

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church  
March 17 2019 at 10:30am  
Second Sunday in Lent  
We Gather to Worship God**



***Happy St. Patrick's Day!***

## **Serving You Today**

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

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

**Reader:** *Pam Johnston*

**Welcome Team:** *Tim Van Hees, Ellen Faubert, Paula Sinjal, Jolanda Kalonta, Keith McCreary*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Jacob Golose*

**Sunday School:** *Worship Bags/No Sunday School*

**Hospitality:** *Deborah Noble Van-Hees*

**Stewart Library:** *Open every Sunday*

**A Note for Visitors:** The service today includes the Church School children. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

**\* Please stand, if able**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**     *The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)*     B. Marcello (1686-1739)

\* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)

In Honour of St. Patrick (dates 372-466), a historical note about St. Patrick and the Easter fires in Ireland.

\* **Processional Hymn # 576**    *The breastplate of St. Patrick, I bind unto myself today*  
(**verse 5 choir only please**)     (St. Patrick, Deirdre)

\* **Welcome to New St. James!** (Please turn and greet, wishing one another a Happy St. Patrick's day!)

### **Responsive Call to Worship**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his creative handywork.

**C: Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.**

L: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

**Introit**     *The Heavens Are Telling*     J. Haydn (1732-1809)  
The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of His works displays the firmament. [Ps. 19]

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

Our Loving God, creativity is part of Your great essence. You are our Creator and the Creator of all living things. According to Scripture we are all made in your image and we value our own God given creativity. When we are buffeted by life and our creativity is despised, approach us with Your great Love, take us in Your arms and stand us on our feet again to remember just Whose we are, and Whom we serve with all Your gifts, that you entrust to us so generously. Amen

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

L: When we come to God to ask forgiveness, we know that we are heard and understood at the most profound levels of our hearts and always forgiven no matter what we have done.

**C: Dear God, assure us this day of your amazing forgiveness and the resurgent Life that always comes when we can look into Your Face, the Face of our Creator, with straight eyes. Amen**

**We Hear the Word of God**

**Anthem**                      *Come, Let Us Sing (Hyfrydol)*                      N. Sleeth (©1989)

Come, let us sing, joyfully sing anthems of praise unto the Lord with one accord now and always! Come, let us sing, joyfully sing melody bright unto the Lord with one accord heaven to delight! Call for the trumpet, pipe and string – praises to God now let us bring! Come, let us sing, joyfully sing psalms to adore unto the Lord with one accord forevermore! Sing to God, Who made the heavens! Sing to God, Who made the earth! Formed the fields and framed the fountains; gave to creatures all their birth! Hallelujah! Let the chorus fill the air! *Come, let us sing...*

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

In the Scripture, speak peace to our hearts. In the Scriptures open our minds to hear and understand. In the Scriptures lift us out of our ordinary lives into the Light and Peace of Your Great Presence. Amen.

**First Lesson**                      Exodus 3: 1-5

**Pg. 50 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading**                      Psalm 19: 7-10

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

**C: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

L: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**



## Announcements

### Report and Songs from the DVBS week at NSJ

#### 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 # 466**     *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* (Praise the Lord)

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**             *Finale on Hyfrydol*                             H. Coleman (1888-1965)



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER/WORSHIP—WED., MARCH 20 @ NSJ**  
**6:00 pm Soup Supper & Social Justice Speakers**  
**7:00 pm Barbara Symington - St. Paul's Social Services**  
**7:15 pm Lenten Evening Prayer**  
***Check other dates on black & orange posters on the bulletin boards.***

### **A RECEPTION FOR JOANNE MACPHERSON SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

It is hard to believe that it has been 5 years since Joanne joined us as a part-time Pastoral Visitor in February 2014 and then a year later became New St. James Associate for Congregational Life. Joanne's last work day as NSJ's Associate for Congregational Life is Thursday March 21, 2019. **Please join us during the service on March 24 followed by a special "coffee time" to thank Joanne for her many contributions to the life and work of New St James. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Joanne, please put the marked envelope from the plastic pew rack on the collection plate, or give/mail your donation to Judi Le Blanc by no later than March 17, 2019. Thank you.**

### **“BACK TO BASICS”**

We're off to a great start with this Lenten project -- 100+ articles of clothing have already been donated! Some have been delivered to Quintin Warner House, others to “My Sister’s Place”, and the kids’ clothing to “Merrymount”. If you can’t get out to shop and want to participate in this project, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a special offering envelope.

### **RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

Spring is almost here and so is our Rummage Sale. Please continue to gather your donations of good, clean clothing, household goods including small furniture items, lamps, etc, linens, shoes, books and toys. Help is needed to sort our merchandise on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, help is also needed to sell on April 6th. Please let Deb Van Hees know if you are able to help. Come out and be part of the fun and fellowship! As well, please spread the word and encourage people to come to the sale--it is the best sale of the season and we sell the best hot dogs!

### **HOPE’S HUGS**

**To my New St James Family, I would like to thank you for your on going support of Hope's Hugs.** Without your support and cheering me on I would not have been able to successfully start this journey of spreading hope and hugs. I wanted to share with all of you that on **Thursday March 14th I handed out my 300th hug and a few more!!!** All in 21 months!!!! A goal I did not imagine hitting so soon. **Thank you all, especially the New St James Trustees and my family for all your on going support.** Please keep spreading the word of Hope's Hugs. Maybe I will reach 500 by the end of the year???

Love always Sydney Hope Vickers from Hope's Hugs

**STEWARDSHIP:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

*Colossians 3:15*

### **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.

## THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, March 18</b>	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00 pm	Session
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Worship
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC
	4:00 pm	Studio Recital/Masterclass



### Furthering God's work

Called to respond to suffering caused by disasters and conflict across the globe, the mission and outreach committee of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church in Ontario hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser last year in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development's emergency relief projects. Generous contributions totalled \$300 for PWS&D, which will help save and improve the lives of those living in crisis situations throughout the globe. "Helping communities around the world overcome poverty is what God wants us to do," shared Susan Johnson, elder at Richmond Hill and organizer of the event. "We are humbled and grateful to be able to assist The Presbyterian Church in Canada in furthering God's work."

*PWS&D connects Canadians to needs across the globe*

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