

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church
Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 10:30am
We Gather to Worship God



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Theresa Walsh*

Welcome Team: *Bruce Curtis, Pat Ferries, George Rendell,
Dee-Ann, Sydney & Todd Vickers, Johanis Weydekamp*

Counters: *Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon*

Hall Shepherd: *Kathy Ruggi*

Sunday School: *Susan Vallas, Monica Sass, Shwe Nyein*

Nursery: *Janet Hines, Shwe Nyein*

Hospitality: *WC - Annual Meeting*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, 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.

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* **Please stand, if able**

Prelude *The Gift Of Love (O Waly Waly)* English Folk Tune; arr. D. Wood (©1996)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 607** *Ye watchers and ye Holy ones* (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

* **Welcome:** (*Please greet one another*)

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

C: Give thanks to the God of Gods. His love is everlasting

Introit *Friends Let Us Love Each Other (Auf, auf mein Herz, mit Freuden)*

J. Crüger (1598-1662)

Friends, let us love each other, for love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love within us, this world will know God lives. Love is the gift most precious God gives unto us all. We find our life in loving – that’s our Creator’s call. Love is what Christ commended, love lived out day by day. Love bears another’s burden, love walks a tender way. Friends, let us love each other, Love is a gift God gives. Friends, by the love within us, this world will know God lives! [text: W. Farquharson (©1977); adpt. T. Chiles]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Dear God, Friend of the friendless, as we approach Your throne in prayer this day, give us a vision of what friendship could be like, first with You and then with those we call friends. Thank-you that Jesus called us friends, even those who were to betray Him. May our friendships be like His, drenched in integrity and grace and hope for the future. Thank-you for those Who you send into our lives for a reason. Thank-you for those who we have lost to death or distance or estrangement. Bring into our lives those friends who would enrich our lives. Help us to be faithful friends to others. Amen

Unison Words of Assurance

Those who would repent of their sins and would seek a new life in Christ are encouraged to come to the Throne of Grace and be forgiven by God. God is faithful and forgives all those who confess their sins and wish to begin a new life. In Christ we are ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven. We turn a new page and extend to others the forgiveness we have received. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Children Of The Heavenly Father*

Swedish Folk Tune;
arr. M. Costello (©2009)

Lesley Harris, flute

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God, His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord, His children sever; unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth. Though He giveth or He taketh, God, His children ne'er forsaketh; His, the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy. [text: Carolina Sandell Berg (1832-1903); tr. E. Olsen (1870-1958)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Dear God. We ask for illumination to be behind, with and under the Scripture this day. Lighten our darkness we pray. Amen

First Lesson Genesis 50: 15-21
 I Samuel 18: 1-5

Pg. 48 in O.T.
Pg. 262 in O.T.

Responsive Reading Psalm 25: 12-18

L: Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

C: They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

L: The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

C: My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

L: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

C: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

L: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

Prayers for New St. James

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

* **Hymn # 386** *Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney)*

* **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 *Toccata on Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

M. Sedio (©1996)



The Annual Congregational Meeting directly after todays service in the worship space. At the conclusion of business, lunch will follow.

Elders District packages are available for pick up in the narthex.

The 2018 Income Tax receipts are also available.

The **NSJ Book Club** will meet **Monday February 25th at 1:30pm** in the Stewart Library. We will be discussing Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. Everyone is welcome.

Musical Meditations Concert Series is back! Join us on **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30pm** in the sanctuary for **Kammerchor** London's first concert delving into the world of the Renaissance. Come hear glorious music that true Renaissance men were creating! An a cappella concert of Palestrina, Monteverdi, Lassus, Byrd, more! Music that will touch your soul and ease your spirit. **\$15 suggested donation.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY, MARCH 1st 2:00-3:00pm**

World Day of Prayer will be held at the **Trinity Lutheran Church** (corner of Oxford and Colborne Streets, London). The theme is "Come, Everything is Ready!" with a focus on Slovenia in Central Europe. Learn about the country's history, ethnicity, education and cuisine. Refreshments will be available after the service. The church is fully accessible and all are welcome. For more information, please visit www.trinitylondon.ca

MARCH BREAK VBC!

We are trying something new at NSJ! A full day of Camp with Kintail folks running the program with the support of our NSJ volunteers. **Programming runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm** with drop off at the church from 8:30-9:00am and **pick up between 3:30-4:00pm**. Kids will bring their **own lunch and we will provide a morning and afternoon snack**. The cost for this is **\$50 per child** for the week. We have **spaces for 42 children** so don't delay in getting your registration completed and dropped off at NSJ. We will accept **cash or cheque for payment**. Please feel free to invite your family or friends who might be interested in this wonder day camp for their children. Registrations can be picked up from the office or printed from our NSJ website <https://newstjames.com/> Questions? Don't hesitate to email Deb Van Hees at denvhl@hotmail.com or call 519-471-6857. Looking forward to seeing you this year!

**SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 9:30am - 12:00pm**

Spring is just around the corner--we hope! Time to start getting your donations gathered for the spring garage and rummage sale. We will need clothing, linens, shoes, toys, books, household items, small furniture items and other garage sale treasures. Our clients love our sale so let's gather up lots of great things for them to buy! **Please mark the date on your calendars to help at the sale and to help sort on April 4th and 5th.**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER/WORSHIP—WED., MARCH 20 @ NSJ

6:00 pm Soup Supper & Social Justice Speakers

7:00 pm Barbara Symington - St. Paul's Social Services

7:15 pm Lenten Evening Prayer

Check other dates on black & orange posters on the bulletin boards.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, February 25	10:00 am	Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Book Club
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, February 26	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
	7:00 pm	Highland
Wednesday, February 27	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
	7:30 pm	Kammerchor Concert
Thursday, February 28	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, March 1	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, March 3	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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.

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.

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the March/April/May 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

Interim Moderator	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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