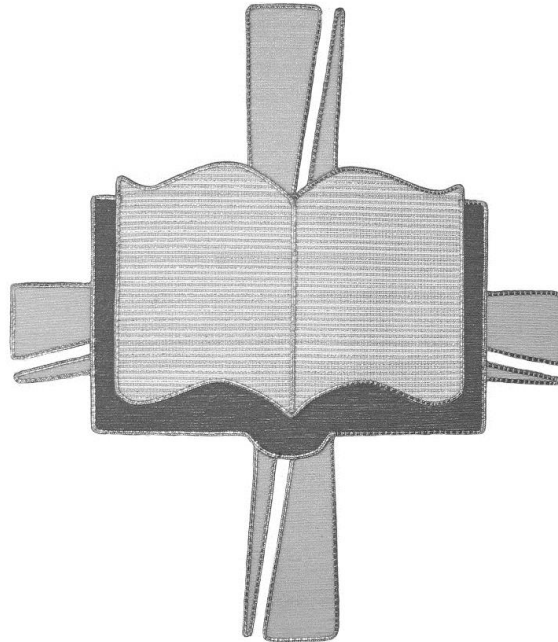


# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

**“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017 - 10:30 am**



Worship Leader: *The Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Karen Buchwald*

Welcome Team: *Rob McGugan, Rosemary Whittaker, Mike & Audrey Hunter, Doug McKay, Barbara Oshana, Laura Summers-Crozier*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Ann Morris*

Nursery:

Church School: *Deb Noble Van-Hees, Nawton Chiles*

Hospitality: *Fellowship Luncheon*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

**A Note to 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**                      *In Heavenly Love Abiding* (Nyland)                      G. M. Martin (©1995)

\* **Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn**                      *The God of Abraham praise* (Leoni)                      **331**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you."

C: "**My body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**" Psalm 61

**Introit**                      *Friends Let Us Love Each Other* (Auf. Auf Mein Herz, mit Freuden)

J. Crüger (1598-1662)

Friends, let us love each other, for love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love within us, this world will know God lives. Love is the gift most precious God gives unto us all. We find our life in loving - that's our Creator's call. Love is what Christ commanded, love lived out day by day. Love bears another's burden, love walks a tender way. Friends, let us love each other. Love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love within us, this world will know God lives!

[text: W. Farquharson, adpt. (© 1977)]

**Prayer of Approach**

**Words of Assurance**

## We hear the Word of God

**Solo**                      *This We Pray*                      J. Althouse (©2002)

When at dawn the glow of morning light brings a new and wondrous day, then we see Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You, Lord, this we pray. When at night a songbird sings a tune from a hill so far away, then we hear Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You, Lord, this we pray. Lord, show us now Your strength and standing. Your

power and compassion and Your might. And may Your love impart a kindness in our heart, that we may always do what's true and right. When the wind is whistling through the trees and the sky is dark and gray, then we feel Your spirit everywhere. Help us know you, Lord, this we pray.

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Our Loving God we seek You in this service today. Speak to us from the Scriptures and enlighten us and instruct us in Your Ways. We seek friendship with You because we believe that this friendship can be the closest friendship we have in this world and we would not miss it! Amen.

**First Lesson**            2 Chronicles 20:5-9 (The last book of the Hebrew Bible possibly by Ezra)            **Pg 403 in O.T.**

**Responsive Reading**        Psalm 55:1-14; 20-22 (For the choirmaster, for strings, A poem of David)

L: Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my supplication.

**C: Attend to me, and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint. I am distraught**

L: by the noise of the enemy, because of the clamour of the wicked. For they bring trouble upon me, and in anger they cherish enmity against me.

**C: My heart is in anguish within me, the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

L: Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

**C: And I say, 'O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;**

L: truly, I would flee far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;

**C: I would hurry to find a shelter for myself from the raging wind and tempest.'**

L: Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech; for I see violence and strife in the city.

**C: Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it;**

L: ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

**C: It is not enemies who taunt me - I could bear that; it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me - I could hide from them.**

L: But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend,

**C: with whom I kept pleasant company; we walked in the house of God with the throng.**

L: My companion laid hands on a friend and violated a covenant with me

**C: with speech smoother than butter, but with a heart set on war; with words that were softer than oil, but in fact were drawn swords.**

L: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Epistle Lesson**            James 2:20-23 (This James may have been the brother of Jesus who met St. Paul in Jerusalem cf. Galatians 1:19.)        **Pg 28 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson**            John 15:15-17 (The Gospel is anonymous but tradition has it that it was written

by the disciple Jesus love rf. John 21-24)

**Pg 109 in N.T.**

**Leader:** These are the words of Christ  
**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** *You Raise Me Up* R. Lovland & B. Graham (©2002);  
arr. t. Fettke (© 2007)

*Be still my soul! The Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul! The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them when He dwelt below. When I am down and, oh, my soul, so weary; when troubles come and my heart burdened be; then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit awhile with me. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be. There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when You come, and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity. You raise me up...*

