

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**  
**Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 10:30am**  
**We Gather to Worship God**



## **Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Janice Mark*

Welcome Team: *Frank & Theresa Walsh, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau, Paul Loftus*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Taylor*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Sharon Langham*

Sunday School: *No Church School - All Ages*

Hospitality: *Fellowship Luncheon*

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.

\* **Please stand, if able**

## We Gather to Worship God

**Prelude** *Variations on Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (The King's Majesty)* C. Uehlein (©2010)

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

\* **Processional Hymn # 214** *All glory laud and honour (St. Theodulph)*  
*(The choir enters with Palms)*

**Palm Sunday Scripture**          Matthew 21: 1-10          Rev. Dr. David Thompson

\* **Processional Hymn for the Sunday school children # 415**

*Children of Jerusalem (Infant Praise)*

*(The children enter with palms and place them at the foot of the cross on the Communion Table in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross and then return to their seats.)*

**Welcome to New St. James** *(Please turn and greet one another)*

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** In celebration, we join the crowds of old, waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah. Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

**C:** **We know the pain of what lies ahead. Today anticipates the rest of the story - a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.**

**Introit**                      *A Palm Sunday Antiphon*                      D. Morgan (©2011)

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens! *Hosanna in excelsis Deo!*

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

Dear God. On this Palm Sunday we remember the coming of the once and future King into Jerusalem. Little children threw branches in his way. People took off their coats and cloaks in His honor and put them where he would ride. We would find that kind of Hope again today, for they were under a tyranny and this man represented a peaceable Kingdom in contrast to the status quo. It is still the case today. Peace eludes us, but in this man riding so long ago into Jerusalem there is Hope for the world and that the angel promise could still be fulfilled; "Peace on earth and goodwill amongst human beings." Take us there this day as we remember.

### **Words of Assurance (Minister)**

God forgives us when we seek God's forgiveness. Always, without exception. The worst among us can become the best. The light of Hope shines in the darkest places. All can be forgiven. All can begin again. That is Good News!

## **We Hear the Word of God**

### **Anthem**

*The Messiah Has Come*

P. Choplin (©2018)

Bring your palm branches; there's joy in the street. "Hosanna, hosanna," the voices repeat. There is shouting and waving to this blessed one, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Join the procession and burst into song, and join with the voice of heaven's great throng. There's praising, celebrating that never is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Sing hosanna to the Son. Sing hosanna, the great Messiah has come. Look in the faces; the pain melts away, for years of praying are answered today. The crying and grieving for now, it is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Lay down your pain; lay down your grief. Rest from your burdens; find relief. Finish your prayers of worry and fear. Lift up you head, the Lord is here!

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Dear God, it is our prayer that the Scriptures may come alive for us this day. May they speak to us of those things that last forever, in such a way that our lives are changed for the better. We wait to hear something with our names and address on it, for this moment in our lives. Amen.

### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

**Pg. 681 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 118: 19-29

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

L: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

\* **Gloria Patri**

**Epistle** Philippians 2: 5-11

**Pg. 197 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 19: 36-40

**Pg. 83 in N.T.**

L: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Solo** *He Came Riding On A Donkey*

G. Light (©1986)

He came riding on a donkey. He came riding into town; slow and easy, kind of lowly he came riding with the dawn. His disciples walked beside Him, staying close, a little shy; not to sure where He would guide them – on to live, or on to die. But all the morning sang His praises; waking birds and dancing wind. Here He is the Son of David, riding on to take His throne.

**Sermon** Let love drive your life!

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\* **Hymn of Faith: # 217** *Ride on, ride on in majesty* (Winchester New)

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Ellacombe) J. Nixon (©1995)

**Hortons \$569.15 vs Starbucks \$334.90: Total raised as of April 7th \$904.05**

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Story** The stones will cry out!

**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 # 220** *My Song is love unknown* (Love Unknown)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Ellacombe) J.W. Kerr (©2000)



**Thank You, New St. James Choir!**

A great big thank you to Torin and each member of our wonderful choir! They've worked hard throughout this church year and have made some meaningful, memorable and beautiful music. Above all, they've helped us make a joyful noise to our Lord. Let's give thanks to them and for them at every opportunity!

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY

Please join us for a free will offering lunch, immediately following church today. Our guest speaker is Dr. Gabor Sass. His topic is "Back to the Garden". How to create your own Garden of Eden in the city. This is sure to be an amazing presentation. All ages welcome.



Many thanks to all of you who helped make my 80th birthday extra special. Special thanks to everyone who helped with the set-up, serving and clean-up of the lunch.

Eva Goud, the newest octogenarian in the church

**BE AWARE OF THEFTS:** Local churches are reporting thefts on Sunday mornings. Be vigilant as to where you leave belongings, especially before, during and after services and coffee hours.

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, April 15</b>	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Extencicare
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 18</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	NSJ Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	8:00 pm	NSJ Choir Practice (for Good Friday)
<b>Good Friday, April 19</b>	10:30 am	Good Friday Cantata Service
	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Easter Sunday, April 21</b>	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am	Worship Service & Communion
	3:30 pm	CCNC

## 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.



## Creating community for new Canadians

Life in Christ Ministry provides support and assistance for Arabic and Farsi speaking refugees living in the Greater Toronto Area. Each year, the ministry offers a New Beginnings Training Program that provides practical workshops aimed at helping refugees adapt to local Canadian communities, including learning English and developing other life skills. By offering games and activities for children at the same time as adult workshops, the program responds to the need for parents to attend programs with their children. In addition, the program provides meaningful job opportunities for students and volunteers.

*Presbyterians Sharing welcomes refugees*

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS:** Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

*W.T. Purkiser (1910-1992), preacher, scholar, author*



## In Memoriam

Denise Powell's beloved daughter Janet Powell passed away Wednesday, April 10th. Our prayers and sympathies are with Denise and family at this time.

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