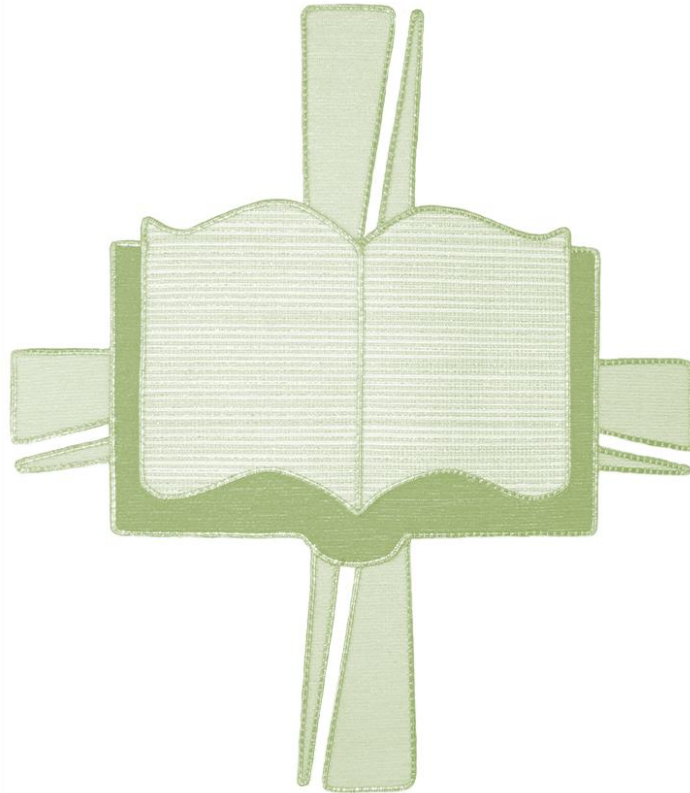


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 10:00 am



## Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Liz Emmerton*

Welcome Team: *Volunteers*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Ken & Liz Robbins, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Mike Ruggi*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Pat Goud*

Summer Church School: *Lyn Hill*

Theme: *Through the roof*

Hospitality: *Lemonade*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

**A Note for Visitors:** Summer Church School at New St. James starts at 10:00 am, 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**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* (CWM Rhondda)      P. Manz (©1974)

\* **Entry of the Bible**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Blessed be God, whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams.

**C: Blessed be God whose love has conquered death and orders our way.**

**ALL: Blessed be God who guides our steps and leads us into life.**

\* **Hymn of Praise**      *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer* (CWM Rhondda)      **651**

**Prayers of Approach and Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Musical Offering**      *Amazing Grace (New Britain)*      Early American melody;  
arr. J. Althouse (©2002)

Sylvia Sass, soprano

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may it become the word of faith for us and for all who need the good news of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18

**pg. 34 in O.T.**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:22-33

**pg. 16 in N.T.**

**Sermon**

**“Up from the depths”**

Rev. Andrew Reid

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

- \* **Hymn of the Faith**      *I sing the almighty power of God* (Forest Green)      **333**
- Prayers of Concern**
- Offering and Offertory**      *Amazing Grace* (New Britain)      Early American melody;  
improvization
- \* **Doxology**      **830**
- \* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
- Announcements**
- Our Church Family Together**
- Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**      Inside cover of Book of Praise
- \* **Hymn of Discipleship**      *Precious Lord, take my hand* (Precious Lord)      **675**
- \* **Commission and Response**      *Sing Amen*      **264**
- \* **Benediction**
- Postlude**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* (CWM Rhondda)  
J. B. Carlson (©1999)

### **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](http://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.

## **NOTES FROM THE MINISTER**

I am sorry to inform you that Janet Hisey has submitted her resignation as our office administrator. She and her family plan to move closer to her husband's work and to the university where her daughters will be studying. But she will work with us as we search for her successor.

The HR committee has begun its work of reviewing the position description, planning a recruitment strategy, considering how and where to advertise, and establishing what the needs of the congregation are right now and in the light of my retirement.

We will miss Janet enormously, but this is the right step for her family. There will be an opportunity to say a proper farewell later, but for now, be assured that we have the matter in hand and will move ahead decently and in good order.

**GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE--OCTOBER 14.** Just a reminder that we have a sale this fall and would appreciate your donations.



**PINT SEALERS and HALF PINT SEALERS** along with their lids if possible are needed for preserves being made for our upcoming Vendor Sale in November.

Please leave them in the lower kitchen or call Karen Buchwald for pick up.

As wildfires remain active in British Columbia, please pray for affected communities and first responders. Donations may be made to PWS&D in support of physical and emotional recovery for those impacted by the fires. Mail a cheque to the office, give through your offering envelope (clearly marked for BC Fires), donate online, or call 1-800-619-7301. Please mark donations for "BC Fires." Learn more at [WeRespond.ca/bc-wildfires](http://WeRespond.ca/bc-wildfires).

**REAL FAITH:** Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Curious about your life, faith and the world? Keen to connect with other young adults? Join us!

**When:** Fourth Thursday of the month

**Time:** 8 pm-9 pm

**Where:** Westmount Presbyterian Church,  
521 Village Green Ave.,  
London (beside Westmount Mall)

**Contact:** Jeffrey at 519-472-3443 [minister.westmount@gmail.com](mailto:minister.westmount@gmail.com)  
or

Mavis at 519-631-2414 m.currie@knox.ca for more info

Together we will explore some of the big questions and topics that we encounter as we seek to follow Jesus in the world today. Real conversation, real faith. A joint venture between Westmount and Knox, St. Thomas Presbyterian Churches open to anyone in the Presbytery of London. Lead by Rev. Jeffrey, Rev. Mavis and friends.

For those persons who were not contacted by email, 2017-2018 schedules for Scripture Readers, Hall Shepherds and Welcome Teams have been placed in your mail slot across from the church office.

Outreach flyers are located at each entrance of the church. This flyer includes our continued programming for the summer plus lots of "save the dates" for the Fall. Please pick up several and share with family, friends and neighbours!

Help PWS&D respond to hunger in Southeast Africa. **Please make your cheque out to New St James Presbyterian Church and in your memo line indicate "South Sudan"**. Together, we can make a difference.

### **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.



*The Ark Aid Street Mission, Inc* has been receiving excess produce from Costco—food that might have defective packaging or one 'bad' item in the package. *The Ark* was picking up thousands of dollars worth of good food each week which they shared with their food partners. However, Costco's corporate policy required such food to be collected in a refrigerated truck which *The Ark* did not have. The City's and Province's response to help purchase such a truck "has been something to behold". These officials see how injecting fresh food into our food security

programs will benefit potentially thousands in the community. To read more about this initiative, please see the Newsletter posted on the pin board outside the office. You will be interested to know that New St. James' *Thomas Kent Trust Fund* supports **The Ark**.

**Reminder to all members of the congregation to keep saving pop can tabs:** We sent in a whopping 55 lbs just before Christmas and since then have sent another 14 lbs and have 8 more lbs ready to send. Thank you to everyone who saves these tabs. They really are a wonderful help for folks who need special wheelchairs and strollers. Ask your friends and relatives to save them also. Please place them in the closet in the Nursery on the bottom shelf. Many thanks!!



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!

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