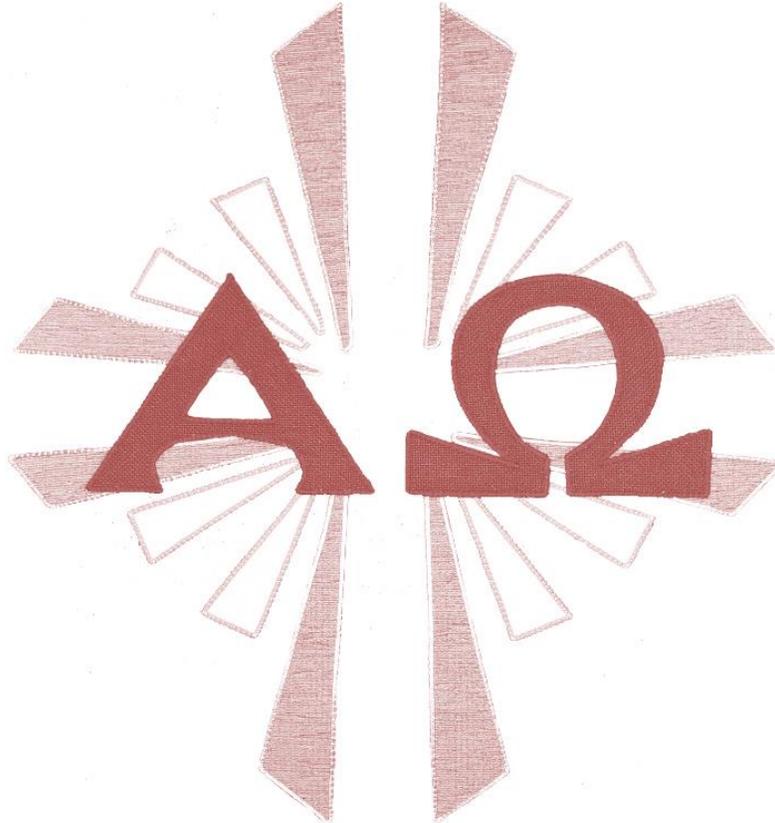


NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday of Hope, November 27, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Marg McGugan*

Welcome Team: *Charlene Beynon, Jacob Golose & Telly Tatuil, Rob McGugan, Doug McKay, Barbara Oshana, Laura Summers Crozier*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Susan Vallas*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald, Ann Morris*

Church School: *Deb Noble-Van Hees, Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Pageant Rehearsal*

Hospitality: *WMS*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School students are starting to prepare for their Christmas pageant. The Nursery is open as usual, and a rocking chair is available in the sanctuary for use during the service.

***Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni, Emmanuel)* A. Rowley (1892-1958)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**
Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Hyfrydol) 110

Welcome

Call to Worship - PWS&D Liturgy see insert

Congregational Introit *Creator of the stars of night (Conditor Alme Siderum)* 111
Come in your holy might, we pray;
Redeem us for eternal day,
when all your judgements will be known
And power of darkness overthrown. Amen.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *Rorate Coeli* J. Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Rorate coeli de super,
et nubes pluant justum;
aperiatur terra
et germinet salvatorem.

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain the just.
Let the earth be opened
and send forth a Saviour. [Isaiah 45:8]

Unison Prayer for Illumination inspired by words from Romans 13
The night is far gone, the day is near. The salvation of our God is close at hand. May we be ready when the Saviour comes. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5 pg. 631 in O.T.

Responsive Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,

‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’
² **Our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³ Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together.
⁴ **To it the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD,
 as was decreed for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
 the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 ‘May they prosper who love you.**
⁷ Peace be within your walls,
 and security within your towers.’
⁸ **For the sake of my relatives and friends
 I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’**
⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your good.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36-44

pg. 27 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Stir Up Your Power L. Cable Shute (©2003)
 Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Again we pray, “Your will be done”. May Advent
 blue to us foretell the coming of Emmanuel. Is heaven’s moment far or near? And when
 will Jesus reappear? The coming dawn is our delight in this, the darkest hour of night.
 We could inside the church remain, like dry ground waiting for the rain. We could decide
 to sit and wait as Jesus we anticipate. But we must keep hands to the plow; God’s time
 is both not yet and now. Our faith informs what we do. May Christ return and find us
 true. [text: R. Edwards (©1999)]

Sermon “Anticipating hope”

Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

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| * | Hymn of Faith | <i>Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)</i> | 122 |
| | Offering and Offertory | <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(Veni, Emmanuel)</i> | P. Manz (1919-2009) |
| | Doxology | | 830 |
| * | Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication | | |

Announcements

We Hear the Word of God

Invitation

* **Communion Hymn** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)* **542**

* **Apostles' Creed** **539**

Institution of the Sacrament

Prayer of Consecration

Lord's Prayer (sung) **831**

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *People, look east (Besançon)* **125**

* **Commission and Response** *Threefold Amen* **780**

* **Benediction**

Postlude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Veni, Emmanuel)* R.J. Powell (©1995)

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, November 28	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club (Pat Shaver's home)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
	7:45 pm	Advent by Candlelight
Tuesday, November 29	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Amabile
Wednesday, November 30	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	3:00 pm	University Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 1	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	3:00 pm	University Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Senior Youth
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 2	7:30 pm	University Choir Concert
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, December 3	2:00 pm	Amabile Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Amabile Concert
Sunday, December 4		Second Sunday of Advent
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

COMMUNION

We gather at our Lord's Table today, in memory of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died and rose from death for our sakes. Please note that the bread that we serve is gluten-free and nut-free, and that you have the choice of red wine or white grape juice. You are invited to partake of the elements as soon as you have been served.

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 bridge, euchre and board game players.

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



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

You are invited to join the women of New St. James at the sixth annual Advent by Candlelight Service on **Monday, November 28.** This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to Women's Community House to support their services. Women's Community House works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.

For further information, please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (519-471-6857)

Sunday, December 4, after worship: Congregational gathering for a preliminary budget discussion.



NSJ 24TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Christmas is fast approaching and as always at this time of year, we look forward to partnering with The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, with our help, over 6600 bags of new toys were donated for children ages 0-12. See the office bulletin board for gift ideas for infants and toddlers, boy and girls ages 4-9, and boys and girls ages 10-12. A non-violent toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and *do not wrap the toy.* Toys will be collected in the church office until Sunday, December 4. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!

Friday, December 9 6:30-8:00 pm



After our carol sing, we will go back to NSJ for hot beverages and yummy treats. Bad weather? Come out for a fun Christmas movie.

Start-up for January:

Activity Day January 10

Indoor Playground January 11

Rooted in Love

Just over one month left to receive the early bird rate for the Presbyterian Women's Gathering from May 19-22, 2017. Don't miss this awesome event! For more information visit: www.womensgathering.ca

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is the time when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We recall those who waited and prepared for the promised Christ child: the prophet Isaiah, Mary, his mother, and John the Baptist. We also think about God's promises that are yet to be revealed under the reign of Christ, in "the age to come" or "the day of the Lord." Advent is oriented in both the past and the future, as we remember the story of the birth of Jesus and prepare for when he will come again. The liturgical colour of the season is purple, the colour of preparation and repentance. The graphic on our linens combines the star of Christmas with the cross of Easter.

A heartfelt "thank you" to my NSJ family for your prayers, flowers, kind words, cards and meal following the passing of my dear Dad on Wednesday, November 16. Your kindness was so appreciated and really touched my heart.

Janet Hisey

PWS&D Supports Relief Efforts in Haiti

In the wake of the devastating Hurricane Matthew, over 1.4 million people in Haiti are urgently awaiting humanitarian aid. Coping with the sudden loss of family members, homes and livelihoods, impacted communities are also facing hunger and disease. PWS&D is responding to the situation by providing assistance in the form of food, emergency non-food items, shelter, clean water and sanitation services through our partners at the ACT Alliance. If you wish to help support relief efforts, you may do so by making a donation to PWS&D through your offering envelope, mailing a cheque to the office, donating online or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark all donations "Hurricane Matthew."

Counters Needed: If you can spare 30 minutes after Service, one Sunday per month, you are invited to join our illustrious group of counters. All you need to know is how to count. Running an adding machine or small spreadsheet is a bonus. Training to be provided. Please see Frank Walsh or email walshfw@gmail.com.

Please note: If you worship at NSJ and require financial assistance during the advent season, please see Rev. Reid.



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.



December 1 is World AIDS Day

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, supports HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. In Malawi, Shadreck was afraid to disclose his diagnosis to his family, so he neglected to take his medication. His health deteriorated quickly. Desperate for guidance, Shadreck joined an HIV support group run by PWS&D partners. He met friends who encouraged him to be open about his condition. Now with the support of his wife, Shadreck is hopeful. "I can take my pills without stigma," he shares. "I have my health back."

Stewardship:

Through these gifts we go where we cannot travel; witness where our voices cannot be heard; speak languages never learned and love those whom we have never seen.

C. William Nicholson (1872-1949), artist

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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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
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