

New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Readers: *Heather McDonald, Ella McDonald-Lee*

Welcome Team: *David Colwell, Jeff Goud, Keith McCreary, Tim Van Hees, John White*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Steve Harris*

Nursery: *Winn Files, Pat Goud*

Hospitality: *WMS*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for 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 *A Medley* NSJ Joyful Noyse Band

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Give me oil in my lamp* **655**

Call to Worship

Introit *We Have Gathered* S. Pethel (©2011)
Let this be a place we feel God's warm embrace, as open hearts receive a blessing true; with each other share in word, in song and prayer, the worship that we bring, Lord, to You. Lord, we gather to worship You.

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *A Jubilant Song* M. L. Lightfoot (©1993)
Cantate Domino canticum novum – sing to the Lord a new jubilant song! *Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra* – sing to the Lord all the earth! Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy! Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for then Lord is greatly to be praised! Proclaim God's salvation! Declare God's great glory! Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise! *Cantate Domino...*

VBC Presentation

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts to experience Your word, O God. Help us to hear, touch, see, smell, and feel Your stories today. In Jesus name, Amen.

Responsive Psalm 98

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
- ² **The LORD has made known his victory;**

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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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.

Scripture Lesson Joshua 4:1-9

pg. 196 in O.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Rock By Rock

M. Hassell (©2005)

We are part of God's holy household; brothers and sisters banded in love. And rock by rock, stone by stone, we're building up the spirit's home; piece by piece, one by one, we stand with Christ, our cornerstone. *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is His new creation by water and the Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.* No longer strangers in a strange land. We are a people standing here hand in hand! And rock by rock, stone by stone, we're building up the spirit's home; piece by piece, one by one, we stand with Christ, our cornerstone!

Sermon

"Piling our stones"

Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of the Faith

Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth (Dunlap's Creek)

702

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *When God Restored Our Common Life (Resignation)*
Walker's Southern Harmony (1835)

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Together

The Lord's Prayer Inside cover of Book of Praise

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *I am the church! You are the church! (Port Jervis)* **475**

* **Commission and Response** *Day by day* **455**

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Lord Of The Dance* NSJ Joyful Noyse Band

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, March 20	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's RC)
	7:00 pm	AA
	7:30 pm	Financial Task Force
Tuesday, March 21	10:00 am	Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	2:30 pm	Service at Extendicare
	3:30 pm	CE
Wednesday, March 22	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	3:00 pm	UWO Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Session
Thursday, March 23	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	3:00 pm	UWO Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 24	7:30 pm	UWO Choir Concert
Sunday, March 26	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Please stay for cake and coffee in New St. James Hall immediately following the service today.

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 lovely and busy daughters, Ella, Lucy and Anna.

Activity Day at NSJ! Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for shuffleboard and card players.

CREATIVE HANDS meet Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please join us between 1&3 pm in an upstairs classroom.

INDOOR PLAYGROUND is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**



NewSt.James Church

Buon appetito!
Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
5:30-7:00pm

Tickets: \$10 advance/\$12 at door; \$5 children 12 & under

Tickets will be available for purchase for the next 3 Sundays, beginning today, during coffee hour. Proceeds to ongoing NSJ Ministries.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 2 11:30 am

Please join us immediately following the worship service for a delicious lunch and sweet fellowship. Our former student intern Megan Shin will be our speaker. Come out and hear what Megan has been up to since leaving NSJ.

“Shop ‘til you drop” and save the date **Saturday, April 8** for our **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!** You won’t want to miss this fabulous opportunity to do some spring purging and bring that great “stuff” to the church for our rummage sale but not before March 26 - we just don’t have the room to store it. We also need your amazing presence that day so that our customers (that includes you too) don’t go home empty-handed. Got stuff??? Want to help??? Contact Karen Buchwald or Deb Noble-Van Hees. We can’t wait to hear from you!

The 2017 “**Back to Basics**” project is upon us! Please donate new socks and underwear in the boxes provided at each entrance. The clothes will be delivered to various organizations in the city.

If you would like to help provide supplies for Camp Kintail, they are looking for: glue sticks, glue, markers, paint, scissors, hemp, rec lace, popsicle sticks, crayons. Please leave items on the stage clearly marked “Camp Kintail”.

A note about security

It appears that churches in London are being targeted in a minor crime wave. As many as eight churches in the city have suffered thefts or break-ins since Christmas, sometimes during worship on Sunday mornings. We have taken steps to increase security, but please ensure that your valuables, keys, purses, etc, are secure at all times.

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.



In the early church, Lent was a time of training and preparation for baptismal candidates at Easter. By the fourth century, it developed into a 40-day period, following the biblical pattern of 40 days or 40 years of preparation and anticipation. In its early form, elements of penitence were included. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple, the colour of penitence and reflection. In our tradition, Lent is a time to re-examine and reaffirm our identity as people baptized into Christ’s body, the church. Our baptism is a symbolic dying and rising with Christ. In Lent, we turn with Christ towards these events in his life. Along the way, the Spirit gives the opportunity for us to redirect and refocus our lives, and more fully realize our baptismal identity. We recall where we are going and what it cost God for us to become resurrection people. We become open to the possibilities of new beginnings all around us. The season of Lent points us to Easter.

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.



World Water Day (March 22)

Worldwide, 663 million people live without improved drinking water sources. A lack of clean water is a significant development challenge. In areas of the world where access to water is limited, local Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are responding to improve water sources, build new ones and train volunteers to maintain wells. Support to improve sanitation ensures water stays clean and prevents the spread of illness. PWS&D equips communities to build hand-washing facilities and latrines and educates members about proper hygiene. The results of this program are transformative and far reaching—clean water allows women and men to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

Stewardship:

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

*Plutarch (45–120 AD),
Greek biographer and essayist*

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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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
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