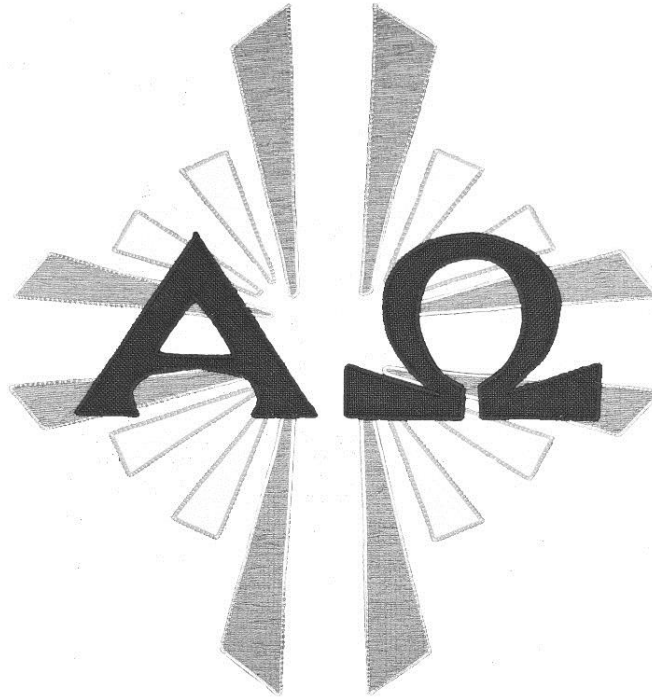


New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, March 13, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Kathy Ruggi*

Welcome Team: *Dave & June Colwell, David Colwell, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau, Jeff Goud, Keith McCreary, Tim Van Hees*

Counters: *Ken & Liz Robbins, Frank Walsh, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Ann McClatchey*

Nursery: *Inez Butcher, Theresa Walsh*

Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Susan Vallas*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Cathy Reid, Whitworth*

Teen Class: *Megan Shin*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Healer Of Our Every Ill (Healer)* J. Honoré (©2000)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
Thou didst leave thy throne (Margaret) **204**

Welcome

Call to Worship - see PWS&D insert

Introit *Healer Of Our Every Ill (Healer)* M. Haugen (©1991)
Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with Your peace and gladness. Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Healer of our every ill... Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother. Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Healer of our every ill... You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all Your way of healing. Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Healer of our every ill...

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *My Master Hath A Garden* E. Thiman (©1927)
My Master hath a garden, full filled with diverse flowers, where thou may'st gather posies gay, all times and hours. Here nought is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer and lute, with cymbal, and timbrel, and the gentle sounding flute. Oh! Jesus, Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, make thou my heart Thy garden-plot, true, fair and neat, that I may hear this music clear, Harp, dulcimer and lute, with cymbal, and timbrel, and the gentle sounding flute. [text: anon.]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

May our mouths be filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy, as we press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

First Lesson *Philippians 3:4b-14* **pg. 198 in N.T.**

Responsive Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- ² **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'**
- ³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
- ⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**
- ⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
- ⁶ **Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

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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.

Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

pg. 106 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Love Unknown

P. Drennen (©2005)

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou came to set me free! O Lamb of God, I come, I come! My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love for me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Yet who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! Here might I stay and sing a story so divine: Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I gladly all my days will spend. Just as I am...

Sermon

"Choosing what matters"

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of the Faith

When God restored our common life (Resignation)

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Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory

Gentle Woman (Questa Fanciulla)

F. Landini (1325-1397)

*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Our Church Family Together		
	Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee</i>	203
*	Commission and Response	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	780
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<u><i>Ach Gott, Erhör Mein Seufzen Und Wehklagen</i></u>	J. Krebs (1713-1780)

