

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday of Love, December 18, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Kathy Ruggi*

Welcome Team: *Bruce & Liz Emmerton, Lyn Hill,
Brian & Donna Hunter, Mary Leitch, John White*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Vince Morris*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Cathy Taylor*

Church School: *Karen Baron, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid*

Hospitality: *Women's Council*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, when the children 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 *Saviour Of the Nations, Come*
(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland) H. Distler (1908-1942)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *The hands that first held Mary's child (Noel)* **158**

Welcome

Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy see insert

Introit *Maria Walks Amid The Thorn* H. Distler (1908-1942)
Maria walks amid the thorn. *Kyrie eleison!* Maria walks amid the thorn, which seven years no leaf has borne. Jesus and Maria! What 'neath her heart does Mary bear? *Kyrie eleison!* A little child doth Mary bear, beneath her heart he nestles there. Jesus and Maria! And as the two were passing by – *Kyrie eleison!* Lo, roses on the thorn appear, Jesus and Maria!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Breath of Heaven* C. Eaton & A. Grant (©1992); arr. L. Larson (©2011)
Jocelyn Francescut, soprano

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside and I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son. I am waiting in a silent prayer; I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. *Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness, for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.* Do You wonder as You watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong. *Breath of Heaven...*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, speak to us now through your Word, that as we hear, we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

pg. 636 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- ² **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
- ³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- ⁴ **O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- ⁶ **You make us the scorn of our neighbours;**
our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- ¹⁷ **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
- ¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
- ¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

pg. 1 in N.T.

Anthem

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine (Resonet in Laudibus)

J. Walther (1496-1570); arr. T. Chiles (2001)

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me nurture the Child Divine. Lost, uncertain, O Joseph take us, make us thine – so plead the Virgin Mary. *Lula, lula Jesu.* A virgin shall a child conceive, Jesus Holy Son of God as we believe. He spurns the witness of pomp and power and chooses evening's secret hour. Virgin's womb and worker's hands let deity flower. *Lula, lula Jesu.* Gladly Mary, dearest one, as my own is God's High Son! May God place in my hands the work in you begun – so answered faithful Joseph. *Lula, lula Jesu.* A virgin shall a child conceive, Jesus Holy Son of God as we believe. He spurns the witness of pomp and power and cries in evening's secret hour. Virgin's womb and worker's hands let deity flower. *Lula, lula Jesu.* Human hearts teach love to God incarnate! [text: Rev. P. Tolmay (2001)]

Sermon

“Anticipating love”

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

*	Hymn of Faith	<i>That boy-child of Mary (Blantyre)</i>	155
	Offering and Offertory	<i>Resonet in Laudibus</i>	H. Shroeder (1904-1984)
	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Prayers of Concern		
	Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Born in the night (Mary's Child)</i>	137
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>Saviour Of the Nations, Come (Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland)</i>	P. Manz (1919-2009)

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, December 19	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's RC)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Foxcroft Studio Recital
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, December 20	2:30 pm	Service at Extencicare
Thursday, December 22	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 23	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, December 24	6:30 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
	9:30 pm	Communion Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25	10:30 am	Christmas Worship Service

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Last Sunday, a set of car keys, plus a house key and a church key, were taken from a jacket hanging on the rack in the hallway. The car was stolen and the home broken into. There is no reason to think this is part of a pattern of theft, but it is wise to be security conscious. Please do not leave keys, purses, or any other valuables unattended, even in church. As a safety precaution, the locks on the church doors have been changed. Let's not make it easy for criminals to do their dreadful work!

MALAWI MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

Calendars are available for sale today for only \$5.00! 12 images of the people of Malawi and New St James, and the work that we are doing together. A year of reminders and a great way to support future ministry together. See Cathy, Gayle, Jessie or Karen after the service.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ensure that donations are recorded before year end, they must be received in the church office not later than 12:00 noon on December 30. Anything received after then may not be included in your 2016 receipt.

Start-up for January:

Activity Day January 10
Indoor Playground January 11
Junior Youth January 13
Senior Youth (SLPC) January 19

Please note: No senior youth on January 5 due to school break.

REACHING IN - REACHING OUT

A couple in our NSJ family is in need of the following:

- ◆ Bed Frame and Headboard for a Queen Size Bed
- ◆ Bedroom Chest of Drawers
- ◆ Bedside Tables and Table Lamps

For pick-up and delivery please contact Mike Ruggi at 519-455-4881. Recipients are most grateful and appreciative of help.



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.



Accompanying people on their healing journey

The Rev. John Wyminga and Rev. Shannon Bell-Wyminga are ministers with the Nazko & Area Dakeelh Outreach in the Cariboo region of British Columbia. Shannon shares, "This ministry is about walking the long road with the people of Nazko and the surrounding area. More and more we realize that God is calling us to accompany people on the journey. We walk with them through the tragedies, the grief and the trauma that continues due to poverty, racism and the legacy of the past. We celebrate with them new births, milestones and treatment centre graduations. The power in Jesus' ministry was all about incarnation – God being present in real flesh. As we live that incarnation of Jesus' love, we trust that God's power will also be manifest as we walk the long walk to healing in our communities. Thank you for sharing this love and vision through all your support.

Stewardship:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

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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