**Sermon** **“Can you be a friend to God?”**  
The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## **We respond in Faith and service**

\* **Hymn of Faith** *Like a mighty river flowing* **741**

**L:** We are grateful for the sacred library of the Bible.

**C:** **And for the scholars that wrote and recorded for future generations.  
Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory** *Like A Mighty River Flowing (Quem Pastores)*  
H. Walcha (1907-1991)

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of offering** **830**

\* **Prayers of Dedication**

## **Our Church Family Together**

**Announcements**

**Story**

\* **Prayers for New St. James**

	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Inside cover of Book of Praise	
*	<b>Hymn of Discipleship</b>	<i>Ye watchers and ye holy ones</i>	<b>607</b>
*	<b>Commissioning and Benediction</b>	<i>Sing Amen</i>	<b>264</b>
	<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Toccata on "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (Lasst ims erfreiem)</i> <i>M. Sedio (©1996)</i>	



**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](http://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)

**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.

**NO PARKING:** Parking is no longer available in the parking lot across on the other side of Wellington Street (right where we assemble for fire drills behind medical building) It says; "RESERVED PARKING FOR UNIT HOLDERS ONLY".

*"Notice to parents and guardians: Please note that church school is staffed starting at 10:15 AM on Sundays. You are responsible for your children's supervision and safety prior to that time. Thank you for your co-operation."*

*Leading with Care Committee.*

## NSJ 25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Christmas is fast approaching and as always at this time of year, we look forward to partnering with The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, with our help, over 6600 bags of new toys were donated for children 0-12. See the office bulletin board for gift ideas for infants and toddlers, boy and girls ages 4-9, and boys and girls ages 10-12. A non-violent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. Toys will be collected in the church office until Sunday, December 3. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**NSJ Book Club** is reading *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* Written by a Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, as a series of sermon stories and published as a novel in 1897. *In His Steps* remains popular today with over 30 million copies sold. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Two copies are available in the Stewart Library. We will meet at Pat Shavers home on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. For more information speak to Pat.

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, November 20</b>	1:30 pm	<b>Creative Hands</b>
	5:30 pm	<b>Northern Hospitality</b>
	6:30 pm	<b>Adult Bible Study</b>
	6:30 pm	<b>Basketball</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>AA</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b>	10:00 am	<b>Activity Day at NSJ</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Lectionary Bible Study</b>
	2:30 pm	<b>Extencicare</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Amabile</b>
	7 :00 pm	<b>Session</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b>	9:30 am	<b>Indoor Playground</b>
	10:00 pm	<b>Advent by Candlelight MTG</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Human Resource Mtg</b>
<b>Thursday, November 23</b>	9:30 am	<b>Mom's Group</b>
	9:30 am	<b>WMS Executive Meeting</b>
	1:30 pm	<b>AI-Anon</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>AI-Anon</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>NSJ Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Friday, November 24</b>	7:30 pm	<b>AA</b>
<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	10:30 am	<b>Worship Service</b>
	3:30 pm	<b>CCNC</b>

**Attention Elders:** Communion packages are available in the narthex for pick up.

THANKS to everyone in my New St James Church community for your support, love and encouragement as I prepared for this Eyecare Outreach. We are in Nicaragua from November 15 to 22 then into El Salvador from November 22-29. Please pray for smooth and safe travels, good health and most of all, great care for the communities and people we are serving. If you would like to read daily updates, there is a blog at [visionoutreach2017.blogspot.ca](http://visionoutreach2017.blogspot.ca). See you all in December!

Gayle Harrison

**White Gift Sunday – a Poem!**

On November 26th let's bring a "white gift"; Its contents surely will give someone a lift. Boxes of chocolates and lots of canned food – Any of these items would be really good. They'll be taken to Social Services down at St. Paul's To ensure a Merry Christmas to one and to all!

**Sunday Morning Christmas Caroling:** You are invited to join us in December on Sunday mornings before Christmas to enjoy caroling together before our worship service begins. The team of Eva Murray, on piano, and Bob Baron will lead us. On Dec. 10th, be advised, caroling will commence time-permitting, after the church school is finished using the sanctuary for rehearsal. On Dec. 3rd, 17th and 24th caroling is planned to be from 10 a.m. until 10:25. We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of the greatest gift ever. How can we keep from singing?!

**Exciting Volunteer Position:** Cathy Urquhart has done the New Connection newsletter for so many years and due to the many changes in her life, it has been decided that this would be a good time for someone else to step in. We hope there is someone out there who would like to try their hand at this new adventure. Please contact the office to volunteer or if you have any questions.

**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:**

Give even an onion graciously.

*-Afghan proverb*

**Slippery Sidewalks:** It's that time of year again with the sidewalks getting slippery. Calling one and all to help look out for each other as we traverse those slick sidewalks, streets, lane-ways and parking lots on our way to and from worship. Let's be on the alert to help keep one another safe!



## **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.

### **The Stewart Library:**

Copies of the December/January/February 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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