

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 10:30 am**



## **Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Leslie Harris*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Jean Hadley, Hartono & Janti,  
Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *Ellen Faubert, Jennifer Whitworth*

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Taylor*

Nursery:

Church School:

Hospitality:

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

**Note to Visitors:** Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, 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** *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (Houston)* W. Wold (©2010)

\* **Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)* **433**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** You have come to The church of Jesus Christ, to a community of the living God. You have come to the fellowship of myriads of angels in joyful assembly.

**C:** You have come to **God the Judge of all nationals and peoples, and to the spirits of men and women who have gone before and who worship with us in solidarity, but on another shore and in a greater light.**

**Introit** *You Are Before Me, Lord (Sursum Corda)* A. M. Smith (©1941)

You Are Before Me, Lord, You are behind, and over me You have spread Your hand. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; too high to grasp, too great to understand. Search me, O God, search me and know my heart. Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try. Keep me from any path that gives You pain, and lead me in the everlasting Way. [from Psalm 139]

**Prayer of Approach**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

### **Anthem**

*The Waters Of Life*

J. Biery (©1998)

The Father's voice calls us above the waters. The glory of the Son Shines on us. The Love of the Spirit fills us with life. [Ancient Christian hymn]

### **Unison prayer for illumination:**

Loving God we ask that You will breathe through the Scripture Your life and thus quicken us. May your Word penetrate our hearts and make us better people. Amen

### **First Lesson**

Genesis 1:27

pg. 1 in O.T.

### **Responsive reading Psalm 139:1-6**

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

### **Epistle**

I Corinthians 12:12-26

pg. 174 in N.T.

### **Gospel Lesson**

John 15:1-12

pg. 109 in N.T.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **Solo:**

*Within These Walls*

C. Courtney (©1991)

Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in Your name. As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in Your holiness again. Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond, a spirit from above. And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by Your love. *We are the branches, You are the vine. We are the vessels and You are the wine. We are the body, You are the Head. For every hunger, you are the Bread.* Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form. And let us lift each other as we gather to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm. *We are the branches...* Within these walls, give us Your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls there are hurting people who have never felt Your healing hand. Beyond these walls, send us forward.

Beyond these walls, let Your will be done. We are Your people; You will leave us never, and we shall work together until Your kingdom comes – Your kingdom come! Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

## We Respond in Faith and Service

**Sermon** “All different, all One” The Rev. Dr. David Thomson

\* **Hymn of Faith** *One bread one body (One bread, one body)* **540**

**Prayers for the World and New St. James**

**Offering and Offertory** *My Inmost Heart Now Rises (Aus Meines Herzens Grund)*

J. C. Bach (1642-1703)

\* **Doxology** **830**

\* **Dedication of offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Story**

## Baptism and reception of new members

**Apostles' Creed** (Said by all, first page of Hymnal)

**Reception of new members** *Michael Ian Lobodzinski and Nina Christine Jean Lobodzinski*

**Presentation** Bruce Curtis, Clerk of Session

### Questions to new members

Do you believe in God our Creator and Sustainer, in Jesus Christ our Lord and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and our Strength? **I DO**

Will you commit yourself, as you are able, as a member of New St. James Presbyterian Church, to join in worship, to take part in the life of the congregation, and to support our ministries as God calls you? **I DO**

\* **Baptismal Hymn**      *O God eternal, Sovereign Lord (Almsgiving)*      **518**

**Presentation of the child**      *Winston Adam Lobodzinski*

**Vow of the parents**

You have confessed your faith in God. Do you now promise to raise your child in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in your home and within the fellowship of the Christian Church? **WE DO**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Baptism**

**Vow of the congregation**

People of God. I present to you now this child of God. Will you welcome him, guide him, and nurture him by word and deed, in love and prayer; and will you encourage him in the way of Jesus Christ as a faithful member of his Church? **WE WILL**

**Declaration**

**Aaronic Blessing**

**The Welcome to New St. James**

**The right hand of Christian Fellowship led by the Clerk of Session**

\* **Hymn of Discipleship**      *Called as partners in Christ's service (Beecher)*      **587**

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**      *Sing Amen*      **264**

**Postlude**      *I've Just Come From The Fountain (His Name So Sweet)*

R. Billingham (©1996)



**WMS London Presbyterian Annual Meeting** will be held on January 18 in Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal at 9:30 am. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$12. Everyone is welcome.

It is with great sadness that we report that Denise BREEN, long-time member of New St. James, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2018. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.



### **Ready to go back to work**

*Presbyterians Sharing* is helping to transform the lives of people in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood. The statistics for Little Burgundy are grim: 2/3 of children and youth live below the poverty line and 32% of students drop out before finishing high school. But Tyndale St. Georges Community Centre is helping provide community members with the tools they need to realize their dreams, at every life stage. Tyndale's employment programs not only teach job search techniques, but also build self-esteem and life skills. Jane shares, "I came to Tyndale during the lowest time in my life, and I decided to give it a shot. I was looking for something to bring back my self-confidence that would enable me to go back to the workforce. And Tyndale delivered exactly what I was looking for. And now I'm strong, I'm back again, and I'm ready to go back to work!"

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**The New St. James Book Club** will be reading *Nomad* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali in January 2018. Copies of *Nomad* have been obtained through the London Public Library's Book Club in a Bag program and are available in the Stewart Library for anyone interested in reading along with us. All copies of *Nomad* must be returned on or before our meeting on January 29.



**Exciting Volunteer Position:** Cathy Urquhart has done the New Connection newsletter for so many years and due to the many changes in her life, it has been decided that this would be a good time for someone else to step in. We hope there is someone out there who would like to try their hand at this new adventure. Please contact the office to volunteer or if you have any questions.



### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, January 15</b>	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Boys Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, January 16</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Extencicare
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Session
<b>Wednesday, January 17</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	10:00 am	Women's Council
	6:00 pm	Senior Youth
<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, January 19</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

**EYE KNOW TRIVIA NIGHT:** Our team is getting ready for another outreach to Malawi in September 2018. So let's get out of the cold and reduce cabin fever by hanging out and testing our knowledge at another fun night of trivia. Friday, February 9, 2018 from 6:30 -10pm. Teams of 6-8:\$120, individual players: \$15(we'll find some smart people who want to play with you). This is a great opportunity to invite people outside of New St James to come and meet us. Last time over 1/2 the teams were people who didn't attend our church. Sign up by February 2, 2018 by calling the church office or by email : [gayleavc@gmail.com](mailto:gayleavc@gmail.com)

**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.

**Stewardship:**

Unless we learn how to humbly tell each other our giving stories, our churches will not learn to give.

*Randy Alcorn, minister and author*

**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.

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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