

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Easter Day

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - 10:30 am

He is Risen!



SERVING YOU TODAY

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Director of Music: Torin Chiles

Reader: Kathy Ruggi

Welcome Team: Frank & Theresa Walsh, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau, Paul Loftus

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

Hall Shepherd: Steve Harris

Nursery: Karen Buchwald, Sasha Goodreau

Sunday School: No Church School - All Ages

Hospitality: Women's Council

Stewart Library: Open every day

Note to 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 *“Rejoicing” from Fireworks* G. F. Handel (1685-1756)
Jazzmine Van Veld, trumpet I, Mélanie Cozman, trumpet II

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

Antiphonal response by the choir

- * **Fanfare for The Great Scottish Entry of the Communion Elements**
(This is how the Scots celebrate the resurrection in communion, with the elements entering the sanctuary, held at shoulder height in the triumph of life over death)

Antiphonal Response by the Choir

- * **Fanfare for the Entry of the Easter Fire** (The Easter fire is an ancient ecumenical tradition still celebrated in Jerusalem when a priest enters the Holy Sepulcher before midnight on Holy Saturday and then brings out the Easter fire from the tomb as a symbol of The Resurrection. A lantern is used to carry the flame even as far as Russia. To qualify as the Easter Fire it must be a newly ignited fire.)

The reading of the Easter Gospel lit by the Paschal/ Christ Candle (The Paschal Candle is lit from the New Fire and is used to read the Gospel story of the resurrection on Easter Day)

(The Gospel closes with the Easter good News)

Minister: He is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!!

The Easter resurrection Hymn # 243 *Jesus Christ is risen today* (Easter Hymn)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome to New St. James

Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you! *(Please turn and greet one another)*

Call to Celebrate the Resurrection

L: Christ being raised from the dead can never die again.

C: We present ourselves as those who have been brought from Death to Life everlasting.

L: Let us celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus in history.

C: For in his history lies our future and the Hope of the world to come.

Introit *Resurrection Fanfare*

J. Carlson (©2007); arr. T. Chiles

Alleluia! The Lord has risen! He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia! He broke the bonds of death forever! Alleluia! His tomb now empty, He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Approach

Let us rejoice, the stone sealing the tomb has been rolled away! Grave clothes neatly folded, no more the smell of death. The tomb has no longer its occupant. He is Risen!

Words of Assurance

We see The Christ in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore Life in this world. We are called to lead the world in a new life of forgiveness and reconciliation. We are forgiven; we celebrate our forgiveness and the new freedom it brings to our lives. With Joy we walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing that our brothers and sisters around the world are with us on this Easter Day! Dear God thank-you for the coming of the first Easter and its resonance in the 2019 celebration of Jesus' rebirth day. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Let The Bright Seraphim* G. F. Handel
Let the bright seraphim in burning row, their loud uplifted angel trumpets blow!

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Through the reading of joy-filled Scripture may we have hope for this life and the life to come. Amen.

First Lesson Ezekiel 37: 1-14 **Pg. 806 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 118: 14-24

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* **Gloria Patri**

Epistle I Corinthians 15: 50-56 **Pg. 177 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 **Pg. 33 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Communion Anthem

Agnus Dei

C. Mawbry (©1997)

<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi,</i>	Who takes away the sins of the world
<i>Miserere nobis.</i>	Have mercy on us.
<i>Dona nobis pacem.</i>	Grant us Thy Peace

Prayer after Communion

Hymn of Discipleship # 258 *Thine be the glory* (Maccabaeus)

Commissioning and Benediction

Trifold Amen

* **Postlude**

Allegretto Maestoso

G. F. Handel



Lectionary Bible Study will be cancelled on Tuesday, April 23, 2019
but will be offered Tuesday, April 30, 2019.



On behalf of the congregation, the Mission and Social Action Committee has donated \$1,000 to the May Court Club of London for its school nutrition program; \$1,000 to Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre; \$800 to Knox Presbyterian in Teeswater for its cropshare program run by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank; and \$800 to PWS&D for relief from the flooding and cyclone that affected Malawi.

Fall Garage and Rummage Sale
October 19, 2019

We have a lot of work to do in order to better our total from our spring sale so please start gathering your donations together to give to us in October. We are hoping you will donate jewellery that you are not using anymore--even broken jewellery, if it is good jewellery, will benefit us. You never know what treasures you have stored away! Of course, we will be looking for all the varied donations that you so kindly give us! Thank you in advance!



Earth Day (April 22)

On Earth Day, we reflect on the uniqueness of God's creation and the ecosystems that nourish us. Unfortunately, contributions to greenhouse gas emissions continue to take a toll on the planet's health and trigger extreme weather patterns such as prolonged drought and heavy rains. These weather patterns can make it difficult for small-scale farmers in the global south to meet their food needs and earn liveable incomes. The need to adapt to these challenges is now a reality, and Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing support. In Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi and Nicaragua, PWS&D is empowering farmers to learn sustainable, environmentally-friendly farming techniques that both heal the earth and improve crop yields.

PWS&D helps the earth and future generations flourish

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Easter Monday, April 22	Office closed 7:00 pm AA
Tuesday, April 23	10:00 am Activity Day at NSJ 5:00 pm Junior Amabile Singers
Wednesday, April 24	9:30 am Childreach (Indoor Playground) 12:00 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Thames Clarinet Concert
Thursday, April 25	1:30 pm AI-Anon 5:30 pm Dancing with Debbie 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AI-Anon
Friday, April 26	7:30 pm AA
Sunday, April 28	10:30 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CCNC

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.

Stewardship: God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7b

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