

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

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

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 10:30 am**



## **Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Frank Walsh*

Welcome Team: *Ann McClatchey, Ian & Mary Lou McCrimmon,  
Anne Taylor, Rosemary Whittaker, Irwandi Yusuf*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Vince Morris*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher, Nancy Roach*

Hospitality: *Members at large*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

**A Note for Visitors:** The service today includes the Church School children. 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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* D. Cherwien (©2001)

\* **Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)* **433**

**Call to Worship** in words from Psalm 66 and Acts 17

L: Our God is the One who made the world and everything in it.

C: **In God, we live and move and have our being.**

L: Our God is not served by human hands,

C: **but gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.**

L: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

C: **Blessed be our God, for the steadfast love that is ours.**

L: Let us worship God together.

**Introit**

*Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*  
(Union Seminary)

H. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them. Hallelujah! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

**Prayers of Approach and Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Solo**

*By The Grace Of the Spirit*

A. Grant (©2010)

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in mist of dawn, in the shadows of the forest, in the leaping of the fawn. We discover in hushed moments God's own pure serenity, and we sing Alleluia. By the grace of the Spirit we find God in music's air as both song and joyous anthem bind our hearts in concord rare. In the melodies of grateful praise we define God's sanctity, and we sing Alleluia. By the grace of the Spirit we find God in Bethlehem's stall, in Epiphany, in Passion on the cross Christ bore for all. We acknowledge the ascension of the blessed Lamb of God, and we sing Alleluia! By the grace of the Spirit we exalt the Father's name when we validate in mission full redemption through Christ's claim. May counsel of the Spirit guide us in God's holy way as we sing Alleluia! [Text: Evelyn Miller (©2001)]

**Unison Prayer for Illumination** Spirit of truth, abide with us and in us forever, so that in knowing you, we may know that we are loved by our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Acts 17:22-31

pg. 137 in N.T.

**Responsive Psalm 66:8-20**

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup> **who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**  
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**  
<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
<sup>13</sup> **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**  
<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup> **I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**  
<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup> **I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> **But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

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**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.

**Gospel Lesson**

John 14:15-21

pg. 109 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *If Ye Love Me* Th. Tallis (1505-1585)  
If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever e'en the spirit of Truth. [John 14: 15-17]

**Sermon** **"Giving and receiving"** Rev. Andrew Reid

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\* **Hymn of the Faith** *I sing the almighty power of God (Forest Green)* **333**

### Prayers of Concern

**Offering and Offertory** *Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*  
*(Union Seminary)* arr. J. Biery (©1996)

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

\* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

### Announcements

### Our Church Family Together

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** Inside cover of Book of Praise

\* **Hymn of Discipleship** *Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)* **371**

\* **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Recessional on "Love Divine"* G. Young (1919-1998)

**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)
- Behind the building across Wellington St. (do not park in spaces marked Dental Arts)

**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.

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

<b>THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES</b>		
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	Victoria Day 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	office closed Adult Bible Study AA
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Activity Day @ NSJ Creative Hands Amabile Youth Singers
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	9:30 am 11:00 am	Indoor Playground Pastoral Care
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	1:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Al-Anon Al-Anon NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	1:00 pm	Leading With Care Workshop (Knox)
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Baptism Service CCNC

**Activity Day at NSJ!** Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for shuffleboard and card players.

**CREATIVE HANDS** meet Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please join us between 1&3 pm in an upstairs classroom.

**INDOOR PLAYGROUND** is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**

The New St. James Book Club book selection for May is *Run* by Ann Patchett. A thought provoking Novel about family, politics and religion set the 1980's in Boston. We have obtained a **“Book Club in a Bag”** from the London Public Library containing 12 copies of *Run* including an audiobook. Non-Book Club members are welcome to borrow and read a copy of our May Book Club selection by speaking to either Heather McDonald or Janet Hisey. Return dates are: at NSJ before Sunday, May 28, or at our Book Club meeting on the last Monday of the month – May 29 at 1:30 pm.

**NSJ Pot Luck Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, June 11** at Gibbons Park beginning at 11:30 am. Each family needs to bring food to share; lawn chairs; and drinks for your family and the CE committee will provide plates, utensils, napkins and serving spoons. We will need to carpool because there are limited parking spaces. We are also looking for someone to organize and run 4-5 games (such as the spelling game, bubble making, shoe toss or your favourite picnic game). A sign-up sheet will be available after church. *Rain location will be at New St. James—same day and time.*

**Sunday School Summer program** will begin Sunday, June 18 and run until Sunday, September 3. We require one teacher and one helper each Sunday. A package containing the lesson and craft will be prepared for each week and our theme is “Stories of Jesus” from the Faith Alive curriculum. If you can help one Sunday, please sign up after church in the NSJ Hall.

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!

Help PWS&D respond to hunger in Southeast Africa. **Please make your cheque out to New St James Presbyterian Church and in your memo line indicate “South Sudan”.** Together, we can make a difference.

**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.



# CAMP KINTAIL GRADES 5 – 8

## JUNE 2 – 4

[WWW.CAMPKINTAIL.CA](http://WWW.CAMPKINTAIL.CA)

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev.

James

"Labrador"

Clark

## 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.



### Stewardship:

Stewardship is what we do after we say,  
"We believe".

*Anonymous*



### Hope lives here!

*Presbyterians Sharing* helps Toronto's ARISE Ministry offer outreach, case management and pastoral care to victims of human trafficking and people involved in the sex trade. As part of this ministry, the Rev. Deb Rapport sets out once a week at midnight with one or two others to chat with women they meet and find out if they are ok. They hand out bags filled by volunteers with things a woman might want - including hand sanitizer, tissues, lip gloss, chocolate and emergency numbers - and even more important, a sign that someone cares. Deb shares, "ARISE Ministry is where hope lives! What a profoundly awe-inspiring experience to see hope take hold in someone's life. Please pray for ARISE as we continue to plant, tend and care for the seeds of hope growing in the lives of individuals involved in the sex trade."



Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the Canadian Bible Society boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

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