

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday of Hope, December 1, 2019 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David McKane

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Mike Ruggi

Welcome Team: Captain: Bruce Emmerton, Liz Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Mary Leitch,
Doug Leitch, members of the Congregation

Counters: Pam Johnston, Doug McKay, Susan Vallas

Hall Shepherd: Cathy Taylor

Nursery: Carol Fisher

Church School: Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: Church for Communion Service - offer to help Greeters and Offering

Hospitality: Women of NSJ

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, when the children 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 *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)* A. Rowley (1892-1958)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 122** *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)*

Welcome

Call To Worship - PWS&D Liturgy

see insert

Congregational Introit *Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Genevan 42)*

L. Bourgeois (1510-1559)

Comfort, comfort now my people; speak of peace; so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. Cry out to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their sins I cover and their warfare now is over. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling all to true repentance, since God's judgement now is here. Oh, the warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *I Hear The Prophet Callin'*

P. Choplin (©2015)

I hear the prophet callin', "Prepare the way of the Lord." Come and make straight the way in the desert, a highway for our God. I hear the prophet callin', "fear not, your God will come." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ear of the deaf will hear. And then the mute will shout for joy. And the desert will be joyful and blossom as a rose. We shall rejoice with joy and singing and see the glory of God.

Unison Prayer of Illumination

Make us a channel of your peace and in our lives your Word release: our hands extend the love of Christ, our lives portray his sacrifice. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 40: 1-11

Pg. 667 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 87

L: On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

C: the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

L: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

C: Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia - "This one was born there," they say.

L: And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in it"; for the Most High himself will establish it.

C: The LORD records, as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there."

L: Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 1-8

Pg. 34 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Stir Up Your Power*

L. Cable Shute (©2003)

Stir up Your power, Oh Lord, and come. Again we pray, "Your will be done." May advent blue for us foretell the echo of Emmanuel. Is heaven's moment far or near? And when will Jesus reappear? The coming dawn is our delight in this the darkest hour of night. We would inside the church remain, like dry ground watching for the rain. We could decide to sit and wait as Jesus we anticipate. But we must keep hands to the plough; God's time is both not yet and now. Our faith informs what we shall do. May Christ return and find us true.

Sermon "Jesus, Santa and us!"

Rev. Dr. David McKane

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 128** *There's a voice in the wilderness crying (Ascension)*

Offering and Offertory *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)*

F. Peeters (1903-1986)

* **Doxology**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Celebrates Communion

Invitation

* **Communion Hymn # 131** *Tomorrow Christ is coming (Little Baddow)*

* **Apostles' Creed**

Institution of the Sacrament

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 563** *Let us talents and tongues employ (Linstead)*

* **Commission and Response**

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)* R.J. Powell (©1995)



COMMUNION

We gather at our Lord's Table today, in memory of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died and rose from death for our sakes. Please note that there is a gluten-free bread available, and that you have the choice of red wine or white grape juice.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Traditionally items donated for White Gift Sunday are placed in a white bag. No white bag? No problem! Know that any colour bag will do! Suggestions include baby food, tinned meats, and small jars of peanut butter for individuals.

TEEN FUNDRAISER \$\$ 2020 CALENDARS FOR SALE

Teens are going to sell Presbyterian Church Calendars at coffee hour this morning. The cost is \$5.00 each.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Advent By Candlelight Service 7:30pm in the Sanctuary tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 2nd). All ladies welcome.

WMS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 13TH

The WMS Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday, December 13th 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 for a ticket **following the Dec. 8th service.**



SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

The Seniors' Activity Day continues on 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. Thanks to Ann Morris' savvy shopping skills, lunch will cost **only \$3**. Come and socialize and we'll wrap things up @ 3 PM.



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



WORLD AIDS DAY

Sheila was just a few months old when her mother died, and she went to live with her grandmother, Elube, in Malawi. Two years later, Sheila's health began to sharply decline. Elube brought her granddaughter to the PWS&D-supported Mulanje Mission Hospital where Sheila was diagnosed as HIV positive and acutely malnourished. Elube's grief weighed a little less heavily when she learned that Sheila could receive treatment at a nearby orphan care centre. Supported by PWS&D, these centres provide vulnerable children with free medical care, school support and nutrition assistance. With a place to receive antiretroviral treatment and highly nutritious food, Sheila's health is improving and Elube is better equipped to meet her granddaughter's needs.

PWS&D cares for orphans and vulnerable children

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of November 24 \$5,880.55

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Dec. 2	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	6:00pm	Advent by Candlelight
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Dec. 3	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	10:30am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Dec. 4	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:00pm	Session Meeting
	7:00pm	Thames Clarinet Choir
Thursday, Dec. 5	12:00pm	Glengarry
	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	6:30pm	Worship Committee
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Dec. 6	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile Rehearsal
	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, Dec. 7	2:00pm	CCNC Ensemble
	2:30pm	Jr. Amabile Christmas Concert
	6:00pm	Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec. 8	10:30am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Gassi Voice Studio Gift of Song Recital

STEWARDSHIP: If you can't reward, then you should thank.

Arabic proverb

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.

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