

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.

Stewardship: I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

*Martin Luther (1483-1546),
reformer and theologian*

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

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New St. James Pres

A Mission Church

"Following Christ, Worshipping Christ"

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Theresa W. Chiles

Welcome Team: Bruce Curtis, Mary Jean Dodge, Patricia Goud, Dee-Ann Vickers, Sydney Vickers, Joanne MacPherson

Counters: Eva Goud, Jim Hoskin, Ann MacPherson

Hall Shepherd: Kathy Goud

Nursery: Donna Aziz, Liz Goud

Church School: Nawton Chiles, John Stewart

Hospitality: Highland

Stewart Library: Open

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.

***Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *In God, My Faithful God* (*Auf Meinen Lieben Gott*) G. Böhm (1661-1733)

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

* **Processional Hymn** *Lift high the cross* **643**

Welcome

Call to Worship PWS&D Liturgy **see insert**

Congregational Introit *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (Repton)*
C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we've heard Your call: to live according to Your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that You are Lord of all and will not let us fall. In what You give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to You – the cross You hung upon – all You endeavoured, done. [text: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)]

Unison Prayer of Approach

Leader and Congregation:

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you.

Words of Assurance

Minister:

Almighty God our heavenly father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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| Monday, February 26 | 1:30 pm | N |
| | 6:30 pm | B |
| | 6:30 pm | M |
| | 7:00 pm | A |
| Tuesday, February 27 | 10:00 am | A |
| | 10:30 am | L |
| | 2:30 pm | E |
| | 5:00 pm | Ju |
| | 6:30 pm | C |
| Wednesday, February 28 | 9:30 am | In |
| | 6:00 pm | S |
| Thursday, March 1 | 12:00 pm | G |
| | 1:30 pm | A |
| | 7:30 pm | N |
| | 7:30 pm | A |
| Friday, March 2 | 2:00 pm | V |
| | 6:30 pm | T |
| | 7:30 pm | A |
| Sunday, March 4 | 10:30 am | V |
| | 3:30 pm | C |
| | 7:30 pm | L |

One Day Wonder—Junior High event for Grades 7-8, 7:00pm at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 342 Pond Mill Road. Fun, food and faith! Please call Joanne at the church office for more information.

EYE KNOW TRIVIA NIGHT: Our team is getting ready for September 2018. So let's get out of the cold and reduce our knowledge at another fun night of trivia. Our new challenge is **6:30-10pm**. Teams of 6-8 \$120, individual players: \$50 (if you want to play with you). This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge, come and meet us. Last time over 1/2 the teams were new. Sign up by February 28, 2018 by calling the church office at 336-233-1234.



Investing in the future of our partner churches

Leadership Development grants are an investment in the future. In 2011, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Takuze Chitsulo from Malawi began to study at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In 2016, he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and one year later, he was appointed as the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. The Rev. Dr. Chitsulo sees his appointment as an opportunity to give back to the Malawian community. In thanking the PCC, he said “You didn’t only educate me, but you taught the whole church in Malawi.”

“Back to Basics” – a poem
What is this poem all about?
Why, it’s socks and underwear!
It’s “Back to Basics” time once more;
It happens just once a year.
Please donate all sizes of socks
And underwear that’s new.
Then everyone in London town
Will be warm and cozy, too!

The New St. James Book Club

The New St. James Book Club will meet on Monday, February 26 at 1:30PM at Pat Shavers home. We will be discussing Zeitoun by Dave Eggers. Everyone welcome. For details call Pat at 519 434 7973.



is this year’s theme for Vacation Bible Camp March 12-16, 2018. Early drop off time at 8:30 am. Camp time from 9-12 pm. Ages JK to Grade 6. Register early by emailing Marg. McGugan at me5mcgugan@gmail.com at a cost of \$5.00 per child. We are also looking for helpers during VBS week. If you are handy at making a mess, come out Wednesday, February 28 after 1 PM to see what we are up to in the ‘prop department!’ See you there!

Created by GOD, built for a purpose

We Hear the Word

Anthem

Open Thou Mine

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see. Incline my steps and I shall walk in the ways of Thy commandments. O God, and beside Thee let there be none other God. Thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee according to Thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of Thyself and public. *Open Thou mine eyes...* [text: Lancelotti]

Unison prayer for illumination

Help us to understand your mind O God. Strive to fill us with grace and possibilities. Show us how that we might discover its power in our lives in the world.

First Lesson Numbers 20: 1-12

Responsive Psalm 22: 23-31

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you who stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: For He did not despise or abhor the afflicted; He did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried.

L: From You comes my praise in the great congregation of those who fear him.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and worship before Him; families of the nations shall worship before Him.

C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and He is exalted above all. To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow; Him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

L: Posterity will serve Him; future generations will proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn.

Epistle Hebrews 11: 1-3 **Pg. 225 in N.T.**

* **Gloria Patri**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6: 25-34 **Pg. 6 in N.T.**

L: Help us to make connections based on the Good News. The words of Jesus can liberate us.

C: Thanks be to God

Anthem: *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty (©1973)
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. And all these things will be added unto you, Alleluia! Take ye no thought what tomorrow will bring, what ye shall eat or drink. For He knows you have need of all these things; alleluia!

Sermon: "The Wisdom of Uncertainty"

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith** May the mind of Christ my Saviour **644**

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (Repton)*
C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918); arr. M. Sedio (©1998)

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family

Announcements

Story The cow and the apple-alert v

Prayers for New St. James

Lords Prayer

Hymn When love is found

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (Repton)*
C. H. H. Parry

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If we insist on being as sure as is conceivable... we are grounded, and can never soar.

Malawi trip meeting on February 26 at 6:30p
finding out more about our next visit please come

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Feb 26
St. James. Six different denominational churches in
Suriname, S. America, a former Dutch colony, and in
India, Indonesian, Indonesian and Dutch -- all living
are protecting their country's environment and are

Volunteer lunch on March 4 immediately following
make it!