

New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Mission Awareness Sunday, April 17, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Members of the Women's Missionary Society*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Readers: *Lyn Hill, Margaret McCullough, Kathryn Tew*

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

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

Hall Shepherd: *Mary Lou McCrimmon*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher*

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

Church School for ages 6-14: *Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Christine Goud*

Hospitality: *WMS*

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 *I Feel The Winds Of God Today (Kingsfold)*
Irish trad.; arr. R. J. Powell (©1993)

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
In the bulb there is a flower (Promise) **674**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Come together as Christ's people,
with wonder and with praise.

C: **We are called to serve,
and called to reach out.**

L: You are the light of the world.

C: **Let our light shine!**

May God fill us with compassion as we worship.

Introit *Fire Of God, Undying Flame (Nun Komm)* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Fire of God, undying flame, Spirit who in splendour came, let Your heat my soul refine, 'til it glows with love divine. Love, O God, Your grace profound knows not either age or bound: come, my heart's own guest to be, dwell forevermore in me.
[text: A. F. Bayly (©1950)]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Glorious God, your faithfulness is everlasting and your glory stretches through the heavens. You have created and shaped us in love. You have begun a good work in us, and we are grateful.

Merciful God, we admit that we get discouraged. We underestimate your light within us. Forgive us when we turn away from the needs of others. Help us to reach out in faith, and to be generous. Empower us to be your beacon of light in a troubled world, through Christ, Amen.

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem

Free To Serve
Lesley Harris, Flute

E. Aune (©2013)

Untie my feet that they may go to places where Your love can flow. Untie my hands that they may do the deed that leads the wanderer through. Untie my tongue that it may sing the praises of my Saviour king. Untie my heart, its bands break loose; let all my life be for Thy use. Untie me, Lord; free to serve, amen. [text: H. W. Chilstrom (©2013)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

By your Spirit, bring to completion the good work begun among us, so that in the day of Jesus Christ, our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-12a

pg. 50 in O.T.

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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

Philippians 1:3-11
Matthew 5:13-16

pg. 196 in N.T.
pg. 4 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

I Feel The Winds Of God Today (Kingsfold)

Irish trad.; arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at His behest, and brave another cruise. It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years. If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel Your freshening breeze and I'll put back to sea. If ever I forget Your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above, it bears Your name alone. Great Pilot of my onward way, You will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift! [text: Jesse Adams (©1907)]

Sermon

“Learning and Reaching Out Together in Love”

Cathy Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of Faith

I'm gonna live so God can use me

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Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *Fughette (Nun Komm)* A. N. Vetter (1666-1734)

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Together

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *One more step along the world I go (Southcote)* **641**

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

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Improvisation on "Kingsfold"*



Worship resources based on material written by Rev. Lara Scholey.

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, April 18	1:30 pm	Bob McIntosh Funeral
	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's)
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, April 19	2:30 pm	Service at Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
Wednesday, April 20	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study
	5:30 pm	Conversation Circle
Thursday, April 21	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, April 22	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, April 24	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	CCNC

Canada Youth Conference information meeting immediately following worship today.

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 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.

Hey New St. James, our next newsletter is already nearing! Please have your submissions to Cathy Urquhart **by April 22**. Email to curquh0418@rogers.com.

Leadership Workshop

You are invited to join a workshop that the Session is planning on **Saturday, April 30**, from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, here at the church. The focus will be on leadership within the congregation - what leadership is, what makes a leader today, how to develop leadership skills, how to help people identify their leadership skills. This is intended for more than elders only - leaders (and future leaders!) of all groups and organisations are welcome. No charge, and lunch will be provided.

LERC Fundraising Dinner for our SECOND Family 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 14 at New St. James

Please mark the date in your planners, but do NOT wait long to follow up because there is a limited number of tickets allocated for the London Karen Community and to each of LERC's 7 congregations. Adults: \$20; Children 6 to 12 years \$10; Children 5 and under Free. Please see Inez Butcher for a ticket.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We have been informed that renovations on the properties next to us on the corner of Hellmuth Avenue will begin at the end of this month. For safety reasons, please do not park in the lot there, even on the section of the property that is ours, or walk through the lot after parking on Hellmuth Avenue. We are exploring the possibility that we may be able to park there once the work is completed, but until that is settled, please do not enter the property.



