

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, May 28, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Frank Walsh*

Welcome Team: *Ann McClatchey, Ian & Mary Lou McCrimmon,
Anne Taylor, Rosemary Whittaker, Irwandi Yusuf*

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

Hall Shepherd: *Ann Morris*

Nursery: *Karen Buchwald*

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

Hospitality: *WMS*

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 *Fughetta and Trio in E Minor* J. Rheinberger (1839-1901)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Crown him with many crowns (Diademata)* **274**

Call to Worship in words from Psalm 68

L: Let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

C: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,

L: Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
who gives power and strength to God's people.

ALL: Blessed be God!

Introit *Ascended Is Our God And Lord* M. Franck (1573-1639)

Ascended is our God and Lord, Alleluia! As was foretold in sacred Word, Alleluia! He sits in power at God's right hand, Alleluia! And rules in heaven o'er every land, Alleluia! Therefore, we now rejoice and sing, Alleluia! Christ is our Saviour and our King, Alleluia! All praise and glory be to Thee, Alleluia! O God, the Holy Trinity, Alleluia!

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *The Lightener Of The Stars* R. Farlee (©2001)

Behold the Lightener of the stars on the crests of the clouds, and the choralists of the sky lauding Him. Coming down with acclaim from the Father above, harp and lyre of song sounding to Him. Christ, Thou refuge of my love, why should I not raise Thy fame! Angels and saints melodious singing to Thee. Thou Son of the Mary of graces, of exceeding white purity and beauty, joy were it to me to be in the fields of Thy riches. O Christ, my

beloved, O Christ of the Holy Blood, by day and by night I praise Thee. [Text: from the Celtic *Carmina Gadelica*, trans. A. Carmichael (1832-1912)]

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

pg. 118 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm 68:1-10,32,35

- ¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
- ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD—
be exultant before him.**
- ⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶ **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
- ¹⁰ **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**
- ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,
- ³⁵ **Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

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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

John 17:1-11

pg. 111 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Anthem Of Fellowship* J. Althouse (©2007)
 To God above our voices raise; to Thee alone give thanks and praise. Where'er we seek Thee, Thou art found. Let anthems now resound. Here in our waiting hearts proclaim the blessings of Thy holy name. We pray that our redeeming Lord may ever be adored. We share Thy love and compassion. We sing with one accord. In fellowship we stand as one to praise the heavenly Lord. All praise to God, Who reigns above, Who joins us with His grace and Love. And in His service may we be throughout eternity. In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. To God above our voices raise; to Thee alone give thanks and praise. Where'er we seek Thee, Thou art found. Let anthems now resound. Here in our waiting hearts proclaim the blessings of Thy holy name. We pray that our redeeming Lord may ever be adored.

Sermon **“Giving and giving”** Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of the Faith** *Your kingdom come, O God (St. Cecelia)* **269**

Prayers of Concern

Offering and Offertory *Hymnus, “Eterne Rex Altissime”* J. Redford (1486-1547)

* **Doxology** **830**

* **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Announcements

Our Church Family Together in the Sacrament of Baptism

Leanora Despina Carolina Gassi, daughter of Conlan and Natalie

* **Baptismal Hymn** *Jesus, our mighty Lord (Monks Gate)* **273**

* **Apostles’ Creed** **539**

Presentation

Preamble

Vows of Parents

Do you believe in God, our Creator and our Father, in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and our Strength? I DO.

Do you promise to raise your child in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in your home and within the fellowship of the Christian Church? I DO.

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, May 29	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club (Pat Shaver's home)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, May 30	10:00 am	Activity Day @ NSJ
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	3:30 pm	CE
	5:00 pm	Amabile Youth Singers
Wednesday, May 31	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
Thursday, June 1	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:00 pm	Senior Youth
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, June 2	5:00 pm	Amabile Dress Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, June 3	6:00 pm	Amabile Spring Concert
Sunday, June 4	10:30 am	Pentecost Communion Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

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

The New St. James Book Club book selection for May is *Run* by Ann Patchett. A thought provoking Novel about family, politics and religion set the 1980's in Boston. We have obtained a **"Book Club in a Bag"** from the London Public Library containing 12 copies of *Run* including an audiobook. Non-Book Club members are welcome to borrow and read a copy of our May Book Club selection by speaking to either Heather McDonald or Janet Hisey. Return dates are: at NSJ before Sunday, May 28, or at our Book Club meeting on the last Monday of the month – May 29 at 1:30 pm.

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.**

NSJ Pot Luck Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 11** at Gibbons Park beginning at 11:30 am. Each family needs to bring food to share; lawn chairs; and drinks for your family and the CE committee will provide plates, utensils, napkins and serving spoons. We will need to carpool because there are limited parking spaces. We are also looking for someone to organize and run 4-5 games (such as the spelling game, bubble making, shoe toss or your favourite picnic game). A sign-up sheet will be available after church. *Rain location will be at New St. James—same day and time.*

Church School Summer program will begin Sunday, June 18 and run until Sunday, September 3. We require one teacher and one helper each Sunday. A package containing the lesson and craft will be prepared for each week and our theme is “Stories of Jesus” from the Faith Alive curriculum. If you can help one Sunday, please sign up after church in the NSJ Hall.

Help PWS&D respond to hunger in Southeast Africa. **Please make your cheque out to New St James Presbyterian Church and in your memo line indicate “South Sudan”.** Together, we can make a difference.

Reminder to all members of the congregation to keep saving pop can tabs: We sent in a whopping 55 lbs just before Christmas and since then have sent another 14 lbs and have 8 more lbs ready to send. Thank you to everyone who saves these tabs. They really are a wonderful help for folks who need special wheelchairs and strollers. Ask your friends and relatives to save them also. Please place them in the closet in the Nursery on the bottom shelf. Many thanks!!



CAMP KINTAIL GRADES 5 – 8

JUNE 2 – 4

WWW.CAMPKINTAIL.CA

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev.

James

"Labrador"

Clark

Church School Summer Program

Do you have an old shoe box? We need 12 for one of our crafts this summer. Please let Cathy Reid know if you can provide one. Thank you.

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.

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.



Stewardship:

We keep what we give away.

*Tim Hiller, (1986 -), former
American football quarterback, author*



Health and Hope in Afghanistan

Razia always wanted to be a mother. But the young woman had struggled for years to conceive and feared something was wrong. In the remote village in Afghanistan where she lives, the closest health centre was a distance away; therefore medical check-ups and tests seemed a nuisance and the cost to travel an unnecessary expense. With the establishment of a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported health centre in a nearby village, Razia was able to meet with medical professionals who addressed her health concerns and helped her receive proper treatment so she could get pregnant. Today, with improved access to necessary health services, Razia's well-being has improved and her hope is restored.



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 in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

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