

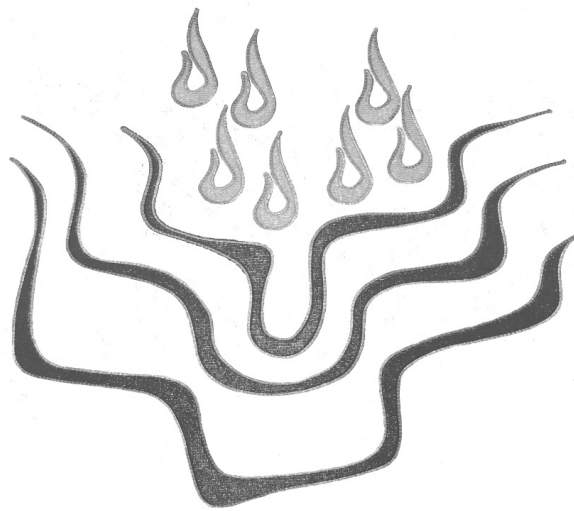
# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Communion Sunday, May 20, 2018**

**Feast of Pentecost**



## **Serving You Today**

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

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Leslie Harris*

Welcome Team: *Irwandi Yusuf, Sonya & John Malone, Ann McClatchey,  
Mary Lou & Ian McCrimmon, Rosemary Whittaker*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Vince Morris*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald*

Church School: *Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Hospitality: *Highland*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*



\* **The Apostles' Creed (Please stand if able)**

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

Amen.

(Please be seated)

**Baptismal vows of the parents:**

"Do you believe in God our Creator and in Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit, our guide and our strength?" (We Do).

Do you promise to raise your child in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in your home and within the fellowship of the Christian Church? (We do).

**Baptism of Jacob Patrick Miller**

**Congregational Vow:** People of New St. James, I present to you this child of God. Will you welcome him, guide him when able, by word and in deed, in love and in prayer? And will you encourage him in the way of Christ as a faithful member of His Church? If so, please say "We will."

**Declaration**

**Aaronic Blessing (sung by all)** The Lord bless you (*Aaronic Blessing*)

**619**

**We Hear the Word of God**

**Unison prayer for illumination:** Dear God: Teach us from the Scriptures today the mandate that Jesus took as his way of life; what it means to be upright and what it means to make the choice to be in the Church of Jesus Christ. Amen

**First Lesson** Proverbs 9:7-10

**Pg. 592 in O.T.**

### **Responsive Psalm 1**

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**C: But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

L: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### \* **Gloria Patri**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7-16

**Pg. 193 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 7:31-35

**Pg. 66 in N.T.**

**Anthem** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me (Adoro te devote)* K. Lee Scott (©1984)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be. Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee. And with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Saviour, speak. Truthful Spirit dwell with me, I would truthful be. Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee. And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be. Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee. Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good; and, whatever I can be, give Him, who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be. Help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee. 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield. Let Thy Word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I would be like Thee. [Text: Th. Lynch (1818-1871)]

**Sermon** Why join the Church?

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn of Faith** God is here! As we your people meet (*Blaenwern*)

**799**

## Prayers for the World

**Offering and Offertory**    *Come Down, O Love Divine (Down Ampney)*  
T. Chiles (2006)

**The Tim Hortons and Starbucks cups are a fun way to raise money by contributing the loose change we have. The two cups are separately tracked to see which does better over the year. The money is ear marked for the deficit for 2018. Target is \$10,000. Collections as of May 13th, Tim Hortons \$1,695.40 and Starbucks \$772.85. Our grand total is \$2,468.25.**

\* **Doxology** **830**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

### Announcements

**Invitation to Communion:** Today we welcome to communion all who are members of Christ's Church anywhere in the world, young baptised children of faith, and all those who desire to follow His way. This table belongs to the Lord Jesus and all those who love Him are welcome here. Jesus said; "Let the little children come to me for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Come to me all you who are weary and heavily laden and I will give you rest here, unto your souls."

**We proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**Christ died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again**

**Lord's Prayer (sung)**    Our Father who are in heaven **831**  
*(Pater Noster (Langdon))*

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

\* **Hymn**    God of Grace and God of Glory    *(Rhondda)* **490**

## Commissioning

### \* **Sung Benediction and Amen**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each and every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see: God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Postlude**

*God of Grace (CWM Rhondda)*

J.B. Carlson (©2005)



### **Report from the Search Committee: Results of the Congregational Survey**

As part of the search process, the Search Committee used a questionnaire to survey the Congregation. The questionnaire included open ended questions about congregational strengths, what you like best about our Church, our greatest needs and questions requesting respondents to evaluate our **Worship, Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Mission** activities as well as to rank the top six qualities desired in a new Minister.

The survey was open to all congregants including older children and youth who wished to participate. Respondents had the option to complete the paper questionnaire distributed by their Elder, respond on-line or to share their views by speaking with a member of the Search Committee.

We received 73 questionnaires. There were respondents from all age categories with 56.2% of respondents being more than 70 years of age. Dr. Iris Gutmanis, an experienced Epidemiologist served as a consultant and analyzed and summarized the quantitative data.

