

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, June 24, 2018



Serving You Today

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

Music Leader: *Ethan Lacey*

Readers: *Mike Ruggi*

Welcome Team: *Vince Morris, Ray & Diana Latmaerissa, Telly Lengkey,
Joe & Mary Ruitenbeek*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Paul McIntosh*

Church School: *Sonja Malone*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald*

Hospitality: *HR - Reception for Judi Le Blanc*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

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

We Gather to Worship God

* Please stand, if able

Prelude

* **Trumpet Fanfare for the Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Let all things now living (Ash Grove)* **338**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!

C: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

C: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. - Psalm 100**

Prayer of Approach

God You are love, before time, beyond time You are the ground of reality; everything belongs to You, all things are intended to express love; Your whole being is love. God You are life, on earth and beyond earth, You are the source of meaning; in darkness and death You are a light, in doubt and despair You are a friend; Your whole being is life. God You are truth, in words and beyond words, You are the fountain of hope; justice and peace are Your promise, faith and love are Your way, Your whole being is truth.

Words of Assurance

When we fail or deliberately do what is wrong, if we determine to set things right and desire to follow your way in our hearts; You are gracious enough to forgive us and set us on our feet and give us a new beginning. May that be our experience today. Thank you for your continued assurance of your love for us. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *The Lord's My Shepherd* (B. Chilcott (©2010)) Alyssa Woolhether, Soprano
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green: He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He does restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through death's dark glen, yet will I fear no ill: for Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou has furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be. [text: Psalm 23; The Scottish Psalter (1650)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

God you are the ultimately real. We often relapse into fantasy thinking, not of the world as it is, but as we wish it to be. For You Love is an active verb. Help us when we listen to these scriptures being read, to discover how to move forward, into the active love that heals us and the world. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 16:5-11

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

L: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore .

Gloria Patri

Epistle

Acts 2:29-39

Pg. 120 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 5:1-16

Pg. 4 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Musical Interlude

Sermon

“From What if? to What now?!”

The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith** *Be thou my vision (Slane)* **461**

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory

The Tim Hortons and Starbucks cups are a fun way to raise money by contributing the loose change we have. The two cups are separately tracked to see which does better over the year. The money is ear marked for the deficit for 2018. Target is \$10,000. Collections as of June 10th, **Tim Hortons \$2,161.96 and Starbucks \$1,047.87 for a grand total of \$3,209.83.**

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Dedication of offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements Welcoming of Judi Le Blanc

Story

Commissioning for “Canada Youth” (see insert)

Pat Goud, Scott Goud, Marg McGugan, Kathy & Mike Ruggi,
Monica Sass, Blu Say, Mu Tha.

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** *Oh worship the King (Hanover)* **313**

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Amen **264**

Postlude



Please join us for "Coffee and Cake" following the service to welcome Judi Le Blanc, New St. James' Office Administrator.

Congratulations Students



On behalf of the entire **New St. James** family, we offer our best wishes to all students as the school term comes to an end. We also extend our congratulations to all **high school, college and university students who are graduating**. Our best wishes as you continue your studies or head out to pursue new and exciting careers. **Congratulations and good luck to all of you!**



Notes of Gratitude

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Friendship Communion. **48 people** were in attendance. **Special thank you to the Pastoral Care team** who puts in a lot of time and energy into making it a great day for everyone!

The **Canada Youth team would like to sincerely thank everyone** for coming to our special coffee hour last Sunday. We **raised \$583.75** which will **help out our youth attending the week long conference in July. We always appreciate your generous support of the youth at NSJ!**



The **New St. James Book Club will meet on Monday June 25th at 1:30PM at Pat Shavers home.** We will be discussing **All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews.** There will be **no meetings during July and August.** For those who like to read ahead our **September book will be The Colony of Unrequited Dreams: A Novel, by Wayne Johnston.** For more information speak to Pat (519 434 7973).



CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE, Saturday, November 17th PRESERVES AND SILENT AUCTION

Strawberry season is here! Rhubarb is ready! Time to do some preserving! Please make some of your favourite preserves to donate to the Marketplace. If you do not have room to store them, we have a secure cupboard to put them in. Before we know it many other wonderful fruits and vegetables will be ready so plan on making some pickles, relish, chutneys, pickled beets, salsa, chili sauce or whatever your favourite preserve is. If you are not going to preserve, and have pint and half pint jars or small jam jars, please bring them in and put them in the lower kitchen.

Our silent auction is good money maker but we need donations of items that our guests will bid on. If you have something we could use, please donate it. Perhaps you could ask businesses that you frequent if they would donate something. Gift cards are very popular as well.

We **need volunteers to be ushers-greeters for Sunday services during the summer schedule in July and August.** If you would like to volunteer for an entire month or individual Sundays, please contact John White by email jtwhite_ca@yahoo.com or by phone (519) 681-9043. Thanks!



THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

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| Monday, June 25 | 1:30 pm | NSJ Book Club |
| | 7:00 pm | AA |
| Tuesday, June 26 | 10:30 am | Lectionary Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | CE Meeting |
| Wednesday, June 27 | 9:30 am | Playground at Doidge Park |
| | 6:00 pm | Clarinet Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 pm | Piano Recital |
| Thursday, June 28 | 1:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| | 2:00 pm | Service at Manor Village |
| | 7:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| Friday, June 29 | 7:30 pm | AA |
| Sunday, July 1 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 3:30 pm | CCNC |

Stewardship Moments: The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation.
Peter Marshall (1902-1949), former U.S. Senate chaplain



World Refugee Day (June 20)

Refugees are part of our human family and are entitled to their rights to peace and protection. In Bangladesh, almost 900,000 Rohingya have settled in squalid shelter conditions after escaping terrifying human rights abuses and violence in Myanmar. Refugees are still arriving, and the nearing monsoon season puts those living in camps at risk of floods and landslides. Join Presbyterian World Service & Development as we respond to the needs of the Rohingya with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the ACT Alliance by helping deliver life-saving food packages as well as shelter, hygiene kits, water and sanitation services, and psychosocial assistance. As we respond to pain and despair in Bangladesh, let us pray for refugees on their journey to find safety and peace in other parts of the world.

PWS&D responds to refugees



Please note that on Sundays starting next week - July 1st to August 26th the Worship Service begins at 10:00am.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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| Interim Moderator | The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton |
| Interim Minister | The Rev. Dr. David Thompson minister@newstjames.com |
| Clerk of Session | Bruce Curtis |
| Ministers Emeritus | Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files and Rev. Andrew Reid |
| Associate for Congregational Life | Joanne MacPherson - jmacpherson@newstjames.com |
| Director of Music | Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca |
| Choristers | Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Alyssa Woolhether, soprano; Laura Nielsen, soprano; Máiri Demings, alto; Conlan Gassi, tenor; David Stainton, baritone |
| Office Administrator | Judi Le Blanc - admin@newstjames.com 9:00 am to 3:00 pm - Monday to Thursday |
| Custodian | Mark McDonald 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Thursday |
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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 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.