

# New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church  
March 24 2019 at 10:30am  
Third Sunday in Lent  
We Gather to Worship God**



## **Serving You Today**

**Worship Leader:** *Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee*

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

**Readers:** *Heather McDonald, Anna McDonald-Lee*

**Welcome Team:** *Tim Van Hees, Ellen Faubert, Paula Sinjal, Jolanda Kalonta, Keith McCreary*

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

**Hall Shepherd:** *Bob Baron*

**Sunday School:** *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Shwe Nyein*

**Nursery:** *Karen Buchwald, Winn Files*

**Hospitality:** *Special Coffee Time for Joanne MacPherson*

**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.

**\* Please stand, if able**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**     *A Medley of Camp Hymns*

- \* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** *(please stand if able)*
- \* **Processional Hymn # 814**     *Morning has broken (Bunessan)*
- \* **Welcome to New St. James** *(Please turn and greet one another)*

**Call to Worship** *(Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee)*

**Introit**             *We Have Gathered*

S. Pethel (©2011)

Let this be a place we feel God's warm embrace, as hearts receive a blessing true; with each other share in word, in song and prayer, the worship that we bring, Lord, to You.

### **Prayer of Approach**

#### **Opening Prayer of Approach and Confession**

We are grateful for your invitation to the table O God.  
Your table is set with care, and openness, and grace.  
We come to take our seat and to greet our neighbours.  
We come to be reminded of your great love for us.  
We approach the table with humble and thankful hearts,  
Knowing that your goodness is what draws us close.

We are sorry for when we reject the invitation,  
when we feel that we do not measure up,  
when we think we are not invited,  
when we exclude others from joining the table,  
when our hard hearts find a way to miss the feast.

We ask that our hearts be made tender and new again.  
We ask that our hands open to our neighbours, strangers, and even enemies.  
We ask that our lives exhibit the radical grace that we are offered at the table.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

### **Assurance of Grace**

There is a place for each of us at God's table.

We are invited, needed, and wanted.

We are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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

**Solo**

*The Call*

K. Lee Scott (©1989)

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love. [text: G. Herbert (1593-1633)]

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

O God, your feast is spread before us. Help us to taste and savour and rejoice in your word. May our hearts and minds and bodies be open to receiving your word for us today. In Jesus name.

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 112**

(Leader parts read by Heather McDonald & Anna McDonald-Lee)

- L: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.
- C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- C: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- C: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**
- L: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- C: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
- L: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.
- C: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

\* **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**

Luke 14: 7-22

**Pg. 77 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

*What Feast Will You Bring*

Ch. McCartha (©2010)

What feast will you bring? Who will sit at your table? Will you ask the broken, the hungry, the poor? Will you seat them and feed them and show them by deed, the love the Lord gives us is given to all. To the feast will you bring the first fruits from your garden? Will you bring from the cellar your most precious wine? Will you serve them on rarest white linen cloth, with silver most cherished and fine? How will you heal the sick and the broken? How will you feed the hungry and poor? Will you give them the treasure laid up in your storeroom? Will you open your heart and give even more? *What feast will you bring...* Do you see Christ in the sick and the broken? Do you see Christ in the hungry and poor? Will you give Him the treasure laid up in your storeroom? Will you open your heart and give even more? "As you do unto them, so you do unto Me," says Christ, our Saviour, our Lord and King. Is your table set for the least of these? What feast will you bring them? What feast will you bring?

**Sermon**

"Room at the table"

Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn of Faith # 471** *We are one in the Spirit*

**Prayers for the World**

**Offering and Offertory**

*Who Would Ever Have Believed It*

trad. Scottish; arr. T. Chiles (2009)

**Hortons vs Starbucks Update:** Total raised as of March 10th \$389.40

\* **Doxology**

\* **Dedication of Offering**

## Our Church Family Together

**Announcements** Presentation to Joanne MacPherson by Charlene Beynon.  
Response by Joanne MacPherson

**Story for the Children**

**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 # 339** *He's got the whole world in His hand*

\* **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Will You Come And Follow Me (Kelvingrove)* John Bell (©1987)



### BIOGRAPHY

**Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee** grew up in Glencoe and attended Camp Kintail as a child. After many years on staff at Camp Kintail, she directed Presbyterian Camp Douglas in British Columbia. She is a graduate of the Vancouver School of Theology. Prior to Theresa's call as Camp Director, she was the minister of the Monkton-Cranbrook pastoral charge. She is married to Johnathon Lee, who directs the camp with Theresa. Johnathon has two degrees from the University of Guelph including a M.B.A. with an emphasis on not-for-profit finance. They have three fantastic daughters, Ella, Lucy and Anna.

### A RECEPTION FOR JOANNE MACPHERSON TODAY

Please join us for a special coffee time after Church to thank Joanne for her many contributions to the life and work of New St. James and to wish her the very best.

### **“BACK TO BASICS”**

We're off to a great start with this Lenten project -- 100+ articles of clothing have already been donated! Some have been delivered to Quintin Warner House, others to “My Sister's Place”, and the kids' clothing to “Merrymount”. If you can't get out to shop and want to participate in this project, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a special offering envelope.

### **GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 9:30am-2:00pm**

There are only 2 weeks left to prepare for our Garage and Rummage Sale. Your donations can be brought into the church anytime. We need clothing, linens, shoes, toys, books, household items and donations of items that you would find at a garage sale such as lamps, small pieces of furniture and items good for spring and summer use. Please remember that dealing with garbage is always a problem so please be sure your donations are clean, usable, and if it is a garage sale item that it is good working order. Please do NOT donate magazines or old VCR tapes. Please bring in any newspaper you might have for wrapping china items. HELP is needed. Please let Karen Buchwald know if you are able to sell our merchandise on April 6 and if you can help with sorting on April 4 and 5. Join in on the fun and help to make this a great sale! Be sure to encourage your friends and relatives to attend the sale and, remember, our delicious hot dogs will be available!

### **NSJ BOOK CLUB**

**NSJ book club will meet Monday, March 25 at 1:30 PM** in the Stewart Library. We will be discussing *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Everyone is welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time; we can give our expertise; we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.

*Steve Goodier (1962 - ), author, minister*

### **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.

**THE MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** is looking for **two or three new members**. The Committee meets three or four times a year to allocate the \$10,000 given to it by the Trustees. Meetings usually take place in the morning of the second Friday of the month. If you are interested in learning more about this Committee, please contact Lyn Hill at [lyn.hill@sympatico.ca](mailto:lyn.hill@sympatico.ca) or at 519-472-8353.

### THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

<b>Monday, March 25</b>	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	7:30 pm	AA
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:00 pm	Recital
	3:30 pm	CCNC



#### Honouring Indigenous Art

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Picton, ON is building relationships with Indigenous people through the celebration of Indigenous art and culture. The church is now home to the largest Indigenous mural on a church in Canada. The congregation received permission by award-winning Métis visual artist and author Christi Belcourt to reproduce her Art Gallery of Ontario commissioned piece, *Wisdom of the Universe*. A team of Toronto muralists spent one week recreating the 37'x 36' mural on the church's north exterior wall. The entire mural is comprised of dots to represent beadwork, which is a common theme in much of Belcourt's work.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports healing and reconciliation initiatives*

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