

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:30am
The Baptism of the Lord



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Lesley Harris*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Pat & Jeff Goud, Jean Hadley, Janet Hines*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Pat Goud, Jennifer Whitworth, Frank Walsh*

Hall Shepherd: *Tom DeKay*

Sunday School: *Joanne MacPherson, Pat Taylor, Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Nursery: *Winn Files, Ernva Marshall*

Hospitality: *Women*

Stewart Library: *Open very Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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.

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* Please stand, if able

Prelude *Amazing Grace* G. Shearing (1919-2011)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)

* **Baptism of the Lord** Matthew 3: 7-17 Rev. Dr. Thompson

* **Processional Hymn # 685** *How firm a foundation* (St. Denio)

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again.

C: **Rather, the Spirit we received, brought about our adoption as sons and daughters of God. And by The Spirit we cry, "Dear Father/Mother God."**

Introit *O Taste And See* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him. [Ps 34:8]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Dear Father /Mother God in whom we live and move and have our being, all the earth is alive with Your Great Spirit. We come to You now in humility, asking for Your touch that heals our lives. Restore us this day and put us in our right mind, so that we perceive with understanding how we are to live. Place our hands in your Great Hand to guide us and support us in 2019. Amen

Words of Assurance (said in unison.)

God does not condemn us. God is not interested in proving our guilt. Instead God accepts us as we are, knowing all about us, and loving us anyway. If we embrace the values of Christ and His teaching about forgiveness, we too can be free to love even the most difficult of people. Oh God, take us there today and let Your Great Love cast out our fears. Amen

We Hear the Word of God

Solo

The Wilderness

E. Thiman (1900-1975)

Jordan De Sousa, baritone

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, even with joy and singing. For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with Songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we ask you to shine through these words of Scripture, lifting us out of our fears and distress into the light and peace of Thy presence. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 41: 17-20

Pg. 669 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 34: 4-14

L: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

C: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

L: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

C: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him

C: O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

L: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

C: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

L: Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

C: Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

L: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen

Epistle Romans 8: 35-39 **Pg. 158 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 8: 49-56 **Pg. 68 in N.T.**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *We Are Not Alone* P. Choplin (©2018)
We are not alone; God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone. And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. God is with us now.

Sermon: "Overcoming Fear in 2019" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 690** *Fight the good fight* (Pentecost)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *In Thee Is Gladness (In Dir Ist Fruede)* H. Barbe (©2003)

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. *This fundraiser will continue until February 24th. Our target is \$10,000. As of January 6th Tim Hortons has \$5,607.70 and Starbucks has \$2,873.78.* All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.)
Grand Total \$8,481.48

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**



Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

Prayers for New St. James

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

* **Hymn # 670** *Amazing grace* (New Britain)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Sung Amen # 264**

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness* (*In Dir Ist Fruede*)

J. Wm. Greene (©2013)



In Memoriam

Mary Lou McKay, long time member of New St. James, passed away peacefully on the Day of Epiphany, the 6th of January. She will have heard the greeting from the other side saying: "Mary Lou, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord!" Spiritual experience of God will have given way to sight. Epiphany!

Rev. Dr. Thompson (*on behalf of the Session*)

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS: Annual Report submissions are due Wednesday, January 15, 2018.

2018-19 FINANCIAL PRESENTATION - January 20: Please join us after church on January 20 for a first look at the 2018 financial reports and a preview of the 2019 budget. It is an excellent opportunity to gather information and ask questions in advance of the annual meeting on February 24.

NSJ BOOK CLUB will meet on **January 28, 2019 at 1:30** in the **Stewart Library**. Copies of our **January book, Little Princes - One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal, by Conor Grennan**, are available in the Stewart Library.

LONDON PRESBYTERIAL WMS ANNUAL MEETING at New St. James, Thursday, January 17th. **9:30 am Coffee, 10:00am Meeting. Lunch \$15.** Theme is **"Let your light shine around the world"**. **Speakers:** Rev. Theresa McDonald Lee, Camp Kintail, Cathy Reid and Karen Baron - Tumekutana 2018, South Africa. **Please let Cathy Reid or Ann McClatchey know if you want to attend.**

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 14	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 15	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, January 16	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Thursday, January 17	9:30 am	WMS Presbyterian Annual Mtg.
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, January 18	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, January 19	9:30 am	Private Function
Sunday, January 20	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



A Warm Welcome for Jumai

Whenever Jumai went out into his Nepali village, he would be cruelly mocked because of his ulcers, sore patches and swollen legs. Jumai was living with leprosy and couldn't afford to pay for ongoing treatment. Visiting the PWS&D-supported Shining Hospital changed everything. When Jumai was admitted, he was struck by something more than the timely service and quality medical care—the love and acceptance he felt was a welcome relief after years of shame and judgement. “I feel at home in this hospital,” says Jumai. “I receive such good care.” Filled with thanks for PWS&D, Jumai looks forward to a better future.

PWS&D treats leprosy with compassion

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.



Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the **Canadian Bible Society** boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

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.

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the December/January/February Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

STEWARDSHIP: The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.

James L. Kraft (1874-1953), entrepreneur, inventor

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PLAN (PAR)

Would you like to arrange for automatic payment from your bank account to contribute financially to our church through PAR? Or, would you like to adjust your current amount? It is an easy process, please contact Judi in the office for details.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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