

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Lyn Hill*

Welcome Team: *Bruce Curtis & Pat Ferries, Mary Jean Dodge, Jim Hoskin, George Rendell, Dee-Ann Vickers, Johanis Weydekamp*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Cathy Rudell*

Nursery: *Nancy Roach, Theresa Walsh*

Church School: *Karen Baron, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Hospitality: *Teen Class*

Stewart Library: *Open every day*

A Note for 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 *How Beautiful The Morning Star*
(Wie Schön Leuchtet) J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *We have come at Christ's own bidding (Hyfrydol)* **187**

Call to Worship

L: The LORD is great in Zion, and exalted over all the peoples.

C: **The LORD is a forgiving God and answers those who call.**

L: Let us extol the LORD our God, for the LORD our God is holy.

Introit *Transfiguration* T. Chiles (2017)

O Light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus Redeemer of the earth: more bright than day Your face did show, Your raiment whiter than the snow. Two prophets who had faith to see, with Your elect found company; the heavens above Your glory named, Your Father's voice His Son proclaimed. May all who seek to praise aright, through purer lives show forth Your light. To You, the King of Glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow. [text: Latin 10th C. tr. L. Housman (©2003)]

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies* B. Van Der Hoek (©1988)

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return, 'til Thy mercy's beams I see, 'til they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. [Ch. Wesley (1707-1788)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Shine through the veil that separates earth and heaven, O God. Show us the glory that surrounds us constantly. And speak your Word of promise and of hope. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

pg. 70 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
- ⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- ⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

pg. 18 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Holy Ground

G. Davis (©1983); arr. L. Larson (©2011)

When I walked through the door I sensed His presence, and I knew this was a place where Love abounds; for this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here, and we are standing in His presence on holy ground. We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground. In His presence, there is joy beyond all measure, and at His feet peace of mind can still be found. If you have a need I know He has the answer. Just reach out and claim it, for you are standing on holy ground. Holy, Holy, Holy... We are standing in His presence, on holy ground.

Sermon

“Mountain glory”

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

- * **Hymn of the Faith** *Jesus on the mountain peak (Mowsley)* **185**
- Prayers of Concern**
- Offering and Offertory** *What A Friend We Have In Jesus (Converse)*
J. Boeringer (©2006)
- * **Doxology** **830**
- * **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
- Announcements**
- Our Church Family Together**
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger.
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger
And I have promised, promised to be always there. (John Bell)
- The Lord's Prayer** *Inside cover of Book of Praise*
- * **Hymn of Discipleship** *Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, shine)* **376**
- * **Commission and Response** *Sing Amen* **264**
- * **Benediction**
- Postlude** *The Heavens Rejoice* T. Kendall (©2006)

TODAY AT NEW ST. JAMES

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME

- We invite guests and visitors to use the blue welcome cards in the pew racks, and the Friendship Book in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins, Bibles and Books of Praise are available in the racks as you enter the sanctuary or from an usher.
- To honour our time in worship, we ask you to turn off phones while in the sanctuary.
- Audio CD's of today's service will be available in the Stewart Library.
- Bulletins and sermons are posted under the Worship tab on our website - www.newstjames.com
- Copies of bulletins and sermons are available in the information rack in the narthex.
- Visitor offering envelopes are available in the pew boxes in front of you. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.

PARKING

- On Sunday mornings, the Oxford Street parking lot is for handicapped parking and for drop offs only. Please do not park in the laneway into the parking lot - this is a fire access route. Parking is available on all surrounding streets and at our good neighbours:
- Harris Funeral Home on St. James Street
- Behind Susan J's
- Valu-Mart (outside row along the east fence & back laneway row)
- Behind the building across Wellington St. (do not park in spaces marked Dental Arts)

WASHROOMS

- Washrooms are located in the corridor behind the organ chamber, and on the lower and upper levels of the hall. Coat racks are in the narthex and in the corridor behind the organ chamber. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

NURSERY

- Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery, near the west door of the sanctuary. We invite parents with small children to sit in the front pews on that side.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- We want to make New St. James a safe and welcoming place for all who come here. Our Church School staff have all received Police Records Checks and training in safety procedures.
- To protect people with nut allergies, our goal is to make New St. James a nut-free facility. Please do not bring nuts of any kind, or anything containing nut products such as peanut butter, into the building. However, we cannot guarantee that cookies served during the fellowship time may not have come in contact with nuts.
- Gluten-free cookies are available during the fellowship time.
- To protect people who are sensitive or allergic to scent, we want to make New St. James scent-free. Please keep this in mind when applying perfume and aftershaves.
- For reasons of personal safety, the front row of the balcony has been closed off.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, February 27	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club (Pat Shaver's home)
	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's RC)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, February 28	10:00 am	Activity Day@NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, March 1	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday, March 2	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:00 pm	Senior Youth
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 3	2:00 pm	World Day of Prayer (St. Michael's RC)
	5:00 pm	Opera
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, March 4	10:00 am	One Day Wonder (Knox, St. Thomas)
	5:00 pm	Opera
Sunday, March 5	10:30 am	Communion Service
	11:30 am	VBC Training and Lunch
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Immediately following worship, please join us for a yummy lunch of soups and desserts. Free will offering. All proceeds going to NSJ youth to attend Camp Kintail and One Day Wonder. Many thanks for your support!

Attention Elders: Communion packages are ready for pick-up in the narthex.

