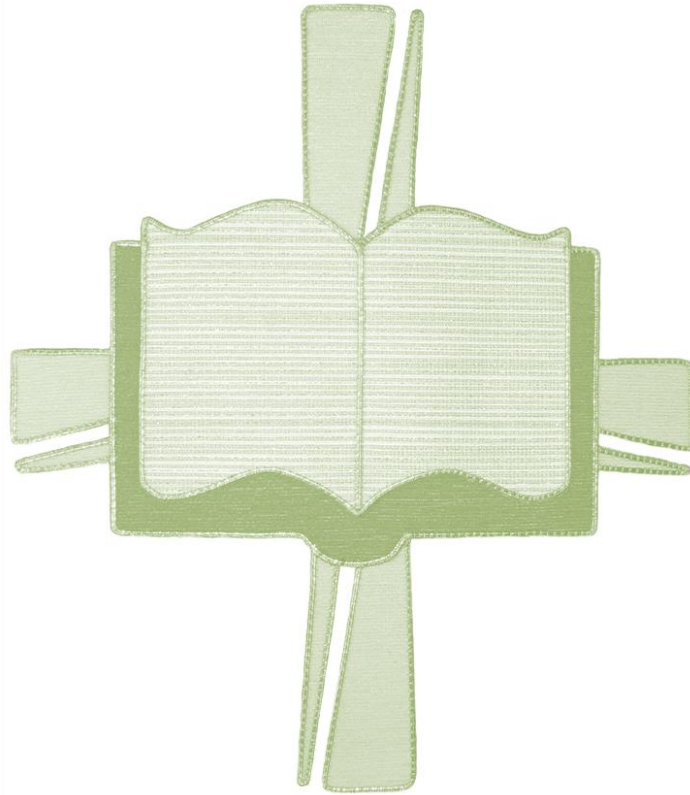


New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Bruce Curtis*

Welcome Team: *Tracey Boivin, Jim & Dolores Hunter,
Ken & Liz Robbins, Pat & Jeanine Taylor*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Frank Walsh*

Nursery: *Liz Emmerton, Cathy Taylor*

Church School: *Nawton Chiles, Joanne MacPherson, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid*

Hospitality: *Highland*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for 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**

Worshipping God

Prelude *Minuet from "Jeptha"* G.F. Handel (1685-1756)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *A mighty fortress is our God (Ein' Feste Burg)* **315**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Introit *Comfort, Comfort You My People* Genevan Psalter (1551)
Comfort, comfort you My people, tell of peace, thus says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load. Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their sins are covered and their warfare now is over. For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near, bidding us to make repentance since the kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting. Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken. [Isaiah 40:1-5 adapted by J. Olearius, 1671; trans. C. Winkworth, 1863]

Prayer of Approach

...May we know Your presence in us and among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Speak tenderly to us, O God, and reveal your glory, that we may find comfort and strength to soar on eagles' wings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Following Christ

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 **pg. 667 in O.T.**

Meditation Comfort, O comfort

Solo *He Shall Feed His Flock* G.F. Handel (1685-1756)
Máiri Demings, mezzo-soprano

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. [Isaiah 40:11]

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.

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary this morning are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Cleland, placed by his wife Charlotte and sons Gordon and George.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, September 18	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, September 19	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Service at Extencicare
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, September 20	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	6:00 pm	Senior Youth
Thursday, September 21	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 22	5:30 pm	Little London Community Opera
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, September 23	10:00 am	Little London Community Opera
Sunday, September 24	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fire Drill
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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!

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 12 10:30 am

Please join us Tuesdays at 10:30 am until noon. Our new format will be discussing the sermon and Scripture readings each week.

POLLINATORS GARDEN

Saturday, September 23 2-4 pm

St. George's Presbyterian Church, 1475 Dundas Street, London, Ontario is celebrating the opening of its Pollinators Garden. Opening remarks by local dignitaries will be at 2:30 pm. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the sanctuary. Please drop by to see what St. George's is doing in the community. For more information call 519-455-5760.