Lauren Holden – Camp name Pika – will spend her fifth year working at Camp Kintail this summer. Lauren has been involved in our Kintail-related activities as well as Wednesday Nights at New St James. This spring, Lauren and three other camp counsellors are planning the North to South Hike for Campership, walking 900km along the Bruce Trail to raise \$10,000 for the Kintail Campership fund. This fund provides scholarships for children who could use some financial assistance in going to camp.

If you would like to support this fine cause, donations can be made online, or through a pledge form which is available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren at northtosouth@campkintail.ca or <http://www.campkintail.ca/get-involved/north-to-south-hike-for-camperships/>

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.

The Stewart Library:

- ❖ Copies of Our Daily Bread devotionals are available, at no charge.
- ❖ A copy of “**Body, Mind and Soul:** Thinking together about human sexuality and sexual orientation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada” is available.
- ❖ CBC **Canada Reads 2016** shortlist book selections are available.

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!

John Holland, a former baritone chorister in our choir, has launched a Kickstarter project to finance singing the role of Leporello in Mozart's Don Giovanni in Prague, Czech Republic. If you would like to know more, please talk to Kathy Ruggi or visit <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1642415370/help-john-sing-leporello-in-prague-act-2-hotel-and>

The London Crisis Pregnancy Centre has changed its name. The new name, London Pregnancy & Family Support Centre, is more in keeping with their function in the community. Linda and Lorie, the ladies who run the facility, were thankful to receive our gifts of new and used children's clothing, travel-size body care products, a shawl, and new teddy bears. Our thanks to those members who dropped items off in the office.

The Service Group

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.



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!

Stewardship:

A pig and a chicken were walking through a poor section of the city. The chicken said to the pig, “Look at all those hungry people. Let's give them ham and eggs for breakfast.” The pig said, “Wait a minute. For you, it's a donation. For me, it's a sacrifice.”

Anonymous



MALAWI 2016 - CAN HELP!

If you have a sewing machine, or have access to a sewing machine and can sew a straight stitch, this opportunity is for you. The Mission Trip to Malawi this September will be setting up an eye assessment clinic and will provide eye glasses for those who need them. To date, there are 2000 pairs of eye glasses donated and making the trip. Those eye glasses also need to be protected so we are making **2000 eye glass cases**.

Eye Glass Case Sewing Kits include:

A "simple" pattern (that takes **10 minutes** to complete), a sample eye glass case and material that is ready to sew will be available for pick-up starting Sunday, March 6 after church in the New St. James Hall during coffee hour. Each sewer is asked to consider taking one pile of fabric that will make 25 eye glass cases. Then, please consider another kit.

Where can I Pick-Up Kits or Return Finished Eye Glass Cases?

Eye glass sewing kits will be available for pick-up and return in the Church office during the week and Sunday's after church in the NSJ Hall during coffee hour. *There will be a sign-in sheet available at pick-up and drop-off.*

Timelines to Complete:

We would like this project to be completed before the end of June so everyone can enjoy their summer. Therefore, we would like to have 500 eye glass cases completed by the end of each month (March, April, May, and June). **The count is on!**

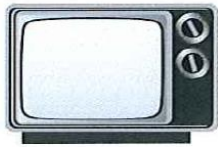
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mary Anne Simpson.



April 22 is Earth Day

On his farm in the western highlands of Guatemala, Juan Ramirez Cardon was very reliant on the use of chemicals and costly fertilizers to grow enough food to provide for his family. But the expense soon became more than he could bear. Juan worried about how he could continue feeding his family. All that has changed now because of a Presbyterian World Service & Development program helping farmers in the region increase their yields while preserving the soil. Juan learned about seed selection and diversifying crops—methods that are yielding significant results and diminishing the need for fertilizers. He is sharing his knowledge of soil-healthy farming so more people can grow a variety of food for their families for many years to come.

London Ecumenical Refugee Committee News



LERC'S SCRAP METAL AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ACCOUNT WITH ZUBICK'S



You can bring your scrap metal and deceased electronics during business hours

Mon. to Fri. 7:30 to 4:30

Saturday 7:30 to 11:30

to John Zubick Limited

105 Clarke Road



AND IDENTIFY THAT THE PROCEEDS SHOULD GO TO "LERC".



In a nutshell, any metal item, dead electronic items that plug in or use batteries AND dead batteries

THIS RESTRICTION IS IMPORTANT!

NO FRIDGES, FREEZERS OR SMOKE DETECTORS.



NO FREON



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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Minister Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files
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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday
Custodian	Mark McDonald - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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