

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 10:30am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Frank Walsh*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Bruce Curtis, Pat Ferries, Janet Hines*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Ernva Marshall*

Sunday School: *Karen Baron, Telly Lenkey, Pat Taylor*

Nursery: *Sonya Malone*

Hospitality: *Youth Group*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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.

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* **Please stand, if able**

Prelude *My Jesus Calls To Me* (*Mein Jesu, Der Du Mich*) J. Brahms (1833-1897)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** (*please stand if able*)

* **Processional Hymn # 290** Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:"

C: **"And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."**

Introit *God Be In My Head* H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and at my departing. [text: from the Book of Hours (1514)]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Our Loving God, we come before You searching always for meaning and hope for our lives. Thank-You for any truth that sets us free. Thank-You for the great goodness of the world, which sustains human life on this planet. Make us aware of what we don't know, in our often feeble attempts to understand. Come into this worship service with Your own great Presence, healing our souls and hearts, so that we might be better people; encourage us to be more loving to each other and especially creative, when it comes to those things that divide us. Make us then, we pray, part of the great goodness that sustains Your world, this day, and always. Amen.

Unison Words of Assurance

God who made us all, You have placed us here on earth to discover that only love works finally in this world. As we chase illusory solutions other than love, draw us back in Your great Grace through forgiveness. We confess our deep need of You. Thank-You for always being there for us and that Your ways always lead to peace and joy! Thank-you for the example of Jesus, that You have set before us, who forgives and loves us no matter what we have said or done; that in Him we are forgiven and can begin again! Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *My Task* Emma. Louise. Ashford (1850-1930)
To love someone more dearly every day, to help a wandering child to find his way, to ponder o'er a noble thought, and pray, and smile when evening falls – this is my task. To follow truth as blind men long for light, to do my best from dawn of day 'til night, to keep my heart fit for His holy sight, and answer when He calls – this is my task.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Our Loving God, give us insight into Scripture and into the Way that Jesus dealt with it. Make us, we pray, free to love the difficult path that we don't at first see as the way forward; by heeding the words and thoughts of Jesus. Amen

First Lesson Deuteronomy 19: 15-21 **Pg. 175 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 82

- L: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- C: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?”**
- L: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- C: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**
- L: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C: I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**
- L: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”
- C: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

* **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

Epistle James 2: 1-9 **Pg. 229 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 38-48 **Pg. 5 in N.T.**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *We Are Called* D. Hass (©1988); arr. M. Hayes (©2014)
Come, live in the light! Shine with joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God. Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear. We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more. *We are called...* Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one. God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers, united in love. *We are called...*

Sermon: "The third way!" (Beyond polarized thinking) Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 740** *Make me a channel of your peace* (Make Me a Channel)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *Meditation* P. Hurford (©1961)

Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. *This fundraiser will continue until February 24th.* **Our target is \$10,000. As of January 13th Tim Hortons has \$5,689.75 and Starbucks has \$2,925.23.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.)
Grand Total \$8,614.98

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

Prayers for New St. James

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

* **Hymn # 663** *God, whose giving knows no ending (Rustington)*

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Sung Amen # 264**

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude

A Festive Trumpet Tune

G. M. Martin (©2011)



We hope you can join us today for coffee hour in the gym where homemade goodies made by our Youth Group will be served.

2018-19 FINANCIAL PRESENTATION - please join us after church today for a first look at the 2018 financial reports and a preview of the 2019 budget. It is an excellent opportunity to gather information and ask questions in advance of the annual meeting on February 24.

OUTREACH FLYER

Due to unforeseen program challenges, the outreach flyer will not be available until January 27th. Please make sure all events/activities are to Joanne by Wednesday, January 23rd. Thank you.

NSJ BOOK CLUB will meet on **January 28, 2019 at 1:30 in the Stewart Library**. Copies of our **January book, Little Princes - One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal, by Conor Grennan**, are available in the Stewart Library.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Please join us immediately following church for a variety of homemade soups, crusty rolls and dessert. Mike and Cathy Ruggi who attended Canada Youth Conference will share their stories and experiences along with other members who attended. Anyone wishing to contribute a crock pot of homemade soup for this luncheon please **contact Cathy Taylor or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the New St James Hall**. Thanks.



THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, January 21	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 22	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, January 23	7:00 pm	HR Committee
	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
Thursday, January 24	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
Friday, January 25	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, January 27	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC



Serving Vulnerable People in Romania

Life is difficult in Romania. The monthly salary of a school teacher is the equivalent of about \$250 USD, so many people feel forced to leave in search of work in other EU countries. This economic migration is creating new challenges for the Romanian society. There are over 300,000 migration orphans and a growing number of elderly people who are left behind. The good news is that they are not left alone. Since 2011, Diakonia Christian Foundation for Social Work of the Reformed Church in Romania has been reaching out to Roma children, people living with disabilities, and the elderly. In 2017, the foundation's social workers and volunteers made over 8,200 visits to the elderly, providing services such as helping with personal hygiene, cleaning and providing medical care or devices. Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to accompany and care for vulnerable people in Romania.

Presbyterians Sharing cares for vulnerable people

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.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP:

Give, and it will be given to you.

Luke 6:38a

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