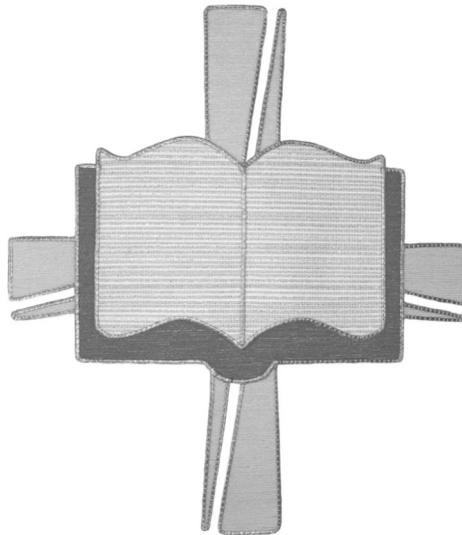


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 10:30am**



## **Serving You Today**

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

**Music Leader:** *Torin W. Chiles*

**Reader:** *Bruce Curtis*

**Welcome Team:** *Dolores & Jim Hunter, Liz & Ken Robbins, Jeanine & Pat Taylor, Susan Vallas*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Frank Walsh*

**Sunday School:** *Joanne MacPherson, Monica Sass*

**Nursery:** *Karen Buchwald*

**Hospitality:** *Northern Hospitality Team*

**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**                      *Be Thou My Vision (Slane)*                      H. Willan (1880-1968)

\* **Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn # 461**      *Be thou my vision (Slane)*

\* **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** Father of mercy, Lover of all children, thank-You for sending Jesus to us as a little child; Gladly we praise You, and with humility we pray for all the children of the earth. In Your compassion, O God, tend to them in sickness, ease their pain, heal their diseases, lighten their sorrows, and free them from all evil.

**C: Power and blessing, grant us now and forever, for we seek to serve them in Your name. May all our labor, crowned by Your favor, bear fruit forever so that Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. As above, so below.**

**Introit**                      *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace*                      C. Tye (1505-1572)

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above. As Thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

Gracious God, once again You have called us together in this place. Here we open our hearts and lives before You, here we seek to hear Your life-giving Words. God in this time of song and prayer and speech, open our souls to receive Your challenge, open our wills to accept Your instruction. Turn our self doubt into Your Confidence in us. And when our time of worship is ended, lead us back out into Your creation with Good News. Amen.

### **Words of assurance ( Minister)**

Almighty God our heavenly father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Solo**                      *The Song Of The Pilgrims*                      *R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Who would true valour see, let him come hither; one here will constant be, come wind and weather. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a Pilgrim. Whoso beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound; his strength the more is. No lion can him fright, he'll with a giant fight, but he will have a right to be a Pilgrim. Hobgoblin, nor foul fiend, can daunt his spirit; he knows he at the end shall life inherit. Then fancies fly away, he'll fear not what men can say, he'll labour night and day to be a Pilgrim. [text: J. Bunyan (1628-1688)]

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, through Your Son Jesus, You overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of Your Spirit, that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Lesson**                      2 Samuel 10: 1-5

**Pg. 283 in O.T.**

**Responsive reading**      Psalm 109: 1-5

L: Do not be silent, O God of my praise.

**C: For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.**

L: They beset me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

**C: In return for my love they accuse me, even while I make prayer for them.**

L: So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

\* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

**Epistle** (A story about St. Paul's confidence) Acts 28:1-6

**Pg. 149 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 5: 25-34

**Pg. 39 in N.T.**

**Choir:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Choir and Congregation Sung Response:**



**Anthem** *These Walls*

Heather Sorenson (©2017)

In these walls, when we are amazed at what You've done, and in these walls, we see the victories You have won. Within these walls we see You faithfully provide; and in these walls, we see You lead us and You guide. In these walls Your Spirit falls, and in this place, You show Your face. So, let these walls tell the story of Jesus lifted high. Let our praises rise above this roof and reach to heaven's sky. Let this church tell the story of people on their knees, the healing of disease, and peace and unity - within these walls. In these walls, we see salvation of the lost, and in these walls, transformation of the Cross - within these walls. In these walls, generations build their faith, and in these walls, we see Your holy power great. These walls hold the prayers of the saints. They speak the Truth without restraint. Here we meet You, God! Let these walls tell the story of Jesus lifted high! Let our praises rise above this roof and reach to heaven's sky. Let this church show the power of broken lives made whole, of families restored with faith in one accord - within these walls. We sing of Your power and hope within these walls. Forgiveness and mercy are here within these walls. In these walls.

