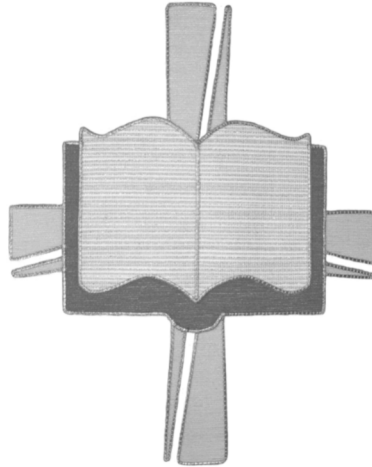


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 10:30am**



## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Doug Leitch

Welcome Team: Captain: Rob McGugan, Charlene Beynon,  
Members of the Congregation

Counters: Jeff Goud, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon, Susan Pepper

Hall Shepherd: Susan Vallas

Nursery: Liz Emmerton

Church School: Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: Meet in lower level with Cathy Reid and Mike Ruggi

Hospitality: Lynda Thompson and June Colwell

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**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**                      *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name (Coronation)*                      T. Fields (©1999)

\* **Entry of the Bible** (*please stand, if able*)

\* **Processional Hymn # 313**                      *Oh worship the King (Hanover)*

### **Welcome**

#### **Call To Worship**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us worship God.

**Introit**                      *Rejoice, The Lord Is King*                      S. Pethel (©2011)  
Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, I say, rejoice!

#### **Prayer of Approach**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### **Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Anthem**     *All Praise To Christ*     M. Vulpius (1570-1615); arr. T. Chiles (©2004)  
All praise to Christ Who reigns above, the Lord of all creation, the Lord of wisdom, power and love, the Lamb of our salvation. With healing balm our souls He fills, the Lord our every sorrow stills, to Christ all praise and glory. What God's almighty power hath made, Christ's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the Kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right; to Christ all praise and glory! Amen.

### **Unison Prayer of Illumination**

Holy One, let your Spirit overshadow us as we hear and receive your word, that with honest hearts we may be rooted in your truth and enlivened by your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**First Lesson**     Jeremiah 23: 1-6

**Pg. 725 in O.T.**

### **Responsive Reading**     Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**C: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**C: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**\* 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** Colossians 1: 11-20

**Pg. 200 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 23: 33-43

**Pg. 89 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Solo** *Above All* L. Leblanc & P. Baloché (©1999); arr. M. Hayes (©2005)  
Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were there before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth. Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

**Sermon** "Heavy lies the head that wears a crown" Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

## We Respond in Faith and Service

**\* Hymn of Faith # 231** *When I survey the wondrous cross* (Rockingham)

**Prayers for the World and New St. James**

**Offering and Offertory** *Ayre on "Westminster Abbey"* R. Proulx (©1993)

**\* Doxology**

**\* Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Story**

## The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn of Discipleship # 353** *Hail, our once-rejected Jesus* (Blaenwern)

\* **Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation* (Westminster Abbey) R. Proulx (©1993)



**Hortons vs Starbucks Update:** Total raised as of November 17 **\$5,767.95**

### WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – A POEM!

On December 8th let's bring a "white gift"; its contents surely will give someone a lift. Baby items and lots of canned food – any of these items would be really good. They'll be taken to Social Services down at St. Paul's to ensure a Merry Christmas to one and to all! If you wish to participate but can't get out to shop, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a specially-marked "White Gift" envelope.

### SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

The Seniors' Activity Day continues this coming Tuesday starting at 10AM. 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. Ann Morris will cater lunch for us at a cost of **only \$8**. Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up @ 3PM.

### WMS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13TH



The WMS Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> starting with a worship service in the sanctuary. A catered turkey dinner will be served at a cost of \$15. If you wish to attend, please see Liz Bow after the service for tickets.

**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, lane-ways and parking lots on our way to and from worship. Let's be on the alert to help keep one another safe!



## **STILL SPOTS LEFT! SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD 2019 SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Christmas Kettle campaign starts this Thursday, Nov. 28th. We have the opportunity to support this Salvation Army program by 'hosting' the kettle in the Valu-Mart at Oxford & Richmond. The Salvation Army will provide signage identifying New St. James as the host. Times are still available for this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A sign-up sheet is posted in NSJ Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Walsh. Have fun, help others, and ring those bells!

## **NSJ 27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

Christmas is fast approaching and as always at this time of year, we look forward to partnering with The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, with our help, over 6500 bags of new toys were donated for children 0-12. See the bulletin board for gift ideas for infants and toddlers, boy and girls ages 4-9, and boys and girls ages 10-12. A non-violent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. Toys will be collected in the church office until Tuesday, December 10. Thank you for your continued generosity.



## **PASTORAL CARE CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

The Pastoral Care baskets are being prepared following the Sunday, November 24th service. Before this date, would you please bring donations for them to the Church office. Suggested items are tea bags, blank cards, notepads, sticky notes, stamps, unscented small hand lotions, small Kleenex packages, pens, individually wrapped Werther's, and individually wrapped shortbread. Please keep your donations small in size. Thank you.

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS & FINDING COMMUNITY**

For many years, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ont., has been a congregation that deeply loves both Jesus and their neighbourhood, a church where the gospel is preached in word and action each week. Now Erskine has a vision to become a beacon for health and wholeness in the community—a "Neighborhood Wellness Hub" where individuals and families can connect with services and groups that will lead them to greater wellness. Already partnerships are forming—with youth shelters, food banks, government agencies and other local churches—that will enable Erskine to offer new services to neighbours and to foster connection, community and well-being.

*Presbyterians Sharing is bringing people together*

### **ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 2 on their calendars for the ninth annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the NSJ Hall, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a hostess/ guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below, or complete the tear off slip below and put it in the offering plate.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to "ANOVA" (formerly Women's Community House) to support their services. ANOVA works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please see Cathy Reid today.

### **THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b>	1:30pm	NSJ Book Club
	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b>	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 27</b>	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>	1:30pm	AI-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AI-Anon
<b>Friday, Nov. 29</b>	7:30pm	AA
<b>Saturday, Nov. 30</b>	12:00pm	UWO Christmas Concert
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b>	10:30am	Worship Service
	3:30pm	CCNC Ensemble

### CLIMATE CHANGE

On Friday Nov 29, there will be another Global Climate Strike day. The power of mass nonviolent demonstrations is not about a single day or a single march but in the continuous fight of millions of people around the world. In London, we will be meeting at City Hall at 3pm on Nov 29 for a rally and a (shorter) march. On Tuesday Nov 26 at 4pm, London City Council will be receiving the staff report on a response to the Climate Emergency Declaration. Consider attending one or both events to show City Council that Londoners want more action on climate change.

**STEWARDSHIP:** What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

*Albert Pike (1809-1891), attorney, soldier, writer*

### 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.

### 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.

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