Amen

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Solo** *O Light Of Life!* – M. Wilberg (©2010) Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano  
O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; our ember is Thine. Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear, deepen our love – Thy fire appear! Light of our souls, Thou spark at birth – grow bright in us, shine in all the earth! O Light of Life, O true Light of peace! Storms will arise, let Thy light increase. Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud; let Thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed. Answer our pleas, melt hearts in Thy flame. Make us as one in Thy Name. O Light of Life! O sweet Light of Grace! Thou bidst us come; we follow apace. See the bright Tree! Behold the white fruit! Feasting we weep; we witness the root! O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love! Come wash us clean; send forth Thy white Dove. Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes; help us to love – 'tis price of the prize. Then let us come, enrobe us in white. Cleaving to Thee, Light unto Thy Light. Amen. [text: D. Warner (©2008)]

### **Unison prayer for illumination**

Our Loving God, we are thankful that Moses and Elijah were there for the Historical Jesus when he needed them. That opens up the assertion that life goes on in another dimension and that we are watched over. Give us an awareness of your watchful Presence as we seek to learn and understand the Scripture this day. Be with us in this service and may our heart glow within us as we enter into the feast of Transfiguration as recorded in Scripture. Amen

**Responsive reading Psalm 50: 1-6**

(A Psalm of Asaph.)

L: The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

L: Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

**C: He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

L: 'Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'

**C: The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**

**Gloria Patri**

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 9: 2-9

**Pg. 44 in N.T.**

L: This is the Good News of transfiguration of the historical Jesus from the first Gospel written.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem:**

*Jesus On The Mountain Peak*

M. Sedio (©2007)

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia! Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia! Swift the clouds of glory came proclaiming in its thunder, the Son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia! This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him, first and last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

**Sermon: "Divinely guided and protected"**

The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## We Respond in Faith and Service

- \* **Hymn of Faith** *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory* (Geneva) **186**

### Prayers for the World

**Offering and Offertory** *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known* (Wo Gott Zum Haus)  
M. Sedio (©1998)

- \* **Doxology** **830**

- \* **Dedication of offering**

## Our Church Family Together

### Announcements

**Praise** Lord the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine) **376**

### Story

### Prayers for New St. James

### The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn** *Majesty* (Majesty)

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise. Majesty, kingdom, authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus, Who died, now glorified, King of all kings!

- \* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** *O Morning Star How Fair And Bright* (Wie Schön Leuchtet) M. Sedio (©2003)



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tuesday, February 13th** from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm  
Bring your family, friends and neighbours!

**Highland Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, Feb. 13.** Carolyn Smale from ANOVA (formerly Women's Community House) will be guest speaker. **All women are welcome to attend this meeting.**

**One Day Wonder**—Junior High event for Grades 5-8 on Saturday, March 3rd 9:30am-7:00pm at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mills Road. Cost is \$15 It is a great day of fun, food and faith! Please call Joanne at the church office to register.



### A Miracle of Abundance

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance. The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one. Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School. What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children's ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, are growing together to share God's love. *Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God*



### The New St. James Book Club

The New St. James book club will be reading *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers in February. Extra copies of *Zeitoun*, the true story of one family's experiences during hurricane Katrina, are available in the Stewart Library. Books must be returned on or before our next meeting on February 26th.



is this year's theme for Vacation Bible Camp March 12-16, 2018. Early drop off time at 8:30 am. Camp time from 9-12 pm. Ages JK to Grade 6. Register early by emailing Marg. McGugan at [me5mcgugan@gmail.com](mailto:me5mcgugan@gmail.com) at a cost of \$5.00 per child. We are also looking for helpers during VBS week. If you are handy at making a mess, come out Tuesday, January 30 after 1 PM to see what we are up to in the 'prop department!' See you there!

Created by GOD, built for a purpose

**Annual Reports are available for pick up in the Narthex**

**NEW OUTREACH FLYERS** are ready and can be picked up at each of our entrances. Share with family, friends and neighbours. Thank you for sharing the ministries of NSJ!!

<b>THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES</b>		
<b>Monday, February 12</b>	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	6:30 pm	Boys Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Pancake Supper
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	6:00 pm	Junior Youth
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, February 16</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

**EYE KNOW TRIVIA NIGHT:** Our team is getting ready for another outreach to Malawi in September 2018. So let's get out of the cold and reduce cabin fever by hanging out and testing our knowledge at another fun night of trivia. Our new date is **Friday, March 2, 2018 from 6:30-10pm**. Teams of 6-8 \$120, individual players: \$15 (we'll find some smart people who want to play with you). This is a great opportunity to invite people outside of New St James to come and meet us. Last time over 1/2 the teams were people who didn't attend our church. Sign up by February 28, 2018 by calling the church office or by email: [gayleavc@gmail.com](mailto:gayleavc@gmail.com)

**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.

**Stewardship:** If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

*Bob Hope (1903 - 2003), comedian*

**The Stewart Library:**

Copies of the March/April/May Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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