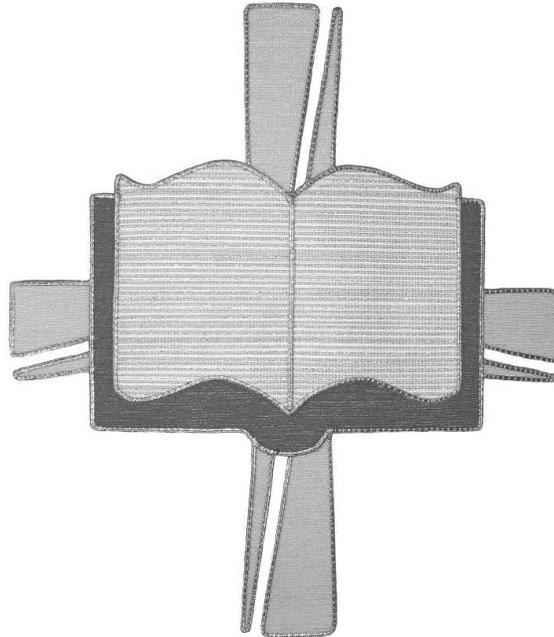


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, November 12 2017 - 10:30 am



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

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Donna Aziz*

Welcome Team: *Rob McGugan, Rosemary Whittaker, Mike & Audrey Hunter, Doug McKay, Barbara*

Oshana, Laura Summers-Crozier

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

Hall Shepherd: *Ian McCrimmon*

Church School: *Cathy Taylor, Karen Buchwald*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A 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**

Worshipping God

Prelude *Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying (Wachet Auf)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Let all things now living (Ash Grove)* **338**

Welcome to Dr. Thompson Bruce Curtis

Call to Worship

L: In God do we trust and therefore we are not afraid.

C: Though the mountains be cast into the middle of the ocean, we will not fear.

Introit *Keep Your Lamps* Spiritual; arr. A. Thomas (©1982)
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We hear the Word of God

Anthem *Like A River Glorious* J. Mountain (1844-1933);
arr. R. Sterling (©2009)

Perfect peace and rest. Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace, over all victorious, in its bright increase; perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day, perfect yet it groweth, deeper all the way. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest; finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand; not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. Every joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love; we must trust Him fully all for us to do. They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

[text: F.R. Havergal (1836-1879)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

When we seek peace in our lives and do not find it, help us to turn to You O Lord, our Strength. Speak through these ancient Words, the pulse of Your Life Changing Wisdom, and give us rest here to our souls. Amen.

First Lesson Amos 5:21-24 (The Word of God to the prophet Amos 750 BCE)
Pg 854 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 78:1-7 (A Psalm of Asaph, a skilled singer and poet in the time of King David)

L: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

C: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

L: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

C: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

L: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

C: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

L: so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13 (A parable of the Historical Jesus)
Pg 28 in N.T.

Leader: These are the words of Christ

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Anthem *Will You Be Ready For The Lord* M. Patterson (©2003)

“Thy kingdom on earth, on earth as in heaven.” We pray that we are ready, with our lamps ready to shine. Will you be ready with the light, ready with the light to shine at midnight? Will you be watching? Will you be listening? Will you hear the Bridegroom come? Will you be waiting? Will you be searching – for the Bridegroom soon will come. People keep watching, keep your lamps ready. We do not know when the hour will come. Don’t be caught sleeping, tend your lamp wisely, ready for midnight when he comes. Will you be ready to shine? Will you be ready?

Sermon **“When Preparedness Meets Opportunity”**
The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

- 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.

NO PARKING: Parking is no longer available in the parking lot across on the other side of Wellington Street (right where we assemble for fire drills behind medical building) It says; "RESERVED PARKING FOR UNIT HOLDERS ONLY".

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, November 13	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, November 14	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
	7 :00 pm	Presbytery (Oakridge)
Wednesday, November 15	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	10:00 pm	Women's Council
	6:30 pm	Senior Youth
Thursday, November 16	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 17	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, November 18	9:30 am	Vendor and Bake Sale
Sunday, November 19	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Market Place

We are holding a Market Place at New St. James to raise money for ongoing missions. It will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. There will be over 20 vendors (eg. bakeware, cookware, jewelry, purses, scarves, soapery, candles, clothing, books, cleaning products, crafts and so much more). There will also be deli food, preserves and a bake sale. What do we need you to do: make preserves and bake goodies and come to the sale and pick up all the items on your Christmas list. Any questions see Theresa or Deb.

BAKE TABLE: Hopefully you are planning to donate baking to the bake table at the Market Place. If possible, please bring in your donation on the Friday before. If that is not possible, please have it at the church early on Saturday morning. Help is needed to get the table ready on Friday and help is needed to sell our products on Saturday. If you would be willing to help, please call Karen Buchwald, 519-641-6742 or Liz Emmerton, 519-657-4364.

Tombola

Have you ever participated in a Tombola - here's your chance. Please donate brand new bottles of items (eg. shampoo, BBQ sauce, lotion, olive oils, coffee flavours, salad dressing, etc). There will be baskets to collect the items. The Tombola will be held at the Market Place on Saturday, November 18. Each bottle will be given a number. A customer pays \$3 and draws a number from the basket. They win the bottle that matches that number. **Tombola and preserves due Sunday, November 12th.** We appreciate your help. Any questions, see Theresa or Deb.

“Notice to parents and guardians: Please note that church school is staffed starting at 10:15 AM on Sundays. You are responsible for your children’s supervision and safety prior to that time. Thank you for your co-operation.”

Leading with Care Committee.

Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, November 18: Join us after church for a free will offering lunch and to welcome Dr. Rev David Thompson. He will be our guest speaker.

NSJ 25TH 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 6600 bags of new toys were donated for children 0-12. See the office 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 Sunday, December 3. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mission Services (London) is holding a Fall Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday, **November 16th** starting at 5:30 PM in the London Convention Centre. Keynote Speaker will be Elizabeth Manley, Olympic and World Silver Medalist Figure Skater. For more information, please see the invitation on the pin board outside the office.

NSJ Book Club is reading *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* Written by a Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, as a series of sermon stories and published as a novel in 1897. *In His Steps* remains popular today with over 30 million copies sold. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Two copies are available in the Stewart Library. We will meet at Pat Shavers home on Nov. 27th at 1:30 PM. For more information speak to Pat.

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:

One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God.

-C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), British novelist, poet, academic, lay theologian, broadcaster, lecturer

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 4 on their calendars for the seventh 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 guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below.

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 contact Karen Baron, Angie Benenati, Maureen Jamieson, Marg McGugan, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid or Monica Sass.

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.

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.



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