Next Sunday, September 24 there will be a **fire drill** at the conclusion of the service.

NSJ BOOK CLUB

Monday, September 25 1:30 pm

The Book Club will meet at the home of Pat Shaver. The September book selection is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. For more information call Pat.

REAL FAITH

Thursday, September 28 8:00 pm

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Curious about your life, faith and the world? Keen to connect with other young adults? Join us Thursday, September 28 at Westmount Presbyterian Church. Together we will explore some of the big questions and topics that we encounter as we seek to follow Jesus in the world today. Real conversation, real people, real faith. A joint venture between Westmount and Knox, St. Thomas Presbyterian Churches open to anyone in the Presbytery of London ages 18 to 30. Led by Rev. Jeffrey, Rev. Mavis and friends. 8-9pm at Westmount PC, 521 Village Green Ave, London (beside Westmount mall). Questions? Please contact Joanne at NSJ.

EYE KNOW Trivia Night

Friday, September 29 6:30-10:00 pm

Trivia night at NSJ! Teams of up to 8 people. Tickets are \$15. Prizes, fun, food and draws. All money will benefit New St. James Church and Team Licensed Optician on this year's project to Nicaragua and El Salvador. To register call the office or email: opticianoutreach@gmail.com. ONLY room for 20 teams!

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 14 9:30-noon

Donations are being accepted for our fall sale and can be brought to the church anytime after October 1. We are looking for good, clean clothing, small household items and small appliances in clean, working condition, small furniture items, jewellery, shoes, books, toys and other garage sale merchandise. Volunteers are needed to help sort our valuables on Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13 starting at 9:00 and working through the day. Thursday morning we would appreciate the help of some men or women who can lift and carry some of our heavier items. Volunteers are needed to sell these valuables as well. Please contact Karen Buchwald to volunteer or for more information. It would also be appreciated if you could donate newspapers for wrapping the glassware.

RETIREMENT EVENT FOR REV. ANDREW REID

Sunday, October 15, 2017 4:30 pm

Congregational Potluck Dinner to honour Rev. Reid on his retirement. Mark your calendar, and detailed arrangements for food contributions will be posted soon.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The women of New St James are asked to mark the evening of Monday, December 4 on their calendars for the seventh annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the NSJ Hall, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a guest at the dessert/fellowship time, please call one of the ladies mentioned below.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to "ANOVA" (formerly Women's Community House) to support their services. ANOVA works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please contact Karen Baron, Angie Benenati, Maureen Jamieson, Marg McGugan, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid or Monica Sass.

Stewardship:

It is a powerful practice to be generous when you are the one feeling in need.

*Allan Lokos, author, founder of the
Community Meditation Centre, NYC*



PINT SEALERS and HALF PINT SEALERS along with their lids if possible are needed for preserves being made for our upcoming Vendor Sale in November. Please leave them in the lower kitchen or call Karen Buchwald for pick up.

Many thanks to my wonderful New St James family for the touching send-off last Sunday. My husband Don and children, Michael, Elizabeth, and Julia, felt so warmly welcomed. Your generous gifts were overwhelming. I feel very loved. God has truly blessed me during my 12 years here. Hard to believe I was a newlywed when I began here and now I have three children in post-secondary education! As you embark on new beginnings as a congregation, I pray that you joyfully embrace the new adventure God has in store for you as well. *“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”*
Ephesians 3:14-19 Warmest regards, Janet

Please note: Beginning September 18, Bonnie’s office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Cultivating healthy communities

In her community in Nicaragua, Sandra believed she was feeding her children wholesome, nutritious food. But the chips and soda that made up the bulk of their diets led to illness and delays in growth. Presbyterian World Service & Development supported community promoters are helping families like Sandra’s improve their nutrition by discussing the benefits of locally grown, fresh produce and helping establish household gardens. Sandra now understands that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is important for a healthy future. Today, her children are energetic and healthy. For Sandra, this project is the beginning of a brighter future for her family and community. “Our mission is to share what we have learned so that our community will prosper with healthy and active families.”

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.



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