

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, January 29, 2017 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Mike Ruggi*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Theresa Walsh*

Welcome Team: *Donna Aziz, Bob & Carol Fisher, Jean Hadley,
Hartono & Janti, Janet Hines, Chri Moo*

Counters: *Volunteers*

Hall Shepherd: *Marg McGugan*

Nursery: *Susan, Avery & Brecken Vallas*

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

Hospitality: *Fellowship Luncheon*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

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 *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (Houston)* W. Wold (©1998)

* **Entry of the Bible**

* **Processional Hymn** *Come, children, join to sing (Madrid)* **377**

Call to Worship (Based on Micah 6:1-8)

L: Be still before God and wait patiently, for he will come to meet us.

C: **What shall we bring before our God,
as an expression of our worship and praise?**

L: God has told us what is good, and what He expects of us;
to do justice, to love others, and to walk humbly before Him.

C: **Our souls wait for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
Our hearts rejoice in him because we trust in his holy name.**

Introit *Praise The Lord, O My Soul* J. Clarke (1659-1707)
Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His Holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thy sin and healeth all thine infirmities. [Ps 103:1-3]

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *This We Pray* J. Althouse (©2002)
When at dawn the glow of morning light brings a new and wondrous day, then we see Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You Lord, this we pray. When at night a songbird sings a tune from a hill so far away, then we hear Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You Lord, this we pray. Lord, show us now Your strength and understanding, Your power and Your compassion and Your might. And may Your love impart a kindness in our heart, that we may always do what's true and right. When the wind is whistling through the trees and the sky is dark and gray, then we feel Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You Lord, this we pray.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious and loving God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; in understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

pg. 866 in N.T.

Responsive Psalm 15

- ¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- ² **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**
- ³ who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
- ⁴ **in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
- ⁵ who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

pg. 4 in N.T.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Blessed Are They

T. Chiles (©2014)

Blessed are they, happy are they, blessed are they of God. Happy are those who are poor, for they shall be blessed of God. He gently will lead them, He gladly will feed them – their home is the heart of God. And blessed are those with sorrow and woe; His comfort and joy will o’erflow. The meek and the lowly, blessed and holy – great is their gift from God. Happy are those who desire the righteousness born of God. He gently will lead them; their rest is the peace of God. And blessed are those who mercy show; His grace and compassion will know. The humble like children see now this heaven held in the hand of God. Happy are those who love peace for they are the children of God. His light will shine through them; His truth will be in them – their life is the light of God. The world will hate them; hates Him before them; their part is the love of God. Blessed are those who are poor. Happy are those who mourn. Blessed are those who are meek. Happy are those whose hearts yearn. Blessed are those who show grace. Happy are those who are pure. Blessed are those who seek peace. Happy are those who know God.

We Respond in Faith and Service

*	Hymn of the Faith	<i>Blest are they</i>	624
	Prayers of Concern		
	Offering and Offertory	<i>Nun Bitten Wir (This We Pray)</i>	D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Our Church Family Together		
	The Lord's Prayer		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>Give me oil in my lamp</i>	655
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	J. Clarke (1659-1707)

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, January 30	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club (Pat Shaver's home)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, January 31	10:00 am	Activity Day@NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	5:00 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
Wednesday, February 1	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	11:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee
Thursday, February 2	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:00 pm	Senior Youth
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 3	5:30 pm	Junior Amabile Singers
	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, February 4	9:30 am	Junior Amabile Singers
Sunday, February 5	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Join us for a luncheon in New St. James Hall immediately following the worship service today. Special music by The Emmanuel Singers.

Please pick up your **2016 Income Tax receipt** in the narthex.

A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER

I am using up the last of my 2016 vacation from January 18-31. Marg McGugan and Mike Ruggi will lead the services when I am gone, and Rev. Keith McKee (519-455-5760) is available in pastoral emergencies.

The Creative Hands group meets Tuesday afternoons to make feminine hygiene kits to go to Malawi. If you can pin, rip, cut, iron, fold, sew or serge, please consider joining us between 1:00 and 3:00 pm in an upstairs classroom. **We are still in need of an ironing board and a serger.**

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

New St. James Book Club will meet on **January 30** at the home of Pat Shaver at 1:30 pm. The January book selection is *Post Captain* by Patrick O'Brian – a novel set on the high seas during the Napoleonic Wars. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pat.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 12 6:30-7:30 pm

All youth are invited for worship at Chalmers Presbyterian Church (342 Pond Mills Road). Light refreshments to follow. ALL welcome!