### **Key Findings**

Based on the comments and the scores to the quantitative questions, respondents identified the following strengths and opportunities along with the qualities they value in our next Minister:

**Where we shine:**

- ✦ Music Program
- ✦ Welcoming and Caring Congregation
- ✦ Mission and Outreach
- ✦ Pastoral Care
- ✦ Worship and Christian Education of Older Adults
- ✦ Christian Education Needs of Children

**Opportunities for Growth and Change**

- ✦ The Worship and Christian Education needs of teens
- ✦ Christian Education needs of singles and couples
- ✦ Worship needs of children, singles and couples
- ✦ Increasing membership, with a focus on attracting singles, children, youth and young families

**Qualities Respondents Value in our Next Minister**

Overall, the top six pastoral skills, competencies and interests identified were:

1. Leading Worship and Preaching
2. Christian Education
3. Administration
4. Crisis Visiting
5. Equipping Church Members
6. Personal and Spiritual Development

In addition, respondents also identified personal characteristics they valued in our next Minister, including forward thinking, in touch with “modern” society, experienced, able to relate to both young and old, outgoing, and “youthful” regardless of age.

The survey results offer the Search Committee direction when reviewing resumes and developing interview questions. Furthermore, the findings provide current information when responding to questions from potential candidates.

If you have questions or would like further information about the survey results, please contact a member of the Search Committee who prepared the Final Report “ **Cherishing our Past and Embracing our Future**”: Charlene Beynon, Tom De Kay, Rob McGugan and Susan McNair or visit New St. James’ website at [www.newstjames.com](http://www.newstjames.com) to read the report.

Congregational church picnic is Sunday, June 10 at Gibbons Park immediately after the church service. Pot luck lunch, games, refreshments and home-grown FUN.



Saturday, June 16th, 11:00am-1:00pm will be our **Annual Friendship Communion Luncheon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and visit with our church members and their families who are unable to be with us every Sunday. More details forthcoming!



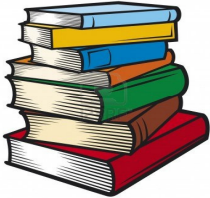
**LOOKING FOR LEADERS TO DO CE SUMMER PROGRAM**, beginning Sunday June 17th through to Sunday, September 9th. Lesson packages are complete, based on 'Favourite Bible Stories'. Sign up for one Sunday or more if you like. **Any questions, ask or call Karen Baron at 519-672-5427.**



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Changing seasons and growing children can be difficult for young mothers. **As you change over from winter to summer clothing would you please donate gently used clothing for children up to size four.** If you do not have not children's clothing and **would like to help the Pregnancy and Family Clinic**, they can also use baby and children toilet products. There will be a box in the office and any donation would be appreciated. The Service group will deliver them.





**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.

**Lectionary Bible Study**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10:30 am until noon. Each week, we will discuss the sermon and scripture readings.



**George A. Leonard**

There will be visitation for George Leonard at Memorial Funeral Home, 1559 Fanshawe Park Road East, on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm, and on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm, followed by a service at 1:00pm.

**“Quote of the Day”**

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**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 Moments:** We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

*Winston Churchill (1874-1965) British prime minister and statesman.*

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!



### **CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE, Saturday, November 17**

It is time to get ready for our Bazaar this fall. We will have our delicious hot breakfast, a deli, preserve and bake table, a silent auction, a tombola table and a variety of vendors. PRESERVE season is almost here so please make a batch of your favourite for us to sell. **We would also appreciate donations** of any half pint and pint preserve jars to use when we make the large batches of chili sauce, jams etc. **For any further information, please call Karen Buchwald at 519-641-6742.**

### **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.



### **Medical ministry in Nepal**

"We serve, Jesus heals" is the motto of Tansen Mission Hospital in western Nepal, which serves a population of one million. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Dr. Nicholas Bauman, a surgeon appointed to the United Mission to Nepal. As part of the Tansen Hospital medical and surgical team, made up of Nepali and international physicians, Nick responds to referrals for gynecology, urology, and abdominal problems. Nick also teaches post-graduate students enrolled in the Medical Doctorate in General Practice. He shares, "Our faith community has always stressed the importance of mission, particularly the sense that our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and that we are entrusted by God to be stewards of this gift." Nick is joined in Nepal by his wife Becky and their four children.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports international mission staff*

## THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

**Monday, May 21**

**Victoria Day - Office closed**

5:30 pm Northern Hospitality

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm AA

**Tuesday, May 22**

10:00 am Activity Day at NSJ

10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

5:00 pm Amabile

6:30 pm CE Meeting

**Wednesday, May 23**

9:30 am Indoor Playground

7:30 pm Kammerchor Concert

**Thursday, May 24**

1:30 pm Al-Anon

7:30 pm Al-Anon

7:30 pm NSJ Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 25**

7:30 pm AA

**Sunday, May 27**

10:30 am Worship Service

3:30 pm CCNC

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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