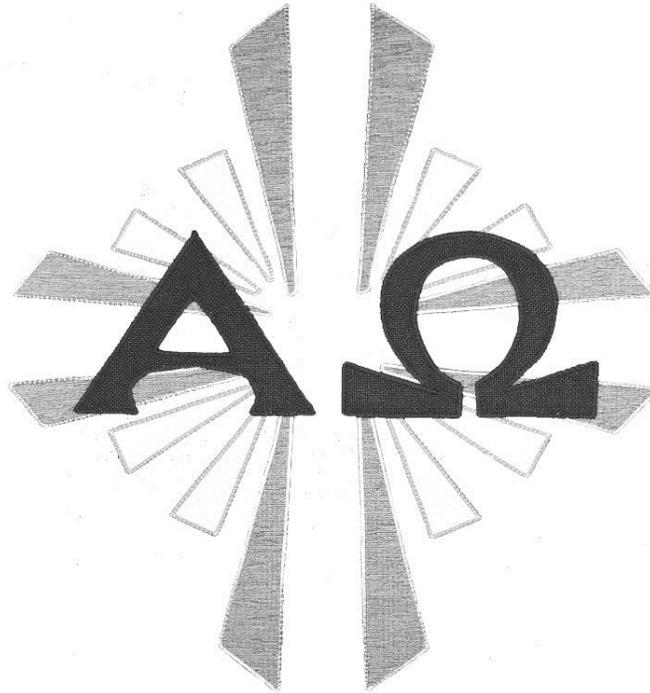


New St. James Church
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, February 28, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Ian Marnoch*

Director of Music: *Charnelle Pennyfeather*

Reader: *Pat Goud*

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

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

Hall Shepherd: *Cathy Rudell*

Nursery: *Cathy Taylor*

Children and Worship for ages 3-5: *Deb Noble-Van Hees*

Church School for ages 6-14: *Lyn Hill, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Mike Ruggi*

Hospitality: *Members at large*

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 *Sinfonia* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*** Entry of the Bible and the Processional Hymn**
Glorious things of thee are spoken (Austria) **483**

Welcome

Call to Worship - see PWS&D insert

Introit *A Rose Touched By The Sun's Warm Rays* J. Berger (©1962)
A rose touched by the sun's warm rays all its petals gently does unfold; so you, when touched by God's great mercy, let joy and gladness win your soul.

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Anthem *There Is A Balm In Gilead* African American Spiritual;
arr. T. Chiles (2000)

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...* If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all!" *There is a balm...*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our ears that we may hear your word of life;
open our eyes that we may see your way of life;
open our hearts that we may know your steadfast love;
and knowing you, that we may serve you.

First Lesson Isaiah 55 **pg. 685 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm 63

¹ A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
 my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.**

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.

⁴ **So I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ **when I think of you on my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

⁷ for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸ **My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me.**

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
¹⁰ **they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
 they shall be prey for jackals.**

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
 all who swear by him shall exult,
 for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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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 13:1-9

pg. 76 in N.T.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

If You Search With All your Heart

C. Courtney (©1997)

Morgan Traynor, mezzo-soprano

When you seek Me, you shall find Me, if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil, plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you home to Me.

Sermon

“The everlasting covenant”

Ian Marnoch

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of the Faith

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts (Maryton)

366

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *Hymnus 'Ave Maris Stella'* Juan Bermudo (1510-1560)

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Together

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Discipleship** *I hunger and I thirst (Quam Dilecta)* **198**

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

* **Benediction**

Postlude *Forest Green* G. F Handel (1686-1759)

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

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| Monday, February 29 | 9:00 am | Ox-Well Activity Program |
| | 1:30 pm | NSJ Book Club |
| | 6:30 pm | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | AA |
| Tuesday, March 1 | 12:00 pm | Glengarry |
| Wednesday, March 2 | 9:30 am | Indoor Playground |
| | 5:30 pm | Conversation Circle |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Service |
| Thursday, March 3 | 1:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| | 6:30 pm | Worship Committee |
| | 7:30 pm | NSJ Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 pm | Al-Anon |
| Friday, March 4 | 7:30 pm | AA |
| Sunday, March 6 | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 2:00 pm | CCNC |

Note from the minister: Cathy and I are out of town until March 3. I leave you in good hands: Joanne and Megan will be available, and Rev. Keith McKee has agreed to provide emergency pastoral care. Call him at St. George's 519-455-5760.

