

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Janice Mark*

Welcome Team: *Dave & June Colwell, David Colwell, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau,
Jeff Goud, Keith McCreary, Tim Van Hees*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Goud*

Nursery: *Katharine Brandon*

Young Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Susan Vallas*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Cathy Reid*

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *CE*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 a.m., 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 *Maccabeus Trumpet March* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Marcel Sekine, trumpet

* **Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn** *Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)* **243**

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Χριστός ανέστη

C: Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη

Introit *Resurrection Fanfare* J. E. Carlson (©2004)
Alleluia! The Lord has risen! He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia! He broke the bonds of death forever! Alleluia! His tomb now empty, He has arisen! He's alive! Alleluia!

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *On The Third Day* A. Pote (©2009)
Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried. On the third day Christ arose. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His Kingdom will have no end. Christ is risen from the dead as He said. He is alive, alleluia! Christ has conquered death and sin; He died for us, our souls to win. He is alive, alleluia! On the third day, Christ arose!

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our risen and glorious Lord. Amen.

First Lesson I Corinthians 15:19-26 **pg. 176 in N.T.**

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² **Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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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 24:1-12

pg. 90 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. [Job 14:25,26 and Cor. 15:20]

Sermon

"Christ the first fruits"

Rev. Andrew Reid

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

Easter Monday, March 28	office closed	
	9:00 am	Ox-Well Activity Program
	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, March 29	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:00 pm	CE
	7:00 pm	Presbytery Admin Team
Wednesday, March 30	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	4:00 pm	Lectionary Study
	5:30 pm	Conversation Circle
Thursday, March 31	1:30 pm	AI-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AI-Anon
Friday, April 1	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, April 2	9:30 am	Rummage Sale
Sunday, April 3	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Lunch
	2:00 pm	CCNC

Creative Hands

Every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00-3:00 pm in the beautiful parlour upstairs.

New and experienced crafters most welcome!

Bring your knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, crocheting, tatting
or whatever you are working on or just show up and learn something new!

Don't have supplies? Not a problem...we have extras.

Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.

SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 2 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

It's time - our sale is here! You may bring your donations in up until Friday afternoon. Please be sure that they are clean and saleable. If you are able to help, please let Karen Buchwald know, 519-641-6742. Sorters are needed on Thursday, March 31, and Friday, April 1 as well as helpers are needed to sell the merchandise on Saturday. Come and join in this time of fellowship and fun!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday, April 3 11:45 am

Immediately following the worship service, come and enjoy fun, food and fellowship with our very own guest performer Paul McIntosh.

“WITH ONE VOICE”

Sunday, April 10 7:00 pm

Knox Presbyterian Church, 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas presents “With One Voice” – an evening of brass, pipes and favourite hymns. Mass choir from churches across the presbytery. Guest organist: Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, Quebec. An event in celebration of Dr. Wayne Carroll’s 40th year at the Knox organ. Free will offering – all proceeds going to the St. Thomas food bank.

PRESBYTERIANS GOT TALENT!

(A Variety Show Fundraiser)

Saturday, April 16 7:00-8:30 show

Sweets, coffee and tea to follow

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and/or help with the night of the program. Please see Frank or Theresa Walsh or Deb Noble-Van Hees if interested. **Tickets will be available during the coffee hour this Sunday.**

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 devotionals are available, at no charge.
- ❖ A copy of “**Body, Mind and Soul:** Thinking together about human sexuality and sexual orientation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada” is available.
- ❖ CBC **Canada Reads 2016** shortlist book selections are available.

Check out our latest event flyer at church entrances. It contains all you need to know about upcoming events at NSJ. Please share with family, friends and neighbours!

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.



Many thanks to those who contribute used postage stamps to the Canadian Bible Society boxes located at church entrances. 10 lbs of stamps equals approximately 5 Bibles for distribution. Keep saving those stamps!



Healing and building peace

Hummingbird Ministries, located in the lower mainland of British Columbia, is a healing ministry and a ministry of peace-building between First Nations, churches, and Canadians. It offers a children’s arts program, a healing circle, workshops, a gourmet cooking class, and much more. A recent workshop for women on self-image, dreams and compassionate communications provided teaching tools to help participants rise above negative situations. The workshop was led by a college instructor, who, through discussion, became aware of First Nations realities in Canada. As relationships are strengthened, healing is happening and historical, cultural, spiritual and social gaps are closing. Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping Hummingbird reach out with the healing love of God.

Stewardship:

Give to God what’s right, not what’s left.

