

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Readers: *Heather McDonald, Lucy McDonald-Lee*

Welcome Team: *Tim Van Hees, David Colwell, Jr., Ellen Faubert,
Jeff Goud, Pat Goud, Keith McCreary*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Jacob Golose*

Nursery: *Ann Milling, Ann Morris*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

Note to Visitors: The Service today is an All Ages Service. 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 *Folk Hymn Medley* (trad.)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Hymn** *All who hunger, gather gladly* (HOLY MANNA) **534**

Welcome We welcome Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee to lead our service today. She is no stranger to New St. James!

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Interactive)

Words of Assurance

O God, your heart is full of mercy. May we hear and trust your words to each of us: 'Your sins are forgiven.' May we forgive each other and forgive ourselves. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Liturgy (see insert, Leader and Congregation)

Anthem *How Deep The Father's Love For Us* (S. Townsend (© 1995))
arr. L. Shackley (© 2004)

How deep the father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has bought me life. I know it is finished. How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us. I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom. How high, how wide, how pure, how strong. How deep the Father's love for us.

Unison prayer for illumination

Open our ears, Lord. Open our minds, Lord. Open our hearts, Lord. Let Your word enter us and change us. In Jesus name.

Responsive Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

L: O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, You know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

L: Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well.

C: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

C: How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with You.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-16

Pg. 21 in N.T.

L: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Belonging" Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Amen Song

Postlude *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (trad. Spiritual)



Biography

Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee grew up in Glencoe and attended Camp Kintail as a child. After many years on staff at Camp Kintail, she directed Presbyterian Camp Douglas in British Columbia. She is a graduate of the Vancouver School of Theology. Prior to Theresa's call as Camp Director, she was the minister of the Monkton-Cranbrook pastoral charge. She is married to Johnathon Lee, who directs the camp with Theresa. Johnathon has two degrees from the University of Guelph including a M.B.A. with an emphasis on not-for-profit finance. They have three fantastic daughters, Ella, Lucy and Anna.

Quote for the Week

"The victim should have the right to end his life, if he wants. But I think it would be a great mistake. However bad life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. While there's life, there is hope."

- Stephen Hawking

Presbyterian Wide Volleyball Tournament on Thursday, March 22nd, 7:00-9:00 pm. Grades 9-12 at Lord Elgin Public School. Please contact Joanne at the church if you are able to come!

Bible Study - Monday, March 19th at 6:30 pm.

Praying The Labyrinth—Sunday, March 25th, 7:00 pm Chalmers Presbyterian Church. 349 Pond Mills Rd., 519-681-7242, www.chalmerslondon.com. Hosted by Chalmers' Stephen Ministers.

The New St. James **Book Club** will be reading **Nineteen Minutes** by Jodi Picoult in March. Extra copies from the London Public Library are available in the Stewart Library. Books must be returned by Sunday, March 25.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE, April 7, 9:30 - 12:00 noon

Time for spring cleaning! Please set aside your unwanted clothing, household items including linens and kitchen items, toys, books, jewelry etc. to donate to our spring sale. **We will be sorting on April 5 and 6.** Please mark these dates on your calendars and offer to help one day or all three!



Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital."

PWS&D responds to illness with care and courage

A friend of Rev. Andrew Reid is looking for accommodation - either a granny flat or a house to sit - from May to August, for herself, her husband and their one-year-old daughter. If you have or know of a suitable place, please let Andrew know: admreid@rogers.com or [519.204.7406](tel:519.204.7406)

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, March 19	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Boy's Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 20	10:00 am	Activity Day @ NSJ
	2:30 pm	Extencicare
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, March 21	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	<i>Note: No Senior Youth due to volleyball tournament.</i>	
Thursday, March 22	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Wide Volleyball Tournament - Lord Elgin P.S.
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	NSJ Choir Practice
Friday, March 23	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, March 24	7:00 pm	London Korean Bible Study
Sunday, March 25	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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.

Stewardship: Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving.

*Charles Alexander Eastman
(1858-1939), Native American author*

The Stewart Library:

Copies of the March/April/May Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

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