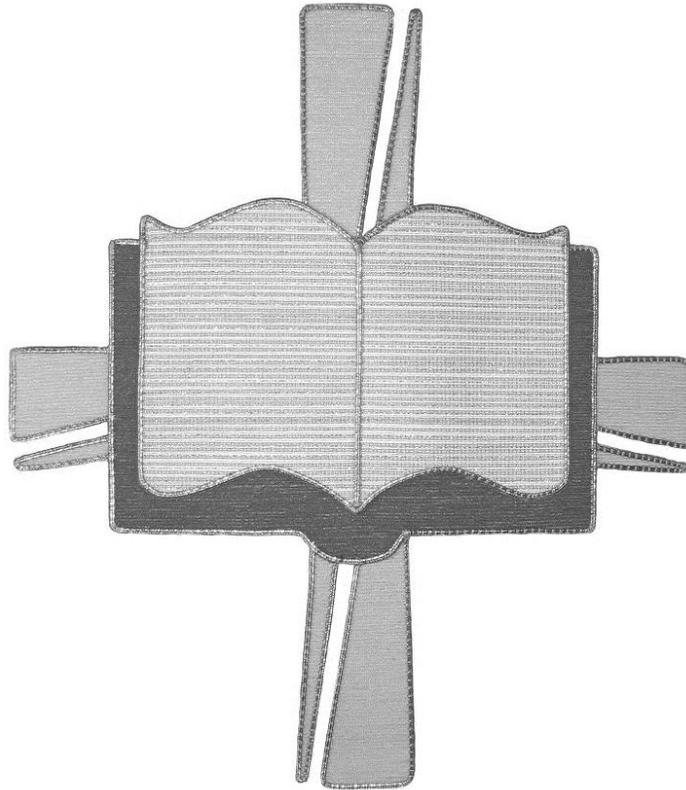


New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, January 17, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Megan Shin*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Lesley Harris*

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

Counters: *John & Carol Brink, Doug McKay, Susan Pepper*

Hall Shepherd: *Ken Robbins*

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Winn Files*

Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Karen Baron, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *Members at large*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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

Fugue

G. Merkel (1827-1885)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**

Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated (Londonderry Air)

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Welcome

Call to Worship based on Psalm 36

C: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

L: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

C: God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

All: Come, let us worship God, the fountain of life.

Introit

You Thirsty Ones (Belmont)

Wm. Gardiner (1770-1853)

You thirsty ones! Come to the Spring! Have you no money? Come, buy wine and milk! Come, buy and eat, without a price or sum. This food delights and satisfies, the food your God can give; incline your ear and come to Me; oh hear that you may live. [from Isaiah 55]

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo

The Woodcutter's Song

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

David Stainton, baritone

He that is down need fear no fall; He that is low, no pride; He that is humble, ever shall God to be his Guide. I am content with what I have, Little be it or much; And, Lord, contentment still I crave, Because Thou savest such. Fullness to such a burden is, That go on pilgrimage; Here little and hereafter bliss, Is best from age to age. [text: John Bunyan (1628-1688)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

pg. 692 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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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.

Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-11

pg. 93 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come, Join In Cana's Feast

D. A. White (©1993)

Come join in Cana's feast where Christ is honoured guest. He welcomes all who come to taste the wine His hands have blessed. The old wine is gone from jars that stand apart. No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart. But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine. He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine. Come, join in Cana's feast! Come, friends and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied by Him, Who is both guest and host, for us, the crucified. For now He lives and reigns through all eternity with Father, Spirit, Three in One, the glorious Trinity! Amen. [text: H.G. Stuempfle (©1993)]

Sermon

"Water into Wine"

Megan Shin

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of the Faith

All praise to you, O Lord (St. Ethelwald)

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Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *Take My Life And Let It Be* H. A. C. Malan (1787-1864)

* **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** *Sing Amen* **264**
Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Saviour Again* Hopkins (1818-1901)

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 18	9:00 am	Ox-Well Activity Program
	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's)
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 19	2:30 pm	Service at Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, January 20	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	9:30 am	Women's Council
	5:30 pm	Face to Face Spaghetti Supper
Thursday, January 21	9:30 am	WMS Presbyterial Annual Meeting (St. Lawrence PC)
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 22	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, January 24	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Fellowship Lunch
	2:00 pm	CCNC

Please pick up your **2015 Income Tax Receipt** in the narthex.