TODAY AT NEW ST. JAMES

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME

- We invite guests and visitors to use the blue welcome cards in the pew racks, and the Friendship Book in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins, Bibles and Books of Praise are available in the racks as you enter the sanctuary or from an usher.
- To honour our time in worship, we ask you to turn off phones while in the sanctuary.
- Audio CD's of today's service will be available in the Stewart Library.
- 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.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, March 14	9:00 am	Vacation Bible Camp
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 15	9:00 am	Vacation Bible Camp
	2:30 pm	Service at Extencicare
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, March 16	9:00 am	Vacation Bible Camp
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study and Pot Luck Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday, March 17	9:00 am	Vacation Bible Camp
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, March 18	9:00 am	Vacation Bible Camp
	7:30 pm	AA
Palm Sunday, March 20	10:30 am	Camp Kintail/VBC Service
	2:00 pm	CCNC

The **Spirituality Centre** is open for Lent in the classroom opposite the upstairs kitchen. The theme this year is *"Body Image and Prayer Text"*.

"Put a sock or two in it!" That phrase is the 2016 theme for the **BACK TO BASICS** Lenten project. Can you 'give up' a coffee/tea each week in Lent and 'take up' the challenge to use that money to purchase socks and underwear for needy men, women and children? Items will be donated to local groups such as Rotholme, Quintin Warner House, the Unity Project Against Homelessness in London and Merrymount. The Mission and Social Action Committee is so confident you can **"put a sock in it"** that collection boxes are at every church entrance during Lent. *"Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."* *Philippians 2:4*

Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre, 1064 Colborne Street, has offered NSJ a tour of its facility on Tuesday, March 15 at 2:00 pm. At that time, children's socks and underwear donated during the "Back to Basics" project will be delivered. If you wish to join the tour, please contact Lyn Hill at 519-472-8353 or lyn.hill@sympatico.ca ASAP.

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.

2016 LENTEN SERVICES AT NEW ST JAMES

"Will you come and follow me?" Biblical leaders of God's people - warts and all

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30pm, in the McNair Chapel

Holy Week Services at New St. James

March 20	Palm Sunday	10:30 am	Camp Kintail/VBC Service
March 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Communion Service
March 25	Good Friday	10:30 am	Choir Cantata - At the Ninth Hour
March 27	Easter Day	8:30 am	Early Service led by the teen class
March 27	Easter Day	10:30 am	Worship to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord

SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 2 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Time to start getting your donations ready for our Spring sale. We will need household goods, good, clean clothing (men's, women's and children) including shoes, books (no magazines or encyclopedias), jewellery, bedding, toys and other treasures you may have. Help will be needed during the sale AND two days prior in order to get ready. Mark this date on your calendars and be sure to tell family and friends about this sale! Any questions, contact Karen Rendell.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday, April 3 11:45 am

Immediately following the worship service, come and enjoy fun, food and fellowship with our very own guest performer Paul McIntosh.

PRESBYTERIANS GOT TALENT!
(A Variety Show Fundraiser)
Saturday, April 16 7:00-8:30 show

Sweets, coffee and tea to follow

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and/or help with the night of the program. Please see Frank or Theresa Walsh or Deb Noble-Van Hees if interested. **Tickets will be available during the coffee hour this Sunday.**

One Day Wonder was a wonderful success! We are pleased to report that NSJ had 11 youth, 1 teen leader, 3 young adult leaders and 3 adult leaders attend this year. We would like to thank the congregation for their support (both in prayers and financially) for this very important ministry for our junior youth!

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 Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge.
- ❖ A copy of “**Body, Mind and Soul:** Thinking together about human sexuality and sexual orientation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada” is available.
- ❖ CBC **Canada Reads 2016** shortlist book selections are available.

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

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. Keep saving those stamps!



MALAWI 2016 - CAN HELP!

If you have a sewing machine, or have access to a sewing machine and can sew a straight stitch, this opportunity is for you. The Mission Trip to Malawi this September will be setting up an eye assessment clinic and will provide eye glasses for those who need them. To date, there are 2000 pairs of eye glasses donated and making the trip. Those eye glasses also need to be protected so we are making **2000 eye glass cases**.

