

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday of Love, December 22, 2019 - 10:30am**



## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. David McKane

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Charlene Beynon

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

Counters: Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon,

Hall Shepherd: Jacob Golose

Nursery: Karen Buchwald

Church School: Cathy Reid

Teen Group: Please meet in lower level to rehearse "The King's Birthday" tableau.  
Leaders are Cathy Reid and Mike Ruggi

Hospitality: WMS

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**                      *A Maiden Most Gentle*    A. Grant (©1994)

**\* Entry of the Bible**

**\* Processional Hymn # 165**                      *O little town of Bethlehem* (St. Louis)

**Welcome**

**Call To Worship - PWS&D Liturgy (read by Andrew and Lynda Thompson)**  
see insert

**Introit**                      *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*    M. Sirett (©1998)  
Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, nor by manners, nor by airs, nor by anything He wears. Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by crown or by 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. [text: Anon.]

**Prayer of Approach**

**Words of Assurance**

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Solo**      *Breath Of Heaven*      C. Eaton & A Grant; arr. L. Larson (©2011)  
Alyssa Woolhether, soprano

I Have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside and I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your son. I am waiting in a silent prayer; I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. *Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, breath of heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness, for You are holy, breath of heaven.* Do You wonder as You watch my face, if a wiser one should have taken my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong... help me be... help me. *Breath of heaven...*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

We wait, pregnant with hope, peace, joy and love for the Child to be born again in us.  
O come, O come Emmanuel. Amen.

**First Lesson**      Micah 5: 2-5a

**Pg. 865 in O.T.**

### **Responsive Reading**      Psalm 80

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**C: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**C: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;**

L: it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

**C: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

L: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**C: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

L: the stock that your right hand planted.

**C: They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

L: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**C: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**

L: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke I: 39-45

**Pg. 57 in N.T.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Angels Are Making Their Rounds*

P. Choplin (©2015)

Angels are making their rounds, oh my what a beautiful sound, angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer. Elizabeth will bear a son. Hail oh blessed one, you have found favour with God. Angels are making their rounds, oh my what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child. Unto you is born a saviour – glory to God and peace on earth, for now the Lord is with you.

**Sermon**

**“The Visit”**

Rev. Dr. David McKane

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

**\* Hymn of Faith # 158** *The hands that first held Mary's child (Noel)*

**Offering and Offertory**    *The Huron Carol*                      J. de Brébeuf (1593-1649);  
Richard Bywaters, guitar                      arr. R. Bywaters (2019)

\* **Doxology**

\* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of Concern**

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn of Discipleship # 168**    *See amid the winter's snow (Humility)*

\* **Commission and Response**

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**    *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (Es Ist Ein Ros)*                      J. Leavitt (©1998)



**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT  
ELMWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

For those wishing to attend a Christmas Day Worship Service, Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church will be holding one at 10:30am on Christmas Day.

**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](mailto: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

**STEWARDSHIP:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*John 3:16*



## THE GIFT OF GIVING

As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation and creating new faith communities – and so much more! Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. This Christmas we will once again celebrate the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ our Lord—whose example of giving inspires our own.

*Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference*

## THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, Dec. 23</b>	7:00pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	9:30pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 25</b>	<i>Office closed - Merry Christmas!</i>	
<b>Thursday, Dec. 26</b>	<i>Office closed</i>	
<b>Friday, Dec. 27</b>	7:30pm	AA
<b>Sunday, Dec. 29</b>	10:30am	Worship Service

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To ensure that donations are recorded before the year end, they must be received in the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday, December 30th. Anything received after then may not be included in your 2019 tax receipt.

### **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.

## **New St. James Presbyterian Church**

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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