

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, January 15, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Lesley Harris*

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

Counters: *John & Carol Brink, Susan Pepper, John White*

Hall Shepherd: *Ken Robbins*

Nursery: *Nancy Roach, Cathy Taylor*

Church School: *Joanne MacPherson, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for 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 Lamb Of God, Without A Blemish
(*O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig*) J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)* **290**

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us sing a new song to God.

C: **Let it be a song of thanks and praise.**

L: God has done wondrous deeds beyond compare.

C: **May God's love in our hearts put a song on our lips.**

Introit *Lamb Of God*
(*O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig*) F. M. Christiansen (1871-1955)

Lamb of God most holy! Who didst suffer, patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken: have mercy, O Jesu!

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Teach Me Thy Song, Oh Lord* C. Courtney (©2002)

Teach me Thy song, Oh Lord, that song which graced creation's dawn and bid the firmament unfurl; that bathed the newborn world in uncreated light – that song so bright. Teach me Thy song, Oh Lord, that song which burst Thy Saviour's heart to beat of blows upon the cross; His pain and bitterest loss and death that should be mine – His song was Thine. Teach me Thy song, Oh Lord, that song which swirls to wreath Thy throne and bears the prayers of all Thine own; to Thee and Thee alone by saints and angels raised Thy name to praise. Teach me Thy song, Oh Lord. [text: J. Nagy (©1991)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

May the true Light enlighten us; may the Word of life live among us; may grace and truth come in Jesus Christ, that we may see the glory of our God. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 40:1-11

- ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² **He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴ **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**
- ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
- ⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- ⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- ⁸ **I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'**
- ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- ¹⁰ **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**
- ¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 1:29-42

pg. 92 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.****Anthem***Lamb Of God*

T. Paris (©1985); arr. L. Larson (©2002)

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this
guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of Love they crucified and laughed
and scorned Him as He died, the humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb
of God. *O Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His
precious blood – my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.* I was so lost I should have died, but You

have called me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *O Lamb of God...*

Sermon

“Lamb, Son, Rabbi, Messiah”

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

- * **Hymn of the Faith** *Lead on, O King eternal (Lancashire)* **742**

- Prayers of Concern**

- Offering and Offertory** *Lamb Of God, Without A Blemish
(O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig)* M. Reger (1873-1916)

- * **Doxology** **830**

- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

- Announcements**

- Our Church Family Together**

- The Lord’s Prayer** Inside cover of Book of Praise

- * **Hymn of Discipleship** *We are marching (Siyahamba)* **639**

- * **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**

- * **Benediction**

- Postlude** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)* J.B. Carlson (©1995)

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.

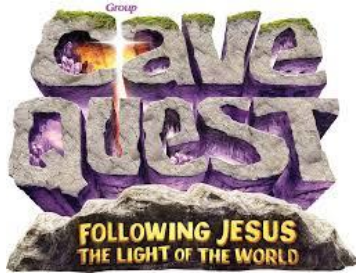
THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 16	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's RC)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 17	10:00 am	Activity Day@NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	2:30 pm	Service at Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, January 18	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	2:00 pm	Service at Manor Village
Thursday, January 19	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	CCNC
	7:00 pm	Senior Youth Group (St. Lawrence PC)
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 20	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, January 21	10:00 am	Camp Kintail Interviews
Sunday, January 22	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

MALAWI MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

Calendars are available for sale today for only \$5.00! 12 images of the people of Malawi and New St James, and the work that we are doing together. A year of reminders and a great way to support future ministry together. See Cathy, Gayle, Jessie or Karen after the service.

The CE Committee has carried out some housecleaning chores and now has several books, DVDs and games to give away. The books etc. will be on a table in New St. James Hall for the next couple of weeks. Any books not taken by the congregation will be sent to the Mission Store for sale locally or distribution overseas.



It doesn't seem like a year since we were planning the last **Vacation Bible Camp**. This year the theme will be Cave Quest and the first meeting for volunteers is **immediately following the service today** in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome to help and we hope to see as many as possible at the meeting. We all have different gifts and here is an opportunity to work together and have a great week with the children in March. The dates are March 13-17. Even if you can only help for one day please come.

The New Connection newsletter deadline is **tomorrow!** Cathy Urquhart is travelling and needs submissions emailed as soon as possible to curquh0418@rogers.com



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 15-22

In this anniversary year marking 500 years since the reformation in Germany (1517) the London congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and some of their close neighbouring parishes in the Catholic Diocese of London, are being intentional about extending the bridges of Christian fellowship between our two communities.

We started our joint work by sharing the live video feed of the service held in Lund, Sweden, on October 31, when Pope Francis and Lutheran World Federation President, Bishop Dr. Munib Younan, led the commemoration service marking the start of this 500th anniversary year.

January sees the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and we are using this opportunity to continue our work together and would love for you to join with us.

At the start of the week we are gathering at **St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church**, 511 Cheapside Street (Cheapside & Maitland) on Sunday, January 15 at 7:30 pm. We conclude the week at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 746 Colborne Street (Colborne & Oxford) on Sunday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. Pastor Steve Johnston (Trinity) and Father Murray Sample (St. Michael's) are extending an invitation to join us for these two services. This invitation is also on behalf of Pastor Katherine Altenburg (Redeemer, Lutheran), Father Mark Poulin (St. Justin's, Catholic) and Pastor David Wirt (St. Ansgar, Lutheran).

For more information contact Pastor Steve Johnston, Trinity Lutheran, steve@webfeed.ca 519-639-8224.

Do you like to sew?
Do you like to get together with friends to sew?
Would you like to make bags for the hygiene kits for Malawi?
If you answered YES to one or more of these questions, why not join us
on **Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm** in the **Creative Hands** Group?

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

A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER

I will be using up the last of my 2016 vacation from January 18-31. Marg McGugan and Mike Ruggi will lead the services when I am gone, and Rev. Keith McKee (519-455-5760) is available in pastoral emergencies.

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 12. The Annual Report needs to be ready for Sunday, January 29. Therefore, the deadline for your annual report submissions is **Wednesday, January 18**. Please submit to jhisey@newstjames.com.

SENIOR YOUTH (grades 8-12) @ St. Lawrence PC
Thursday, January 19 7:00-9:00 pm

Community Movie Night @ NSJ
Friday, January 20 6:30-8:30 pm

Featuring the movie "Pete's Dragon". There will be a free will offering and snacks are available for purchase.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Sunday, January 29 11:30 am

Join us for a luncheon in New St. James Hall immediately following the worship service. Special music by The Emmanuel Singers.

New St. James Book Club with meet on **January 30** at the home of Pat Shaver at 1:30 pm.

The January book selection is *Post Captain* by Patrick O'Brian – a novel set on the high seas during the Napoleonic Wars. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pat.



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!



Overcoming Obstacles in Ghana

Adisah used to feel neglected by her family in Ghana. Because she was born with a hearing and speech impairment, Adisah was not given the opportunity to attend school. Years later, she received the care she needed at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre. The centre—which assists people living with disabilities to overcome challenges and access vocational support—offered Adisah training in agricultural production. Adisah worked very hard and soon became a successful farmer. Together with her husband Salam, they are producing enough food for their three children. Salam recently remarked, “My wife is a blessing to me. I thank God for the support from the centre and PWS&D to make us what we are today”.

Stewardship:

Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission.

Dr. Kennon Callahan (1936 -), author and teacher, congregational development

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.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
Custodian	Mark McDonald - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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