Eye Glass Case Sewing Kits include:

A "simple" pattern (that takes **10 minutes** to complete), a sample eye glass case and material that is ready to sew will be available for pick-up starting Sunday, March 6 after church in the New St. James Hall during coffee hour. Each sewer is asked to consider taking one pile of fabric that will make 25 eye glass cases. Then, please consider another kit.

Where can I Pick-Up Kits or Return Finished Eye Glass Cases?

Eye glass sewing kits will be available for pick-up and return in the Church office during the week and Sunday's after church in the NSJ Hall during coffee hour. *There will be a sign-in sheet available at pick-up and drop-off.*

Timelines to Complete:

We would like this project to be completed before the end of June so everyone can enjoy their summer. Therefore, we would like to have 500 eye glass cases completed by the end of each month (March, April, May, and June). **The count is on!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mary Anne Simpson at 519-657-3754.

Thank you for your support.



In the early church, Lent was a time of training and preparation for baptismal candidates at Easter. By the fourth century, it developed into a 40-day period, following the biblical pattern of 40 days or 40 years of preparation and anticipation. In its early form, elements of penitence were included. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple, the colour of penitence and reflection. In our tradition, Lent is a time to re-examine and reaffirm our identity as people baptized into Christ's body, the church.

Our baptism is a symbolic dying and rising with Christ. In Lent, we turn with Christ towards these events in his life. Along the way the Spirit gives the opportunity for us to redirect and refocus our lives, and more fully realize our baptismal identity. We recall where we are going and what it cost God for us to become resurrection people. We become open to the possibilities of new beginnings all around us. The season of Lent points us to Easter.

Stewardship:

No one has ever become poor by giving.
*Anne Frank (1929-1945),
Jewish Dutch Diarist during Nazi occupation*

London Ecumenical Refugee Committee News

The London Ecumenical Refugee Committee (LERC) has welcomed its first sponsored family to London and has begun raising funds to sponsor its second family.

LERC thanks New St. James for its strong support of our refugee sponsorship Project. You can support LERC in many ways:

1. A donation. Mark your envelope and/or cheque with the word LERC and your donation to LERC will be counted as part of your support for NSJ.
2. A pledge. Get a pledge form from John Stewart. When your pledge is fulfilled, your donation will be credited in the same manner as a direct donation.
3. Supporting LERC's fundraisers, such as the sale of Rheo Thompson Mint Smoothies. Information will be shared in good time. **For instance, please see the section below about our electronics recycling account with John Zubick's Limited Scrap Metals.**



LERC'S SCRAP METAL RECYCLING ACCOUNT WITH ZUBICK'S

You can bring your scrap metal at any time to John Zubick Limited
105 Clarke Road

AND IDENTIFY THE PROCEEDS SHOULD GO TO "LERC".

Please see the poster on the bulletin board which gives much more information.

In a nutshell, any metal item

EXCEPT FRIDGES, FREEZERS OR SMOKE DETECTORS.

Questions? Contact John Stewart 226-374-7860





A small light in a dark place

Presbyterians Sharing supports Joel & Rebecca Sherbino as they serve in Malawi with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Blantyre Synod. Joel is Associate Pastor at the Ndirande Kachere CCAP church and Associate Prison Chaplain for Blantyre Synod. Rebecca works with PWS&D partners, assisting project staff with reporting and proposal development. She has been helping with the PWS&D-supported Tidzalerana Club which reaches out to some of the most vulnerable members of the community – those with disabilities. Over 100 men, women and children of all ages gather together once a week to hear a Bible teaching, sing, play games and do crafts together, support one another, and to eat a nourishing snack. Rebecca shares, “I can’t address all of their needs for food, medicine and support. But I can be a small light in a dark place. And really, that’s all that God asks us to be.”

NEW ST. JAMES - WHAT WE BELIEVE:
*God is calling the people of New St James,
as followers of Jesus Christ,
to worship God and to serve the community.*

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