

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday of Joy, December 15, 2019 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David McKane

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Kathy Ruggi

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

Counters: Pam Johnston, Susan Pepper, John White

Hall Shepherd: Vince Morris

Nursery: Theresa Walsh

Church School: Karen Baron, Telly Lengkey, Monica Sass and Deb Noble-Van Hees

Teen Group: Teen Group: Meet on lower level

Hospitality: Our Indonesian Families

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

Saviour Of The Nations, Come
(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland) R. Dinda (©1995)

*** Entry of the Bible**

*** Processional Hymn # 138** *While shepherds watched* (Winchester Old)

Welcome

Call To Worship - PWS&D Liturgy (read by the Harris Family) see insert

Introit: *Came He Not In Fire* African American Spiritual;
arr. Wm. F. Smith (1941-1997)

Came He not in fire; onward came the Lord. Not in wind or rain – onward came the Lord. Hail or sleet or snow – onward came the Lord. In a still small voice came He; onward came the Lord!

Unison Prayer of Approach

Come, O joy of earth and heaven, ransom earth from death and sin; Word of flesh and Love eternal, usher now your kingdom in. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Prepare The Way Of The Lord* M. Hayes (©2015)

A voice cries out, “in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord. Every valley will be lifted up, every mountain and hill be made low. The uneven ground will be made straight, and the

rough places, a plain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.” He will open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and the speechless will sing for joy. The wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie down with the goat. Springs will burst forth in the wilderness. In the desert, streams will flow. And the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful singing unto Zion. All sorrow and mourning will be gone. Only gladness and joy will remain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it!

Prayer of Illumination

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given, so God imparts to human hearts the blessings born of heaven. No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 35: 1-10

Pg. 663 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 146: 5-10

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

*** Gloria Patri**

Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 47-55

Pg. 57 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *There Is No Rose Of Such Virtue* 15th Century English;
arr. T Chiles (©2000)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia!* For in this rose containèd was heaven and earth in little space: *res miranda!* [thing miraculous] By that rose we may see there be one God in persons three: *pares forma.* [equal form; same form] Then leave we all this world of mirth and follow we this joyous birth: *transeamus!* [we are transformed]

Sermon **God Comes Anyway!** Rev. Dr. David McKane

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 147** *Angels we have heard on high* (Iris (Gloria))

Offering and Offertory *Saviour Of The Nations, Come*
(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* **Doxology**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Prayers of Concern

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship # 160** *Unto us a child is born* (Puer Nobis Nascitur)

* **Commission and Response**

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Saviour Of The Nations, Come*
(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland) P. Manz (1919-2009)





Today, following the service, the children of NSJ present "The Great Manger Mystery" in the NSJ hall. You won't want to miss it!

**SENIORS' ACTIVITY DAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th**



This Tuesday will be the last Seniors' Activity Day for 2019. We'll celebrate with a catered turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Board games and cards get underway at 10 AM. After lunch, we'll play some games with prizes for everyone! Cost is \$10. If you wish to join us, please contact Lyn Hill **today** after church or at 519-472-8353. Activity Day will start up again on **January 7, 2020**.

27th 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.



Annual Report Submissions Are Due by Wednesday, January 15, 2020

If you are required to submit an annual report, please forward your report electronically as a Word attachment to Judi Le Blanc admin@newstjames.com by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. Submissions should not exceed one page. Please ensure you follow the submission guidelines, approved by Session. If you require a copy of the guidelines, please contact Judi Le Blanc. Thank you

**AN EVENING OF RENAISSANCE
CHRISTMAS MUSIC & SING-ALONG CAROLS
DECEMBER 18 AT 7:30PM**



Come to Musical Meditations on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at New St. James Presbyterian Church for a concert of beautiful Christmas music, and join in singing some favourite carols. You will get to hear 8 wonderful voices singing the music of Bach with his version of In Dulci Jubilo. Alongside Bach's work, the group sings the poignant O Magnum Mysterium by Victoria followed by his mass set to the same tune. Interspersed within the mass are magnificent choral pieces by William Byrd, Praetorius, and some well-loved carols. To finish the program, let yourself be transported by two powerful double chorus pieces. Beyond performing inspiring music, for this concert Musical Meditations is proud to raise funds for the CNIB foundation. At the concert, we will take a special collection to support this very worthwhile organization.

STEWARDSHIP: It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.
David Steindl-Rast (1926 -), Catholic Benedictine monk



**UNDERSTANDING THE PAST
TO LIGHT THE WAY FORWARD**

The Rev. Robinson Christian is a Doctoral student and a pastor in the Church of North India, a PCC partner. While researching material on the impact of the colonial legacy on preaching in India today, Robinson came across the Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis of Knox College in Toronto, author of "Decolonizing Preaching." Robinson and Sarah began to correspond, and International Ministries invited Robinson to study in Toronto for two months. This is what mission is all about. Together we learn from the past, and God illumines a new understanding today. As partners in the Global Church, how can we not engage in these challenging conversations, learning from one another how God works through us?

Presbyterians Sharing supports partnerships

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Dec. 16	2:30pm	Line Dancing
	5:30pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30pm	Louise Foxcroft Studio
	7:00pm	AA
Tuesday, Dec. 17	10:00am	Seniors' Activity Day
	2:30pm	Extendicare
	5:00pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, Dec. 18	9:30am	Childreach
	7:00pm	CCNC Choir
	7:30pm	Kammerchor/Musical Meditations Concert
Thursday, Dec. 19	1:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Friday, Dec. 20	6:30pm	Piano Recital
	7:30pm	AA
Saturday, Dec. 21	9:30am	Cleland Christmas Concert
	2:00pm	CCNC Ensemble
Sunday, Dec. 22	10:30am	Worship Service

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.

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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