Anonymous

March 7, 2016

Deep & Sustained Trust in God

"I am sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (Common English Bible)

This is quite a remarkable and confident statement to be made by Paul as he sits in a prison cell. It is so easy to be faithful and filled with joy in the good times, but we can all be guilty of feeling abandoned by God in the setbacks of our lives. Not one of us has gone through life unscathed without heartache and disappointment. The disciples were no different than us when they struggled with Christ's death on the cross. Oh they had claimed great faith and trust in God, until the path Christ took did not match their expectations and hopes. Then most of them took cover in the bushes, denied Christ and fled for safety. Their reaction can so easily be ours. When our present reality does not make sense or is not what we had assumed, do we actually put our complete trust in God's sovereign purposes or do we double down in our attempts to stay the expected course?

Paul writes these words knowing about Christ's resurrection and its implications for all of us. Paul trusted that God was still at work. He couldn't see how this imprisonment would be resolved. He did not know if he would live or die, yet he completely trusted that God was working out another chapter, according to God's timing and purposes, not his. Paul came to understand through Christ's death and resurrection that God's purposes will not be frustrated. God's unfolding plans to the completion of time are according to God's will, not ours.

In this year of serving as Moderator, I have seen plenty of heartache in the lives of individual Presbyterians and churches as well. I have also seen the excitement of brand new churches and newly launched missions. I have experienced plenty of anxiety and fear about the future of our denomination for a variety of reasons. In all these circumstances, we are invited to examine our hearts and determine whether or not we are truly trusting in God.

It is not for us to take things into our own hands since God's plan will ultimately prevail. I cannot grip God. Rather, God has a solid grip on me. My confidence should not ultimately be in my character or accomplishments or strength or intellectual prowess; my confidence is in our sovereign God. The disciples feared the worst only to discover that God had a new chapter for their lives that they could never have anticipated.

This Lent and Easter, let God's resurrection power seep into your soul. Be reminded of how remarkable our God is and trust more deeply every day.



The Rev. Karen Horst
Moderator, 141st General Assembly



MALAWI 2016 - CAN HELP!

If you have a sewing machine, or have access to a sewing machine and can sew a straight stitch, this opportunity is for you. The Mission Trip to Malawi this September will be setting up an eye assessment clinic and will provide eye glasses for those who need them. To date, there are 2000 pairs of eye glasses donated and making the trip. Those eye glasses also need to be protected so we are making **2000 eye glass cases**.

Eye Glass Case Sewing Kits include:

A "**simple**" pattern (that takes **10 minutes** to complete), a sample eye glass case and material that is ready to sew will be available for pick-up starting Sunday, March 6 after church in the New St. James Hall during coffee hour. Each sewer is asked to consider taking one pile of fabric that will make 25 eye glass cases. Then, please consider another kit.

Where can I Pick-Up Kits or Return Finished Eye Glass Cases?

Eye glass sewing kits will be available for pick-up and return in the Church office during the week and Sunday's after church in the NSJ Hall during coffee hour. *There will be a sign-in sheet available at pick-up and drop-off.*

Timelines to Complete:

We would like this project to be completed before the end of June so everyone can enjoy their summer. Therefore, we would like to have 500 eye glass cases completed by the end of each month (March, April, May, and June). **The count is on!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mary Anne Simpson at 519-657-3754.

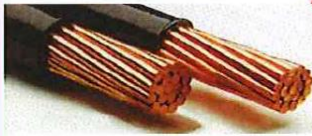
Thank you for your support.

London Ecumenical Refugee Committee News

The London Ecumenical Refugee Committee (LERC) has welcomed its first sponsored family to London and has begun raising funds to sponsor its second family.

LERC thanks New St. James for its strong support of our refugee sponsorship Project. You can support LERC in many ways:

1. A donation. Mark your envelope and/or cheque with the word LERC and your donation to LERC will be counted as part of your support for NSJ.
2. A pledge. Get a pledge form from John Stewart. When your pledge is fulfilled, your donation will be credited in the same manner as a direct donation.
3. Supporting LERC's fundraisers, such as the sale of Rheo Thompson Mint Smoothies. Information will be shared in good time. **For instance, please see the section below about our electronics recycling account with John Zubick's Limited Scrap Metals.**



LERC'S SCRAP METAL RECYCLING ACCOUNT WITH ZUBICK'S

You can bring your scrap metal at any time to John Zubick Limited
105 Clarke Road
AND IDENTIFY THE PROCEEDS SHOULD GO TO "LERC".

Please see the poster on the bulletin board which gives much more information.

In a nutshell, any metal item
EXCEPT FRIDGES, FREEZERS OR SMOKE DETECTORS.
Questions? Contact John Stewart 226-374-7860



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.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
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