

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday of Joy, December 11, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Welcome Team: *Bruce & Liz Emmerton, Lyn Hill,
Brian & Donna Hunter, Mary Leitch, John White*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Ken & Liz Robbins, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Keith McCreary*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Cathy Taylor*

Hospitality: *CE*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

***Please stand, if able**

Prelude *Once He Came In Blessing*
 (Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen) E. Pepping (1901-1981)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *People in darkness* **124**

Welcome

Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy see insert

Introit *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes* M. Sirett (©1995)
Thou shalt know Him when He comes not by any din of drums, nor His manners, nor His airs, nor by anything He wears. Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or by His gown, but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony which His coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Amen.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

Church School Pageant *An Emperor's Decree* Lee Dell Stickler

* Hymn *All earth is waiting (Taule) vs 1*
All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty
It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Scene 1

Scene 2

* Hymn *Oh come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles) vs 1*
Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
come and behold him, born the King of angels.
Oh come, let us adore him;
oh come let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Scene 3

* Hymn *It came upon the midnight clear (Carol) vs 1*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
To all the earth goodwill and peace, from heaven's all gracious King;
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Scene 4

Trio *Jesus, our brother, kind and good (Orientis Partibus)*
Lily, Ruby and Penny Wijnker

Scene 5

Scene 6

- * Hymn *Silent Night (Stille Nacht) vs 1,2,3*
Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Reading

- * Carol *Glory to God in the highest*
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people upon the earth!
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!
Today is born a King. A King for all in every age.
A Saviour for the world. Let us rejoice and praise His name.

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *Once He Came In Blessing*
(Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen)

J. Leavitt (©1998)

Doxology

830

- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

The Lord's Prayer

Inside cover of Book of Praise

Announcements

- * **Hymn of Discipleship** *Infant holy, Infant lowly (Polish Carol)* **143**
- * **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**
- * **Benediction**

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(In Dulci Jubilo) P. Laubengayer (©1997)



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
- 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.

Attention Elders: **Christmas Remembrances** for shut-ins will be ready in the Lower Hall for pick up on Sunday, December 13.

MALAWI MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

Calendars are available for sale today for only \$5.00! 12 images of the people of Malawi and New St James, and the work that we are doing together. A year of reminders and a great way to support future ministry together. See Cathy, Gayle, Jessie or Karen after the service.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES		
Monday, December 12	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study AA
Tuesday, December 13	10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Activity Day at NSJ Lectionary Study Creative Hands Amabile Highland
Wednesday, December 14	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Indoor Playground An Evening of Hope and Reflection
Thursday, December 15	1:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	AI-Anon Senior Youth (St. Lawrence PC) AI-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 16	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, December 17	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Cleland Studio Recital Gassi Studio Recital
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30 am 3:30 pm	Worship Service CCNC



HIGHLAND GROUP

Tuesday, December 13 7:00 pm

The Highland ladies will gather in the parlour for their annual Christmas party. Join us for worship and carols followed by a laughter filled gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift with a \$10-\$15 value for the exchange. Also, please bring toiletries for the mothers at the London Pregnancy and Family Support Centre. We brought our donations to pastoral care in November. New members are encouraged to join us. If you need further information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519-641-6742.

Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**

ACTIVITY DAY @ NSJ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday, December 13 12:00 pm

Christmas Turkey Lunch with all the trimmings! Cost: \$14.00. Please RSVP your attendance attendance *no later than today*. Eva Murray will be leading us in a Carol sing following the Christmas lunch. All welcome!

An Evening of Hope and Reflection

Wednesday, December 14 7:00 pm

An evening of quiet reflection, special music and inspirational message. This service is designed to help us slow down, bring comfort to those who are struggling or simply to pray for the healing of a troubled world. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.



SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 15 7:00 pm

At St. Lawrence PC. Please bring a \$10.00 gift for a gift exchange.

Start-up for January:

Activity Day January 10

Indoor Playground January 11

Junior Youth January 13

Senior Youth (SLPC) January 19

Please note: No senior youth on January 5 due to school break.

REACHING IN - REACHING OUT

A couple in our NSJ family is in need of the following:

- Bed Frame and Headboard for a Queen Size Bed
- Bedroom Chest of Drawers
- Bedside Tables and Table Lamps

For pick-up and delivery please contact Mike Ruggi at 519-455-4881. Recipients are most grateful and appreciative of help.

24TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Many thanks to all who contributed generously to this year's Salvation Army Toy Drive. Your gifts are so appreciated by the many families who receive them.

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is the time when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We recall those who waited and prepared for the promised Christ child: the prophet Isaiah, Mary, his mother, and John the Baptist. We also think about God's promises that are yet to be revealed under the reign of Christ, in "the age to come" or "the day of the Lord." Advent is oriented in both the past and the future, as we remember the story of the birth of Jesus and prepare for when he will come again. The liturgical colour of the season is purple, the colour of preparation and repentance. The graphic on our linens combines the star of Christmas with the cross of Easter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ensure that donations are recorded before year end, they must be received in the church office not later than 12:00 noon on December 30. Anything received after then may not be included in your 2016 receipt.



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.



Sharing the Gospel in people's heart languages

In order to preserve their cultures and promote the use of their ancestral languages, indigenous churches are working to enable indigenous peoples to read and study Scripture using the language of their hearts. The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean advises indigenous pastors and elders on translating the Bible into the languages of the Amis, Bunun, Drekey, Paiwan, Tayal and Pinuyumayan peoples. Paul shares, "I thank the Presbyterian Church in Canada for supporting multicultural multilingual Bible translation work in Taiwan. Thanks to everyone who faithfully prays and supports me and our partners in mission through *Presbyterians Sharing*. May our good and gracious God bless you for your part in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ongoing Bible translation work with Taiwan's indigenous peoples."

Stewardship:

A thing is bigger for being shared.

Gaelic saying

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.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
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