

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

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

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Pamela Johnson*

Welcome Team: *Theresa & Frank Walsh, Marybeth & Dave Goodreau, Paul Loftus,
Mary Anne & Jim Simpson*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Taylor*

Nursery: *Donna Aziz, Carol Fisher*

Church School: *Karen Baron, Tom DeKay, Telly Lengkey, John Stewart*

Hospitality: *Session*

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 *Risen Is The Holy Christ* S.E. Saxton (©1991)

* **Trumpet fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Now let the vault of heaven resound* **255**
(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, sure that He would never, never wake again.

C: **Forth he came at Easter...He that for these three days in the grave had lain, raised from the dead my Living lord is seen, Love is come again like wheat new springing green.**

Introit *O Sacrum Convivium* L. Molino (1916-2012)

*O sacrum convivium,
In quo Christus sumitur;
Recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
Mens impletur gratia
Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet
In which Christ is consumed;
The memory of His passion is recalled,
The mind is filled with grace,
And an assurance of future glory is given to us.
Alleluia.

Prayer of Approach

Loving God we approach Your throne aware that You love us regardless of what we have done. You see us as Your creatures and love us just as we are. We worship You in the confidence of acceptance, sure of Your great grace. Fill our hearts with Your Presence this day and uplift us; transform us into joy-filled people who love and care for others as Jesus did. Amen.

Words of Assurance

There is nothing too hard for God to forgive. God loves us and willingly looks after us when we ask. That is because God is wholly good and thoroughly kind. Be assured we are forgiven and accepted just as we are. It is the nature of God to love what God has created. It is as natural as the sun coming up each day!

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *O Blessed Cross Of Calvary!* L. Larson (©2011)
O blessed cross of Calvary where Jesus died for me! The cross of my redeemer King who sets the captive free. On that barren, lonely hill with creation standing still, all earth and heaven felt the chill as Christ did His Father's will. O blessed cross of sacrifice where Jesus died in shame! The cross of my redeemer King who freely took my shame. On that barren, lonely hill with creation standing still, all earth and heaven felt the chill as Christ did His Father's will. Before the cross of Calvary I stand forgiven, cleansed and free! The cross where Jesus took my place; God's symbol of amazing grace, O blessed cross of Calvary! O blessed cross of victory! Salvation is complete. The cross of my Redeemer King where love and mercy meet. On that barren, lonely hill with creation standing still, all earth and heaven felt the chill as Christ did His Father's will. [text: J. Paul Williams (©2011)]

Unison prayer for illumination:

Dear God please shine through the words of Scripture with Your own great Spirit. Teach us what is true and helpful from these ancient writings and give us the mind of Christ as we hear them and take them into our hearts. Amen

First Lesson

I Samuel 28:3-14

Pg. 272 in O.T.

Responsive reading Psalm 4:1-8

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

C: How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

C: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

L: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!'

L: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and wine abound.

C: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

* **Gloria Patri**

Epistle Acts 3:12-19

Pg. 120 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36-48

Pg. 91 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Solo *Holy Mystery*

P. Choplin (©2010)

We believe what we have seen and heard. We believe what we read in Your Word. But we have so many questions, and some have answers we may never know. So for the things our eyes cannot see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery. All we know is just a tiny part. Everything we preach is just a start, for Your truth's a mighty mountain and all we see is just a distant gaze. So for the things our eyes cannot see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery. Sometimes when we struggle, we want to know Your full and final truth. We grow so impatient and fail to put our simple faith in You – only You – our faith's in You. One day we'll cross into Your paradise, and You'll give perfect vision to our eyes, and we'll look back on our journey and see the great perfection of Your ways. But 'til the day when our eyes can see, give us faith to simply let it be mystery – holy mystery.

