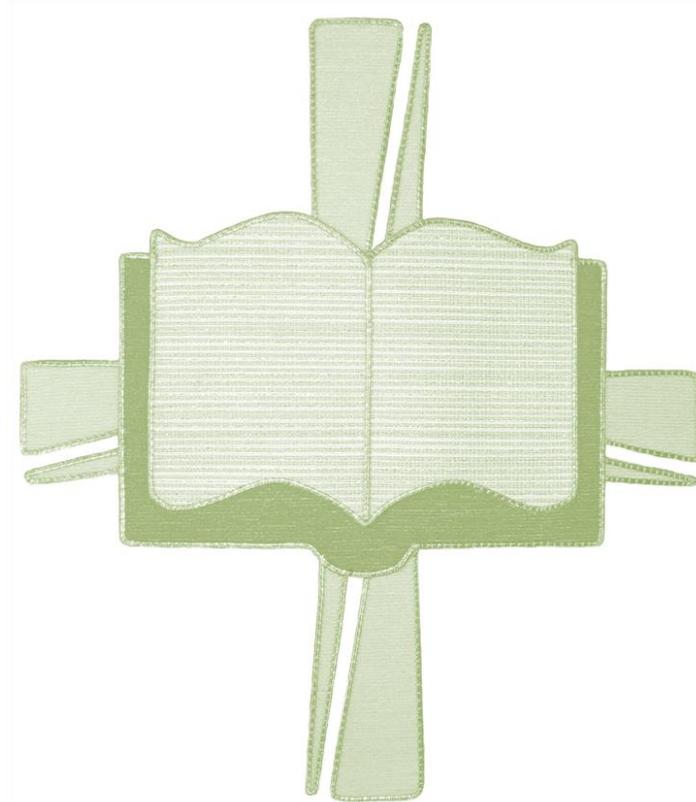


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, July 16, 2017 - 10:00 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Mike Ruggi*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Lesley Harris*

Welcome Team: *Volunteers*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Keith McCreary*

Nursery: *Donna Aziz, Liz Emmerton*

Summer Church School: *Jennifer Whitworth*

Theme: *In the Desert*

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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* W.B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

* **Entry of the Bible**

Welcome

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 55)

L: Let us worship God, who sends the rain and the snow down from heaven,

P: Let us worship God, who waters the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

L: Let us worship God, who's word goes out from His mouth and does not return to Him empty,

P: Let us worship God, who will accomplish all that which He purposes, and succeed in the things He promises.

* **Hymn of Praise** *Joyful, joyful we adore you* (Hymn to Joy) **410**

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Musical Offering *My Forever Friend* Charlie Landsborough
Ken Robbins

Everybody needs a little help sometime. No one stands alone. Makes no difference if you're just a child like me or a King upon a throne. For there are no exceptions, we all stand in the line. Everybody needs a friend. Let me tell you of mine. He's my forever friend, my leave-me- never friend from darkest night to rainbow's end - He's my forever friend. Even when I turn away He cares for me. His love no one can shake, even as I walk away He's by my side with every breath I take and sometimes I forget Him, my halo fails to shine. Sometimes I'm not His friend, but He is always mine. If you still don't know the one I'm talking of, I think it's time you knew, long ago and far away upon a cross my friend died for you. So if you'd like to meet Him and don't know what to do, ask my friend into your heart and He'll be your friend too.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Lord, as the seed of the Word of the kingdom is read and preached and is now broadcast, we pray that it might fall on the good soil, and receptive hearts. We pray that our lives may bear fruit – a hundred fold. In Jesus name, Amen

Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 55:10-13	pg. 686 in O.T.
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	pg. 13 in N.T.
Sermon	“A mirror and a measuring tape”	Mike Ruggi

We Respond in Faith and Service

- * **Hymn of the Faith** *Isaiah the prophet has written of old* (Woodworth) **782**
- Prayers of Concern**
- Offering and Offertory** *Meditation* Carl Bohm (1844-1920)
- * **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** *I’m gonna live so God can use me* **648**
- * **Commission and Response** *The Trees of the Field*
(Steffi Geiser Rubin/Stuart Dauermann)
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There’ll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.
- * **Benediction**
- Postlude** *The Glory of God in Nature* L. Beethoven (1770-1827)



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.

SESSION MEETING: All Elders are reminded of the Meeting of Session, on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, in New St. James Hall.

Thank You Thanks for the prayers, cards, smiles, flowers and good wishes! Your love and support are greatly appreciated. I'm getting better every day! Love, Susan (Vallas)

for your kindness



The NSJ hall was painted this past week and it looks fabulous! We are very grateful to an anonymous donor who completely covered the cost of the paint, several donations from members which went to buy paint supplies (rollers, tape, etc) and to Angie and Fred Benenati for securing an incredible deal on the paint. We also want to thank all of our dedicated painters for their time and energy this week....Deb Noble-Van Hees, Tim Van Hees, Angie Benenati, Bruce Emmerton, Mike Emmerton , Frank Walsh, Rob and Marg McGugan, Mark McDonald and Joanne MacPherson.

NOTE FROM THE MINISTER

Cathy and I are on vacation in Scotland from June 26 until July 18, visiting family and attending (and in my case conducting) the wedding of my niece. Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton is available in pastoral emergencies—call 519-438-3492.

Office hours during the summer are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-3:30pm.

Lemonade Time! Lemonade and cookies are served after the summer worship services. We are looking for hosts for one or more Sundays from now until the first week of September. The sign-up list is in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you for your help.



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.

Please note that on Sundays July 2 up to and including September 3 the Worship Service begins at 10:00 am.

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**.

Do you remember the “Good Soils” initiative in which we participated last Fall by sending pre-printed postcards to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau? Please see the pin board for the overwhelming response. Thank you for participating!

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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