The CREATIVE HANDS group meets Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please consider joining us between 1:00 and 3:00 pm in an upstairs classroom. **We are still in need of an ironing board and a serger.**

INDOOR PLAYGROUND is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**

THE NEW ST JAMES BOOK CLUB will meet on **Monday, February 27**, at 1:30 pm at the home of Pat Shaver. We will be discussing The Prison Book Club by Ann Walmsley. Everyone welcome. For information or directions, contact Pat at 519-434-7973.

NSJ Fundraising

Please mark these dates on your calendar (and invite all your friends!):

February 28 5:00–6:30pm **Pancake Supper** Freewill Offering

March 29 5:30–7:00pm **Spaghetti Dinner** \$10 per adult; \$5 per child 12 & under

If you would like to help at these events, or you would like to organize another fundraiser for NSJ, please contact Frank Walsh, Deb van Hees or Joanne McPherson.

If it's Ash Wednesday this week, then the 2017 **"Back to Basics"** project is upon us! Please donate new socks and underwear in the boxes provided at each entrance. The clothes will be delivered to various organizations in the city.

ONE DAY WONDER

Saturday, March 4 10 am - 7 pm

A Presbytery-wide event for students in Grades 5-8 at Knox PC, St. Thomas. Transportation from Westmount PC leaves at 9:15 am and returns at 8 pm. Please confirm attendance with Joanne **by February 15**. Cost: \$15 and a donation to the food bank.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP TRAINING/PIZZA LUNCH

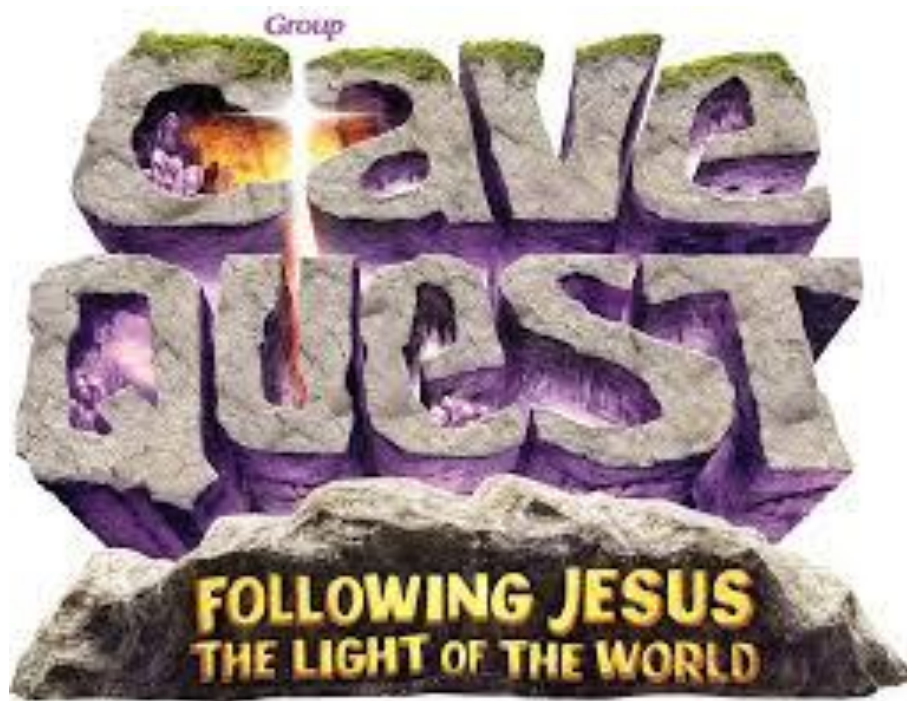
Sunday, March 5 11:30am-12:30pm

If you are an adult leader, teen leader or a leader in training (grades 7 & 8) please plan to attend this very quick, but important, orientation. Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough pizza on hand! Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at

New St. James Presbyterian Church



March Break - March 13-17, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Early drop off available at 8:30 a.m.)

JK - Grade 6

Cost: \$5.00

**Registration forms available in the church office or
at www.newstjames.com**



In the early church, Lent was a time of training and preparation for baptismal candidates at Easter. By the fourth century, it developed into a 40-day period, following the biblical pattern of 40 days or 40 years of preparation and anticipation. In its early form, elements of penitence were included. The liturgical colour for Lent is purple, the colour of penitence and reflection. In our tradition, Lent is a time to re-examine and reaffirm our identity as people baptized into Christ's body, the church.

Our baptism is a symbolic dying and rising with Christ. In Lent, we turn with Christ towards these events in his life. Along the way, the Spirit gives the opportunity for us to redirect and refocus our lives, and more fully realize our baptismal identity. We recall where we are going and what it cost God for us to become resurrection people. We become open to the possibilities of new beginnings all around us. The season of Lent points us to Easter.

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.



Helping families come to life

Presbyterians Sharing supports congregations that are involved in an intentional program of transformation, like Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Heritage Green's family style worship welcomes all ages with songs and prayers that make sense to kids and interactive activities that draw families into God's presence. Every service brings families together, with Christ at the centre. The congregation is working to build strong relationships between neighbours within their community and believes that the stronger a neighbourhood becomes, the healthier the families who live there will be.

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.

Stewardship:

We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.

*John Calvin (1509-1564),
French theologian and pastor*

NEW ST. JAMES - WHAT WE BELIEVE:

*God is calling the people of New St James,
as followers of Jesus Christ,
to worship God and to serve the community.*

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