The **Spirituality Centre** is open for Lent in the classroom opposite the upstairs kitchen. The theme this year is *"Body Image and Prayer Text"*.

"Put a sock or two in it!" That phrase is the 2016 theme for the **BACK TO BASICS** Lenten project. Can you 'give up' a coffee/tea each week in Lent and 'take up' the challenge to use that money to purchase socks and underwear for needy men, women and children? Items will be donated to local groups such as Rotholme, Quintin Warner House, the Unity Project Against Homelessness in London and Merrymount. The Mission and Social Action Committee is so confident you can **"put a sock in it"** that collection boxes are at every church entrance during Lent. *"Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."* *Philippians 2:4*

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.

Windsor Trio

Debut Concert at NSJ

Works by

Schubert, Schumann, Spohr, and Vaughan Williams

Sunday, February 28 3:00pm

\$15 Adults; \$10 Students and Seniors

Stacey Clark, *Soprano* Grace Yip, *Piano* Scott A. MacDonald, *Clarinet*

The New St. James Book Club will meet on **Monday, February 29 at 1:30 pm** in the Stewart Library. We will begin by discussing *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson and then go to wherever the conversation leads us. If you have read this book, or think you might like to, feel free to join us.

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.

2016 LENTEN SERVICES AT NEW ST JAMES

"Will you come and follow me?" Biblical leaders of God's people - warts and all

Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30pm, in the McNair Chapel

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 4 2:00 pm

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Join others in prayer at the Sisters of St. Joseph Residence, 485 Windermere Road.

Upcoming Youth/Young Adult Events. Save the date!!

One Day Wonder

Presbytery-wide Junior Youth Event
Saturday, March 5 at Westmount PC

NSJ is, once again, covering the \$15.00 fee for our ODW participants! Many thanks NSJ!
IMPORTANT: Please confirm **TODAY** your attendance with Joanne for this event.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

March 14-18

Planning is already underway for VBC and we are excited about “conquering challenges with God’s mighty power.” Well, why not help in one of the following areas - crafts, snacks, games, music, stories or mission? If you can help, please speak to Deb Noble-Van Hees, Karen Baron or Cathy Reid after church.



SPRING GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE

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

Time to start getting your donations ready for our Spring sale. We will need household goods, clothing (men's, women's and children) including shoes, books (no magazines or encyclopedias), jewellery, bedding, toys and other treasures you may have. Help will be needed during the sale AND two days prior in order to get ready. Mark this date on your calendars and be sure to tell family and friends about this sale! Any questions, contact Karen Rendell.

SAVE THE DATE!!
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 and Theresa Walsh or Deb Noble Van-Hees if you are interested. Thanks!

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

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.

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!

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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.



Building community

Presbyterians Sharing supports Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario as it engages people in the community "where they are at", in neutral spaces. Some of the initiatives launched this past year include a musical Kitchen Party, Theology in the Dark (movies) and Theology by the Glass (pub gatherings), a bicycle event, a community garden, a book club and potluck dinners hosted in people's homes. These events make others aware of the church's presence in the city and have resulted in new members and participants in church programs. By making connections, the community is strengthened. Recently, Two Rivers members joined with neighbours to sponsor a Syrian refugee family! Pray for Two Rivers church as it continues to reach out and make a difference.

Stewardship:

Why do \$10 bills look so small at the grocery store but so big at church?

Anonymous

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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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| Minister | Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com |
| Clerk of Session | Bruce Curtis |
| Minister Emeritus | Rev. Dr. Leslie R. Files |
| Minister in Association | Rev. Joyce Elder |
| Associate for Congregational Life | Joanne MacPherson – jmacpherson@newstjames.com |
| Student Intern | Megan Shin – mshin@newstjames.com |
| Director of Music | Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca |
| Choristers | Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Natalie Gassi, soprano; Brooklyn Elhard, soprano; Morgan Traynor, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; Adrian Armenti, baritone |
| Office Administrator | Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday |
| Custodian | Mark McDonald - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| Address | 280 Oxford St. E., London, Ontario, N6A 1V4 |
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