

**New St. James Church**  
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
Rally Sunday, September 11, 2016 - 10:30 am



**Serving You Today**

Worship Leaders: *Rev. Andrew Reid, Colin Aerts, Scott Goud, Lauren Hutton, Abby MacPherson*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Bruce Curtis*

Welcome Team: *Tracey Boivin, Jim & Dolores Hunter, Ken & Liz Robbins,  
Pat & Jeanine Taylor, Susan, Avery & Brecken Vallas*

Counters: *Ken & Liz Robbins, Frank Walsh, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Frank Walsh*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Cathy Taylor*

Hospitality: *Ruitenbeek celebration*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

**A Note for Visitors:** The service today is an All Ages Service. The children and youth will remain in the service. The Nursery is open as usual.

**\*Please stand, if able**

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude**                      *All Things Bright And Beautiful (Royal Oak)*                      D. Wood (©1995)

\* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**  
*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet*                      **466**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Introit**                      *Festive Praise*                      A. Pote (©2011)  
Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song. Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song. Alleluia! Sing to the Lord a marvelous song! (Ps. 92)

**Gathering Prayer**

L: Loving God, we are glad that you welcome us.  
C: **Welcoming God, we are glad that you care for us.**  
L: Caring God, we are glad that you guide us through life.  
C: **Guiding God, we are glad that you call us to serve you.**  
L: Calling God, we are glad that you shelter us.  
C: **Sheltering God, we are glad that you inspire us to serve you.**  
L: Inspiring God, we are glad that you give us the task of sharing your love.  
ALL: **Loving God, we are glad that you welcome us as your children through faith in Jesus our Lord. As your children gathered here, bless us, we pray, as we worship you now, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Solo**                      *The God Of Love My Shepherd Is*                      E. Thiman (1900-1975)  
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

The God of Love my Shepherd is, and He that doth me feed; while He is mine and I am His, what can I want or need? He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest; then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best. Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame, and all this not for my desert, but for His holy Name. Surely Thy sweet and wond'rous Love shall measure all my days; and as it never

shall remove, so neither shall my Praise. [text: G. Herbert (1593-1633)]

### **Unison Prayer of Illumination**

Open our hearts and our minds to hear what you are saying to us, O God, so that we may open our lives to welcome you in. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **First Lesson**

Revelation 3:20-22

**pg. 247 in N.T.**

### **Responsive Psalm 139:1-12**

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- <sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',
- <sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

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### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 15:1-10

**pg. 78 in N.T.**

### **Sermon Part I**

**“Opening the door”**

### **Anthem**

*A Church*

J. Althouse (©2008)

A church is the people. A church is a wonderful thing. A church is the people, and, oh, what a song they can sing! A church is a building. A church is a beautiful thing. A church is a building, and, oh, what a song it can sing. We are a congregation, we are a



**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.

**James Clark's Ordination Service** will be held this evening at 7:00 pm at The South Gate Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario. Thank you to New St. James for all of your incredible support.

<b>THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES</b>		
<b>Monday, September 12</b>	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, September 13</b>	9:00 am	Senior Activities Group
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7:00 pm	Presbytery (St. Thomas)
<b>Wednesday, September 14</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
<b>Thursday, September 15</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, September 16</b>	7:00 pm	Junior Youth Group
	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
		3:30 pm CCNC

The New Senior Drop-In Activity Program starts **Tuesday, September 13** from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. There will be a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for bridge, euchre, and board game players.

**HIGHLAND GROUP**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm**

The Highland ladies will meet in the lower hall for their first meeting of the year. A social time with refreshments will follow worship and a business meeting. If you wish, bring a game that we can play as we all get caught up on each other's lives. New members are always welcome - please join us! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am** beginning this Wednesday, September 14!

Deadline for Session reports is **Thursday, September 15**. Please email Janet Hisey at [jhisey@newstjames.com](mailto:jhisey@newstjames.com).

### **CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Centering prayer is a method of prayer which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. This workshop is hosted by Elmwood PC and led by Contemplative Outreach Facilitators. See Joanne MacPherson or view our bulletin boards for more information.

### **YULETIDE BAZAAR AND BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, November 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Half of the profit of this sale will be contributed to the "other income needed" to reduce our deficit. What can you do right now? 1. Make crafts - Christmas is our theme. 2. Make preserves - pickles, jams, relishes, salsa or whatever your specialty is. 3. Donate items to our silent auction - maybe go to your favourite retailer and ask for a donation or donate an item you have made yourself. 4. Donate jewellery. 5. Tell your family and friends about the sale. 6. Reserve the day to help at the sale. For further information or to volunteer to help, please contact Karen Buchwald or Eva Goud.

THANKS to the teams who worked through some very hot days this summer to renovate the upstairs kitchen and repaint the teen room. Great work, all of you!

MALAWI MISSION TEAM BLOG <http://malawimission2016.blogspot.ca/>

NSJ brochures for Fall 2016 are now available at church entrances. Upcoming events and programs are detailed in this brochure. Please take one!

### **The Stewart Library:**

Copies of Our Daily Bread for September-October-November 2016 are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside the Lower Hall, at no charge.

## CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Eight years ago, Conversation Circles began in New St James. These were started to help our newly arrived Karen families to learn English – hence the conversation! – and to adapt to life in Canada. At first, they were held on Friday afternoons after school, in an apartment, then in several apartments, on Kipps Lane. After several years, they were moved to Wednesday nights here at the church. They became a highlight of the week for many people who enjoyed a meal together followed by language assistance, homework help, games, fun, and above all, fellowship. But now it is time for things to change again. The leaders of the CCs have concluded that the CCs have served their purpose and run their course, and it is time now to thank God for them, and bring them to a close. The close friendships that have grown will continue, the help that was given will still be available, only in a different form. And the fun, games and fellowship for children and teens will continue in the Junior Youth and Senior Youth programming that will begin later this month. We thank everyone who made the CCs such a blessing to so many people, and pray God's continued blessing for all.



### **No longer a stranger**

*Presbyterians Sharing* supports Almanarah church in London, Ontario, which provides community for Arabic-speaking immigrants who come to Canada from the Middle East. Many people's lives have been touched by the ministry, and their stories are incredible and encouraging. A member who recently arrived from Iraq, shares "When we came to Canada, we felt like strangers. I had a huge need to find good and honest friends who spoke my language and knew my culture, to help and support and guide us during our first days in Canada. I thank God I have found Almanarah Church, my new family in Canada. I am not a stranger any more. I consider Almanarah as a mother who gathers her children, provides love and care, carries the heavy load, encourages and guides them to success, and strengthens their faith."

**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.



### **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.

**Stewardship:**

In our good works, nothing is our own.

*John Calvin (1509-1564),  
theologian and reformer*

**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
<b>Director of Music</b>	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
<b>Choristers</b>	Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Jocelyn Francescut, soprano; Laura Neilsen, soprano; Shannon Wijnker, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; David Stainton, baritone
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
<b>Custodian</b>	Mark McDonald - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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