

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church**

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

**Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 10:30 am**



## **Serving You Today**

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

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Pat Goud*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Carol Fisher, Donna Aziz, Jean Hadley, Hartono & Janti,*

*Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *John & Carol Brink, John White*

Hall Shepherd: *Erva Marshall*

Nursery: *Sharon Langham, Katharine Brandon*

Church School: *Nawton Chiles, John Stewart, Karen Baron, Lesley Banks*

Hospitality: *CE*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

**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**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude** *Word Of God, Come Down To Earth (Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier)*  
F. Frahm (©2001)

### **Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn** *Through all the changing scences of life (Wiltshire)* **18**

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven. Yet once more indicates the removal of what is shaken, that is created things - so that what cannot be shaken, may remain.”

**C:** “**Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God, an acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.**” (Hebrews)

**Introit** *Silence, Frenzied Pace Of Living* C. Doran (© 1984); arr. T. Chiles (©2018)  
Silence, frenzied pace of living – nothing stable, nothing sure! Centre, Lord our thoughts through giving; show us how to be secure. As we travel through life’s journey, paths are rocky, winding and steep; life seems ever topsy-turvy. We seek now Your wisdom deep.

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

**Leader and Congregation:** We approach you O God with reverence and with awe, conscious that we come before You as the Author and Sustainer of the universe and all created things. Fill us this day with your love and compassion for the world, each other and all created things. Amen

### **Words of Assurance**

**L:** We are assured of Your forgiving Grace in countless Scriptures that tell us that You are love. And also by Your presence by, and in, the events of our lives. So, we come with confidence before You, sure of our acceptance and Your great love of us and all living things. And that is so wonderful to be welcomed by our Creator!

## We Hear the Word of God

**Anthem**                      *Thou Hidden Love Of God*                      K. Lee Scott (©1986)  
Thou hidden love of God, whose height, whose depth unfathomed no one knows, I see from far Thy beauteous Light and inly sigh for Thy repose. My heart is pained, nor can it be at rest 'til it finds its rest in Thee. 'Tis mercy all, that Thou hast brought my mind to seek her peace in Thee; yet, while I seek but find Thee not, no peace my wandering soul shall see. O When shall all my wandering end, and all my steps to Theeward tend? Is there a thing beneath the sun that strives with Thee my heart to share? Ah, tear it thence and reign alone, the Lord of every motion there! Then shall my heart from earth be free, when it has found repose in Thee. [G. Tersteegen (1697-1769); Tr. J. Wesley (1703-1791)]

**Duet:**                      *Ponder My Words, O Lord*                      T. A. Walmsley (1814-1856)  
Ponder my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. O harken unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto Thee will I make my prayer. [Ps. 5: 1,2]

**Unison prayer for illumination:**

Dear God as we weave our way through Scripture, may Your Spirit guide us into the truth that lies hidden there for us for 2018. We thank You that Your very name is in the present tense: Yahweh - "I am." Take us with You into Your Great presence through Scripture so that these ancient words may have the fire of new life for a future, which always lives in the moment with You. Amen.

**First Lesson**                      Daniel 9:26-27                      **pg. 831 in O.T.**

**Responsive reading Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
**That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Epistle** Hebrews 12:25-29 **pg. 227 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 24:15-20 **pg. 27 in N.T.**

**Leader:** Jesus always speaks the truth that sets us free.

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:**

**Sermon:** “The change tsunami” The Rev. Dr. David Thomspou

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\* **Hymn of Faith** *When voices are confusing* (Wolvercote) **636**

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory** *Word Of God, Come Down To Earth*  
*(Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

\* **Dedication of offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements**

**Story**

**Prayers for New St. James**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**            *God of grace and God of glory*            (CWM Rhondda)            **490**

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**            *Sing Amen*            **264**

**Postlude**            *O Rest In The Lord (from Elijah)*            F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



Fellowship Luncheon: Feb 4 Please join us immediately following church for a free will offering lunch. We are pleased to have our very own 13 year old Sydney Vickers as our guest speaker. Sydney's has touched so many hearts with her act of kindness and comforting 'hugs' blankets. She is an inspiration to young and old.



is this year's theme for Vacation Bible Camp March 12-16, 2018. Early drop off time at 8:30 am. Camp time from 9-12 pm. Ages JK to Grade 6. Register early by emailing Marg. McGugan at [me5mcgugan@gmail.com](mailto:me5mcgugan@gmail.com) at a cost of \$5.00 per child. We are also looking for helpers during VBS week. If you are handy at making a mess, come out Tuesday, January 30 after 1 PM to see what we are up to in the 'prop department!' See you there!

Created by GOD, built for a purpose



**“I hope more people like me will be helped by this clinic”**

While working at her tailoring shop in Nepal, Sita noticed her hands were starting to feel numb and looked strangely white. As the numbness worsened, Sita grew very sick and weak. Unfortunately, the doctors she visited were unable to diagnose her illness. The future looked a little brighter when Sita learned she was pregnant and eventually delivered a healthy baby girl—but the onset of a severe fever shortly after shattered her fragile hope. Sita tried one last hospital where she was diagnosed with leprosy and referred to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Banke Clinic for treatment. There, a hopeful journey to recovery got its start. “I am getting good treatment, nutritious food, and care from the staff,” reports Sita.

**The New St. James Book Club** will be reading *Nomad* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali in January 2018. Copies of *Nomad* have been obtained through the London Public Library's Book Club in a Bag program and are available in the Stewart Library for anyone interested in reading along with us. All copies of *Nomad* must be returned on or before our meeting on January 29.



*Newsletter*



**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.

New St. James Budget and Finance Presentation: Please join the Board of Managers after church on **Sunday, January 28 for a review of 2017 finances and preview of the 2018 budget.**

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, January 22</b>	1:30 pm	Creative Hands
	6:30 pm	Boys Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Amabile
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	2:00 pm	Service at Manor Village
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

**EYE KNOW TRIVIA NIGHT:** Our team is getting ready for another outreach to Malawi in September 2018. So let's get out of the cold and reduce cabin fever by hanging out and testing our knowledge at another fun night of trivia. Friday, February 9, 2018 from 6:30-10pm. Teams of 6-8:\$120, individual players: \$15(we'll find some smart people who want to play with you). This is a great opportunity to invite people outside of New St James to come and meet us. Last time over 1/2 the teams were people who didn't attend our church. Sign up by February 2, 2018 by calling the church office or by email : [gayleavc@gmail.com](mailto:gayleavc@gmail.com)

**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:**

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.  
*2 Corinthians 9:8*

**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.

## New St. James Presbyterian Church

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