PRESBYTERY SENIOR YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

Thursday, February 16



Snow tubing for young people ages 14-25 at River Valley Golf Course and Winter Tube Slide in St. Marys. Cost: \$16 plus tax for a two hour run. Please meet at 5:45 pm at NSJ if you would like to carpool. Please let Joanne know ASAP if you need a ride.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT @ NSJ!

Friday, February 24 6:30-8:30 pm

Featuring “The Muppet Movie”. There will be a free will offering and snacks are available for purchase.



ONE DAY WONDER

Saturday, March 4 10 am - 7 pm

A Presbytery-wide event for students in Grades 5-8 at Knox PC, St. Thomas. Transportation from Westmount PC leaves at 9:15 am and returns at 8 pm. Please confirm attendance with Joanne by February 15. Cost: \$15 and a donation to the food bank.

The rocking chair in the sanctuary is available for any person - big or small - who needs a cozy seat during worship. Just ask for assistance.



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.



Together, Farming for the Future

One way our church is empowering vulnerable families to overcome hunger and improve nutrition is by supporting the Malawi Farmer-to-Farmer Agroecology project through Presbyterian World Service & Development. The project—with funding from the Government of Canada and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank—has helped 6,000 farm families in Malawi transform their withered plots of land and improve their livelihoods and lives for the long-term. Learning from one another, farmers practice and apply sustainable methods that help protect crops from a changing environment. Annie Nguluve was amazed by the results of the program. Since learning about the advantages of intercropping, her small plot of land has sprung to life. “I’ve seen that I get more yields by adding other crops. It has increased my food production.”

Stewardship:

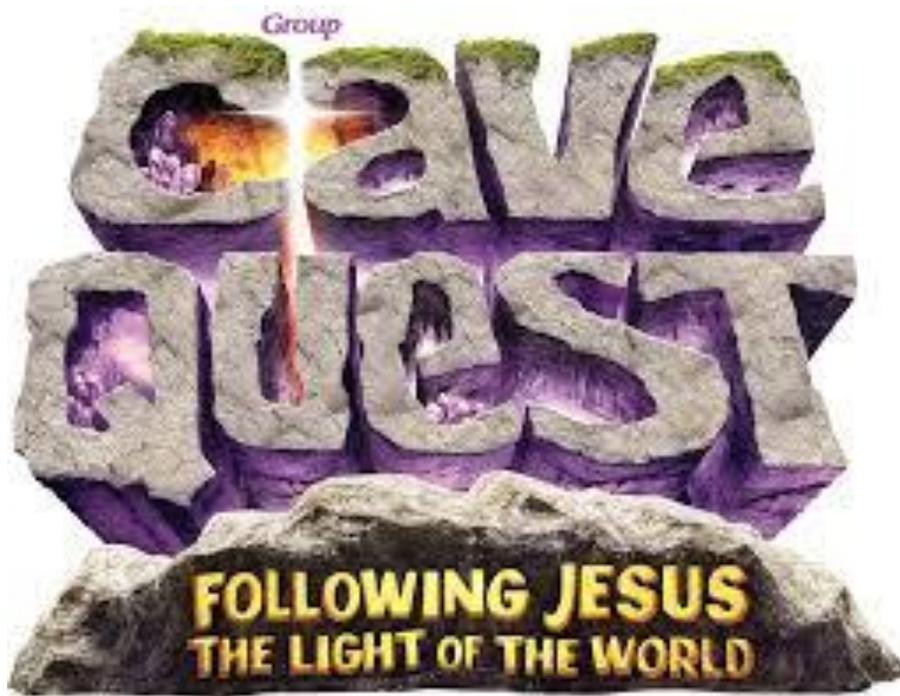
The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

*Thomas Morell (1703 – 1784),
English librettist, classical scholar, and printer*

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at

New St. James Presbyterian Church



March Break - March 13-17, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Early drop off available at 8:30 a.m.)

JK - Grade 6

Cost: \$5.00

**Registration forms available in the church office or
at www.newstjames.com**

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
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
Director of Music	Torin W. Chiles - tchiles@uwo.ca
Choristers	Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano; Jocelyn Francescut, soprano; Laura Neilsen, soprano; Shannon Wijnker, mezzo-soprano; Conlan Gassi, tenor; David Stainton, baritone
Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
Custodian	Mark McDonald - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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