The **Session Report** is available in the narthex for those elders who do not receive this report via email.

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at NSJ beginning January 12.

1:30-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting
or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

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

**“PAY IT FORWARD” SPAGHETTI SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
SERVED 5-7 P.M.**

Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 5 & under FREE
Tickets for sale during coffee hour from the CE committee



DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 7. The Annual Report needs to be ready for Sunday, January 31. Therefore, the deadline for your annual report submissions is **Wednesday, January 20**. Please submit to jhisey@newstjames.com.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday, January 24 11:45 am

All are invited to a Fellowship Lunch with guest speaker Megan Shin, our pastoral intern from Knox College. Freewill offering.

The **NSJ Book Club** will meet on the last Monday of the month, January 25 at 1:30 pm, in the Stewart Library. We will be discussing *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. Everyone welcome.

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

The Stewart Library: Copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge, in the Library.

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. Keep saving those stamps!



The Key is Good Soil

Subsistence farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America make up more than 70 per cent of the world's hungry. While Canada has a good track record for supporting agriculture in its aid programs, the aid budget for agricultural development has been on the decline. Good Soil is an ongoing campaign of Canadian Foodgrains Bank that aims to strengthen government funding for small-scale agriculture. Increased funding will not only help farmers improve their yields and adapt to changes in climate, it will stimulate economic growth, improve opportunities for women, enhance vital nutrition for children and promote environmental sustainability. Learn more about the issue at www.foodgrainsbank.ca/good-soil.

Stewardship:

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.

Brian Tracy (1944-),
motivational speaker and author

January 2016

Happy New Year to all of you. May 2016 bring you blessings and grace from God in rich new ways.

I have had the opportunity to visit a variety of congregations in the past year and I look forward to many more connections. It has been inspiring to see the creative efforts that local churches and communities are undertaking to honour Christ and reshape identities for the good of sharing the gospel. We are too quick to measure success by numbers when, in actual fact, it is spiritual formation and faithfulness that is our goal and calling. I am seeing many exciting new experiments. My prayers continue to be with congregations who are taking risks to share Christ in ways that are appropriate to their context.

As you know, this year was established by the 141st General Assembly to be a year of study and prayer regarding human sexuality. Study materials have been prepared and a number of presbyteries and congregations continue their work of discernment. Justice Ministries and the Church Doctrine Committee will welcome your responses throughout this year but by February 15 these teams will need to be formulating their responses to the overtures that were referred to them from last June's assembly. As much as you can, I know they would truly appreciate receiving as many comments and thoughtful reflections as they can from congregations, sessions, synods etc. It is important for them to hear the voice of the church and so I encourage you to consider sending in comments by mid-February if you are able, in advance of March 31 date set by the General Assembly. Certainly, we will anticipate your ongoing comments and study before our June assembly.

There are many resource materials on the web site www.presbyterian.ca and you can download the study called "Body, Mind and Soul." Even if your congregation does not do a formal study together, then be sure as individuals to study and pray and consult on your own. The strength of The Presbyterian Church in Canada is our belief that God's Spirit works and speaks in the collective voice of the church. This is our chance to seek God's leading through prayer, study and conversations. We may not all agree but we can listen to one another and learn from others.

Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate Wes Denyer and Doug Rollwage who are our nominees for Moderator of the 142nd General Assembly. Both of these candidates are gifted and capable. We will be in good hands for the next General Assembly and beyond.



The Rev. Karen Horst
Moderator, 141st General Assembly

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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