Sermon: “Can we talk with the dead?” Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service
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* **Hymn of Faith** *Christ is alive (Truo)*

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Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *Jesus, Stand Among Us (Caswell)*

T. Chiles (2007)

*The Tim Hortons and Starbucks cups are a fun way to raise money by contributing the loose change we have. The two cups are separately tracked to see which does better over the year. The money is ear marked for the deficit for 2018. Target is \$10,000. So far Tim Hortons \$1,176.83 and Starbucks \$506.45 for a grand total of \$1,683.29.
(from Dr. T ... “GO STARBUCKS!”)*

* **Doxology**

830

* **Dedication of offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Statement *Bruce Curtis, Clerk of Session*

Story

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** *The day of resurrection* (Ellacombe) **249**

* **Commissioning/Sung Benediction and Amen**
May the God of hope go with us every day (Canto De Esperanza) **726**

Postlude *Toccata on Christ Ist Erstanden* G.M. Martin (©1971)



Thank you to all the cooks, servers, and clean-up crew who made the Easter Breakfast a success! We made a profit of \$54.90 which will go to the Fundraising Committee.

Pastoral Care Meeting - Monday, April 23 at 10:00 am.

**Presbyterian Wide Volleyball Tournament - Thursday, April 26,
7:00-9:00 pm, Grades 9-12 at Lord Elgin Public School. Please contact Joanne at the church if you are able to come!**

Our next **Outreach flyer** is being updated. Please contact **Joanne** with anything you need to add by **Wednesday, April 18**.



Souper Fellowship Fundraiser Luncheon

Fellowship Luncheon Sunday April 22 immediately following church. Our committee is teaming up with Joanne and our youth for a fund raiser soup luncheon. Several of our youth are attending Junior Youth camp at Camp Kintail in June and they appreciate a little financial support. Our amazing Emmanuel Singers will treat us to song to top off our luncheon. All ages welcome for this free will offering fundraiser lunch. **We are hoping that most of the crockpots of soup will be covered by the junior high youth and parents but we also had some of the church members bring soup last year. So, if you would like to contribute a crockpot of soup please contact Joanne. Of course, if you bring a soup....no charge for lunch! Many thanks for supporting our youth! There is a soup sign-up sheet for our Souper Luncheon on the bulletin board beside the office.**



Monday night Bible study will begin Monday April 16th at 6:30pm. We will be **studying The Lord's Prayer**. Monday's session will be "Talking to the Father" based on Matthew 6:5-15. **Please contact Mike Ruggi for details.**



Easing suffering in Bangladesh

Since the outbreak of state-led violence against the Rohingya minority in Myanmar's Rakhine state, Safiri has been living in fear. Her husband was shot and her entire village burned to the ground. One night, fearing an attack by members of the army, she fled with her children across dangerous countryside to the Balukhai camp in Bangladesh. Their arrival brought new challenges—shelter conditions were miserable and food, water and sanitation services scarce. Safiri's story of suffering is hard to grasp, but her needs for survival are very real. PWS&D, alongside Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is helping Rohingya refugees like Safiri meet their basic needs and find hope that life will once again be normal.

PWS&D responds to meet the needs of refugees

Presbytery of London **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: For young adults 18-25 years old on MAY 3RD, 7-9PM.** Potluck at Rev. Mavis Currie's home in south London. Burgers, hotdogs provided. Please bring chips/salads/veggies and dips or desserts. Friends welcome. We will be discussing future ministries related to this age group. RSVP by emailing Rev. Mavis Currie at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, April 16	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Boys Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, April 17	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Extencicare
	5:00 pm	Amabile
Wednesday, April 18	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	No Senior Youth due to volleyball tournament on April 26	
Thursday, April 19	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 20	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, April 21	7:00 pm	London Korean Bible Study
Sunday, April 22	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Souper Fellowship Luncheon
	3:30 pm	CCNC



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.

WMS Synodical Annual Meeting, April 17 & 18, 2018 at Chedoke Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario. Theme: Sharing Your Vision

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:

Gratitude is an opener of locked-up blessings.

*Marianne Williamson
(b. 1962), author*

QUOTE: “Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.”

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New St. James Presbyterian Church

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