**Sermon** "When your confidence is shattered." Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

**Prayers for the World**

**Announcements** Cathy Taylor  
Susan Vallas

**Offering and Offertory**

*Meditation on "Slane"*

Wm. France (©1981)

**Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks**

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Sept. 9th, Tim Hortons has \$3,223.33 and Starbucks has \$1,610.83.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$4,834.16**

\* **Doxology**

**Dedication of Offering**

**Our Church Family Commissions the Church School**

- \* **Hymn of Faith #487** Onward, Christian Soldiers (St. Gertrude)  
(Entry of the Sunday school)

**Church School Promotion:** Leo Gassi graduates into Church school!

**Church School Commissioning**

**QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:**

MINISTER: Our Church School teachers and leaders have a vital role in the nurturing of faith in children and adults. Will you support them with prayer, encouragement, interest and compassion?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

**QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE, TEACHERS AND LEADERS:**

MINISTER: God has called you to be teachers and leaders, and we recognize your gifts. Will you commit yourself cheerfully to this calling? Will you prepare carefully to teach and lead? And will you pray with and for the students in your care?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

**QUESTIONS TO STUDENTS IN CHURCH SCHOOL AND THE TEEN GROUP:**

MINISTER: You are a vital part of New St James. Will you do your best to learn from your teachers and leaders? Will you work with them? And will you help them as they help you?

RESPONSE: **We will!**

**Presentation to the C.E. Team and Teachers**

### Unison in Prayer

God of all people and all ages, you have made us all with gifts that are special and different. We ask you to bless each one of us as we learn and grow in faith. Give us insight, enthusiasm, joy, patience, and kindness and love in all things. So, may we all follow Christ, worship you and serve others in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray.

### 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.

### Story for the Church School

\* **Hymn # 744** Will your anchor hold? (Will Your Anchor Hold)

\* **Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Be of Good Courage (la Vaillance)* GF. Telemann (1681-1767)



### **Thank You Mary Lou**

**Please gather in NSJ Hall immediately following church to say our thanks to Mary Lou McCrimmon for convening our Northern Hospitality dinners for 23 years! Yummy homemade cookies, cupcakes, fruit and cheese trays will be enjoyed.**

*The flowers at the front of the sanctuary this morning are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Cleland, who passed away 3 years ago today and have been placed by his wife Charlotte and sons Gordon and George.*

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

## **USHERS - GREETERS**

The **regular schedule for ushers-greeters for Sunday services runs from September to June** each year and resumed this year on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. With a few revisions, the schedule repeats year to year with the same personnel. **For your shifts this upcoming season, please double check the schedule posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or on the bulletin boards just inside the two Oxford Street entrances.**

There are still openings available for one additional person for Sunday services in the month of December, three people for March and one person for June. If you would like to volunteer as a greeter, please contact John White at [jtwhite\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:jtwhite_ca@yahoo.com) or (519) 681-9043. Thanks!

## **CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE & BREAKFAST, Saturday, November 17.**

As our fall activities begin, be sure to remember the upcoming Bazaar. Many have been working hard making preserves and hopefully there will be deli items and baking made in the future. Items for the Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated. We will have our delicious breakfast of eggs and pea meal bacon along with the preserves, silent auction, baking, the tombola table, a deli table and we will be joined by a variety of vendors. Your help is needed in all aspects of this sale but right now I ask you to spread the word regarding the sale. We need you to advertise for us! The sale and breakfast start at 9:00. To volunteer to help or for further information, please contact Karen Buchwald.

## **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.

**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.

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!

**MALAWI MISSION** Check out their general blog [ourmalawi2018.blogspot.com](http://ourmalawi2018.blogspot.com) and for the eye care blog check out [eom2018.blogspot.com](http://eom2018.blogspot.com).

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, September 17</b>	5:00 pm	Northern Hospitality
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>	10:00 am	Senior's Activity Day @ NSJ
	2:30 pm	Extencicare
	3:00 pm	C.E. Meeting
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Session
<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground @ NSJ
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Practice
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, September 21</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	10:00 am	Little London Community Opera
	6:30 pm	Mozart's Don Giovanni Performance
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	1:30 pm	Little London Community Opera
	3:30 pm	CCNC

### New St. James Presbyterian Church

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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