

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, April 29, 2018



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *The Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Director of Music: *Torin Chiles*

Reader: *Scott Goud*

Welcome Team: *Frank Walsh, Marybeth & Dave Goodreau, Lyn Hill, Paul Loftus,*

Mary Anne & Jim Simpson

Counters: *Volunteers*

Hall Shepherd: *Jim Hunter*

Nursery: *Leslie Banks, Carol Fisher*

Church School: *Andrea & Tom DeKay, John Stewart*

Hospitality: *Members at Large*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

Words of assurance *(Minister)*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Christ we are forgiven and the slate is wiped clean. Thanks be to God!

We Hear the Word of God

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, take us out of our everyday existence into Your Great Presence as we read these old stories of transformation. Heal us we pray and inspire us as we listen to Your Sacred library. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-6

Pg. 50 in O.T.

Responsive reading Psalm 62:5-12

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

C: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

C: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

L: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

C: And steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

* **Gloria Patri**

Epistle

Acts 3: 1-10

Pg. 120 in N.T.

Gospel lesson Matthew 13: 44-46

Pg. 15 in N.T.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Notice Regarding Associate for Congregational Life Position

It is with regret that Session must inform you that the Associate for Congregational Life position will end **next March, 2019**.

As a Congregation, we were very blessed to receive a bequest from the McAlpine Estate. The McAlpine Trust allowed us to fully support the part-time Pastoral Visitor position in 2014 and since 2015, the Associate for Congregational Life position. We were most fortunate that Joanne MacPherson brought her skills and expertise to both of these positions.

We are facing the financial reality that the McAlpine Trust will be depleted by March 2019 and New St James can no longer sustain the Associate for Congregational Life position. Therefore, at the direction of Session, the Clerk of Session and representatives from the Human Resources Committee met with Joanne to inform her that her last day of employment will be March 22, 2019.

Joanne is a valued member of NSJ's staff. She has made many contributions to the life and work of our Congregation, including her creative and innovative outreach programming and her strong commitment to minister to those who are not able to join us for Sunday worship. It will be important for us as a Congregation, along with the Session and the Human Resources Committee to assist Joanne during this transition year. We look forward to working with Joanne to explore how we might as a Congregation sustain the many initiatives she has launched.

Please be assured that in the coming months, there will be an opportunity to celebrate Joanne's many accomplishments and what she has brought to NSJ.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Curtis, Clerk of Session or Charlene Beynon, Convenor, Human Resources Committee.

A shining light

Inspired by the words in Matthew's gospel, Lighthouse Arabic Ministry is a shining light in the city of Winnipeg, inviting all to see how great and wonderful God is. The congregation is known for providing newly arrived Arabic speaking immigrants with a spiritual home and support through Christian community. This ministry, supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, is one of the PCC's most recent new church developments and has seen consistent growth since its founding. The ministry is broad, and reaches many. It is exciting to see people's lives change as they follow Jesus. For people struggling to adapt to Canadian society, it is truly a lighthouse offering direction and pointing to God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing is growing congregations

Movie Night at NSJ!

Junior High Youth (Grades 5-8) on Friday, May 4, 6:00-9:30pm. Feature film: E.T. (*Please note extended time and date. No Junior Youth on Wednesday, May 9th.* Please bring a toonie for dinner. Friends most welcome!

Monday night Bible study will continue with the study of The Lord's Prayer. This coming **Monday's session will be "Showing Some Respect" based on Isaiah 6:1-8.** With the purpose of focusing our prayers and lives on honoring God . Please contact Mike Ruggi for details.

New in the Stewart Library: Grateful—The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks (2018) by Diana Butler

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, April 30	1:30 pm	NSJ Book Club
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Boys Basketball
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, May 1	10:00 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Amabile
	7:00 pm	Special Meeting of Session
Wednesday, May 2	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
	10:00 am	Women's Council
Thursday, May 3	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 4	6:00 pm	Junior Youth Movie Night
	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, May 6	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Stewardship: It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)

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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.