

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

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**Serving You Today**

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Janice Mark*

Welcome Team: *David Colwell, Jeff Goud, Keith McCreary, Tim Van Hees, John White*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Goud*

Nursery: *Donna Aziz, Karen Buchwald*

Church School: *Joanne MacPherson, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Monica Sass*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

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** *Be Thou With Me (Bist Du Bei Mir)* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

\* **Entry of the Bible**

\* **Processional Hymn** *My shepherd is the King of love (Dominus regit me)* **691**

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

**Introit** *Open Thou Mine Eyes* J. Rutter (©1980)  
Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps  
and I shall walk in the ways of Thy commandments.

**Prayers of Approach and Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

## We Hear the Word of God

**Solo** *God Is My Shepherd* A. Dvořák (1841-1904)  
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

God is my shepherd; I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art with me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they comfort me.

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

May the light of Christ shine upon us so that we may live not in darkness, but in light, as children of the light. Amen.

**First Lesson** I Samuel 16:1-13 **pg. 259 in O.T.**

**Responsive Psalm 23**

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**
- <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

\* **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.

**Second Lesson**                      Ephesians 5:8-14                      **pg. 194 in N.T.**

**Gospel Lesson**                      John 9:1-41                      **pg. 102 in N.T.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                      *You Are Mine*                      D. Haas (©1991); arr. M. Hayes (©2011)

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice, be still and know that I am here. I am hope for all who are  
hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your  
light, come and rest in me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are Mine. I am  
strength for all the despairing, I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind  
will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My Name. I am the Word that leads  
all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all  
your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!

**Sermon**                      **“Sight and insight”**                      Rev. Andrew Reid

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

\* **Hymn of the Faith**                      *Thou didst leave thy throne (Margaret)*                      **204**

**Prayers of Concern**

	<b>Offering and Offertory</b>	<i>Trio in G minor</i>	J. Rheinberger (1839-1901)
*	<b>Doxology</b>		<b>830</b>
*	<b>Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication</b>		
	<b>Announcements</b>		
	<b>Our Church Family Together</b>		
	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	<b>Hymn of Discipleship</b>	<i>O Love that wilt not let me go (St. Margaret)</i>	<b>209</b>
*	<b>Commission and Response</b>	<i>Day by day</i>	<b>455</b>
*	<b>Benediction</b>		
	<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Andante Espressivo</i>	E. Grieg (1843-1907)

## **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](http://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.

*“Our sincere thanks to Andrew and our NSJ family for the support and comfort shown to our family. Delaney was a precious granddaughter.”*

*Dave and June Colwell*

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.

### **THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES**

<b>Monday, March 27</b>	1:30 pm	Kiwanis Harp Competition
	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club (Pat Shaver’s home)
	7:00 pm	AA
<b>Tuesday, March 28</b>	10:00 am	Activity Day @ NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Amabile Youth Singers
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	9:30 am	Women’s Council
	5:30 pm	Spaghetti Dinner
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
<b>Thursday, March 30</b>	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	5:00 pm	UWO Choir
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon
	3:30 pm	CCNC

### **NSJ BOOK CLUB**

**Monday, March 27 1:30 pm**

The New St. James Book Club will meet at the home of Pat Shaver. We will be discussing *The Stone Angel* by Margaret Laurence. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Pat at 519-434-7973.

**Activity Day at NSJ!** Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for shuffleboard and card players.

**CREATIVE HANDS** meet Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please join us between 1&3 pm in an upstairs classroom.

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



**NewSt.James Church**  
*Buon appetito!*  
**Spaghetti Dinner**  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
5:30-7:00pm

Tickets: \$10 advance/\$12 at door; \$5 children 12 & under

Tickets will be available for purchase for the next 3 Sundays, beginning today, during coffee hour. Proceeds to ongoing NSJ Ministries.

### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, April 2 11:30 am**

Megan Shin is Coming! Yes, Megan will be our guest speaker at our next Fellowship Luncheon on April 2. She is so looking forward to telling us about her work with Knox College and just saying hello to her NSJ family. She will love to see all the children as well. So please join us immediately following church for a delicious free will offering lunch.

### **SENIOR YOUTH BOWLING EVENT**

**Thursday, April 6**

Time, location and cost to be announced shortly.



## **SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE**

**Saturday, April 8 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

Our sale is fast approaching and Women's Council hope that you have your donations ready to bring to the church any time starting today. Please be sure that your donation is clean and useable. We would appreciate clothing, jewellery, purses, shoes, scarves, linens, working small appliances, working lamps, small furnishings, dishes and other household items, toys, books but please no magazines and no VHS tapes. Please do NOT donate old style TVs or any computer monitors. Help is needed on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 starting at 9:00. Drop in any time during the day and join in on the fun! Please volunteer to help sell our merchandise on Saturday. Give Karen Buchwald, 519-641-6742 or Deb Noble-Van Hees, 519-471-6857 your name and be at the church that day between 9 and 9:15. Please be sure to spread the word to family and friends that they should attend the best church sale in the city and tell them that our delicious hot dogs will be available. It's a fun time of laughter and fellowship so be sure to be part of it!

If you would like to help provide supplies for Camp Kintail, they are looking for: glue sticks, glue, markers, paint, scissors, hemp, rec lace, popsicle sticks, crayons. Please leave items on the stage clearly marked "Camp Kintail".

### **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.



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.



## 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:

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

*Iroquois Confederacy Maxim*



### Working towards a brighter future

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood as it works to ensure that each member of the community has the opportunities and skills to help realize their potential. The high school perseverance program matches students with peers or older students. Participants gain skills and confidence that lead to more regular school attendance and higher grades, and mentors gain awareness of individual differences and satisfaction from using their abilities to help others. Noah, a volunteer in the program says, "I think if we want a brighter future and a more intelligent community, then we have to help each other out and do our best to succeed together."

### 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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