

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, December 29, 2019 - 10:30am



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Jeanine Taylor

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

Counters: Volunteers

Hall Shepherd: Rob McGugan

Nursery: Donna Aziz

No Sunday School

Hospitality: Members

Stewart Library: Open every Sunday

A Note for Visitors: The service today includes the Church School children. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

We Gather to Worship God

* Please stand, if able

Prelude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

J.D. Peterson (©1988)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn # 153** *Joy To The World* (Antioch)

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.

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

Solo

Who Would Send A Baby?

Mary Kay Beall (©1988)

Who would send a baby to heal a world in pain? Who would send a baby, a tiny little child? When the world is crying for the Promised One, Who would send His only Son? Who would choose a manger to cradle a King? Who would send angels to sing? Who would hang a star in the sky above to shine on the gift of His infinite love? Who would send a baby to bless a world with peace? Who would send a tiny little child. When the world is yearning for the Promised One, Who would send a baby?

Unison Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, through the words of holy scripture, let your Word be born in us today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

First Lesson Isaiah 63: 7-9

Pg. 693 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 148

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

C: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

C: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

*** Gloria Patri**

Epistle Hebrews 2: 10-18

Pg. 219 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson St. Matthew 2: 13-23

Pg. 2 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus was a refugee”

Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

We Respond in Faith and Service

- * **Hymn of Faith # 168** *See Amid The Winter's Snow* (Humility)

Prayers of Concern

Prayer for the World

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering and Offertory *'Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime*
(Une Jeune Pucelle) 16th C French; arr. M. Biery (©2019)

- * **Doxology**
- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Together

The Lord's Prayer

- * **Hymn of Discipleship # 160** *Unto Us A Child Is Born* (Puer Nobis Nascitur)
- * **Commission**
- * **Benediction**

Postlude *What Child Is This* (Greensleeves)

T. Albrecht (©1998)



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

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.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, Dec. 30	7:00pm	AA
Wednesday, Jan. 1	<i>New Years Day—Office closed</i>	
Thursday, Jan. 2	9:30am	WMS Executive
	12:00pm	Glengarry
	1:30pm	AI-Anon
	6:30pm	Worship Committee
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Jan. 3	7:30pm	AI-Anon
	7:30pm	AA
Sunday, Jan. 4	10:30am	Worship Service
	2:00pm	CCNC Ensemble

STEWARDSHIP: When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything – even the air that we breathe – is not ours; it is given to us.

Mike Graves, professor of preaching



EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN

In Africa, women comprise about 60 per cent of the agricultural labour force. And yet, structural barriers and social norms prevent many women farmers from making decisions about agricultural practices on their farms. So that vulnerable communities can rise above hunger, it is essential that women are able to make choices about land, resources and which crops to grow. With the help of PWS&D, this transformation is taking place in Kamisimbi County of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a place where many farming families struggle to meet their food needs, PWS&D is providing seeds and training in conservation agriculture and encouraging women to take the lead in agricultural decision-making. Empowering rural women translates to better food security and the improved well-being of households and communities.

PWS&D empowers rural women

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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