

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church  
We Gather to Worship God on  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Love"  
December 23, 2018 at 10:30am**



## **Serving You Today**

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

**Music Leader:** *Torin W. Chiles*

**Reader:** *Charlene Beynon*

**Welcome Team:** *Liz & Bruce Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Donna & Brian Hunter, Mary Leitch*

**Counters:** *Eva Goud, Jim Hoskin, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon*

**Hall Shepherd:** *Susan Vallas*

**Sunday School:** *All Ages Service - Sunday School Pageant*

**Nursery:**

**Hospitality:** *Cathy Reid*

**Stewart Library:** *Open Every Sunday*

**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.

## We Gather to Worship God

\* **Please stand, if able**

**Prelude**                      *Fanfare and Chorale on an English Noël*                      F. Ashdown (©2002)

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

\* **Processional Advent # 142**    *I wonder as I wander*    (I Wonder as I Wander)

\* **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**C:** Nations shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Advent liturgy candle of Love will be lit by the Files and Reid families.**

### **Advent PWS&D Liturgy**

\* **Hymn #119**                      Fourth verse                      *Hope is a star*                      (Moon Beams)

**Introit:**    *O How Beautiful The Sky*                      Danish Folk Melody; arr. M. Pooler (©1962)  
O how beautiful the sky, with the sparkling stars on high, how they glitter, brightly gleaming, how they twinkle, gladsome beaming, as they draw our hearts to heaven. In the midst of Christmastide, while the stars were shining bright, of a sudden, clear and radiant, one appeared and shine resplendent with the luster of the sun. Wise men by this star were led to the Christ-child's lowly bed. Guiding star, O may we heed thee, may we know we ever need thee; lead us to our heavenly King! [text: N. Grundtvig (1783-1872); Trans. I. Dorrum (1877-1952)]

### **Unison Prayer of Approach**

Loving God - as we approach the day of Christ's birth help us to throw wide the doors of our hearts in preparation. Help us to sense the importance of what happened so long ago when Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel, to remember the words of the angels and the long journey of the Magi led by a star, and to celebrate all the promises that you made through the prophets about Christ's birth. Help us to take firm hold of the meaning of all these things and to know in the depths of our being that even now You seek to work in us and through us to fulfill the promises you have made to the world.

Minister: Lord hear our prayer.

**Congregation: And let our cry come to Thee.**

## **We Hear the Word of God**

**Anthem** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Spiritual; arr. J. Rutter (© 1981)

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place where the saviour's born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Leave your flocks and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd, and follow. Leave you sheep and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. If you take good heed to the angel's word, you'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd... Follow, follow the star!

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

As wisemen were led by a star, lead us O God in the darkness that we feel to the Everlasting Light as revealed in Scripture. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Pg. 2 in N.T.**

Leader: This is the gospel of our Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**The Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School called "The Star"**

**Offering and Offertory** *Cantilena on an English Noël*

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**Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks**

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Dec. 16, Tim Hortons has \$4,891.90 and Starbucks has \$2,683.08.**

All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$7,574.98**

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

**Announcements and the History of Silent Night**  
*(the 200th anniversary of the carol)*

**Rev. Dr. Thompson**

**Carol # 136**      The first nowell      (The First Nowell)

\* **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**      *Trumpet Tune on an English Noël*

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**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES**



The Memorial Fund has purchased Hearing Assist Devices for the Sanctuary. These are 4 at present. If you would like to own your own, please let the office know and we will purchase it for you.

Rev. Dr. David Thompson

### IMPORTANT DATES

The programming for the year 2018 has ended. Please take note of the **start up dates in the New Year:**

- Jan. 7 Monday Night Bible Study
- Jan 8 Tuesday Activity Day
- Jan 9 Indoor Playground
- Jan 14 Boys Basketball (*to be confirmed*)
- Jan. 16 Youth Night

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, December 24</b>	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	9:30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY - Office closed	
<b>Wednesday, December 26</b>	BOXING DAY - Office closed	
	2:30 pm	Service at Manor Village
<b>Thursday, December 27</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, December 28</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

**STEWARDSHIP:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*



## Seeking Justice for All

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. God calls us to name injustices, walk with vulnerable people and work with others for the common good. Over the years, Justice Ministries has prepared responses to overtures or motions adopted by General Assembly. These range from statements on genetics, health care, sanctuary for refugees, violence in computer games, the growing gap between rich and poor in Canada and, more recently, inclusion for Presbyterians who are members of the LGBTQI community, the opioids crisis and forced labour. Through Justice Ministries, our church walks with Indigenous peoples on the path towards healing and reconciliation, partners with ecumenical agencies, produces resources and leads workshops on vital justice issues. As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope.

*Presbyterians Sharing seeks justice for all*

## 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.



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!

## 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.

## 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.

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