

New St. James Presbyterian Church

**A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10:30am**



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Jeanine Taylor*

Welcome Team: *Liz & Bruce Emmerton, Lyn Hill, Donna & Brian Hunter, Mary Leitch*

Counters: *Volunteers*

Hall Shepherd: *Rob McGugan*

Nursery: *Carol Fisher*

Hospitality: *Session*

Stewart Library: *Open Every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: The service today includes the Church School children. Our church family will remain together in the sanctuary for the whole service. The nursery is open as usual.

*** Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Old One Hundredth (Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir)* J.G Walther (1684-1748)

* **Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible** *(please stand if able)*

* **Processional Hymn # 65** *All people that on earth do dwell (Old 100th)*

* **Welcome**

Call to Worship

L: "The lord said to Moses: This month shall mark the beginning of months; It shall be the first month of the year for you."

C: "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a Festival unto the Lord."

Throughout our generations we shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Thanks be to God for the New year. Thanks be to God for God's guidance in the past year. Thanks be to God for God's guidance and protection for our lives in 2019.

Prayer of Approach

Thank You that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things. They have reminded us how much we need You, how much we need to rely on Your Presence filling us every day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that You will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. We ask that You will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that You would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue your rule in this world of compassionate love first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts. May Your dreams for us and our dreams for You flow together with a sense of rightness. Amen

Unison Words of Confession and Assurance

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places. Woe to us when we gather into barns for soon this life will be over. Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger, for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth. Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity, for we fail to recognize what is missing. Blessed are we who know sorrow, for the ache of love lost, is witness to the seed planted. Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief, for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow. Blessed are we who know scorn, for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond. Woe to us who depend on the approval of others, for to dance with Spirit appears foolish. Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit, For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo: *The Gate Of The Year* M.H. Barnes (©1967)
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to Thee better than light and safer than a known way. [text: M. Louise Haskins (1875-1957)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, At Christmas You opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge for 2019 in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 **Pg. 186 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 81: 1-5

L: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

C: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

L: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

C: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

L: He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.

* **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.

Epistle Galatians 6: 7-9 **Pg. 191 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 7: 15-20 **Pg. 7 in N.T.**

Leader: This is the gospel of our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Solo *Consecration* G.F. Handel (1685-1756) arr. C. Fredrickson (©1964)
Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments, take my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful, Lord, for Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my love; O Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. I am Thine and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon: “Choose Life and Love in 2019!” Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 330** *O God Our Help* (St. Anne)

Prayers for the World

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory *Praise God, You Christians All Together*
(Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, Allzugleich) J.G. Walther (1684-1748)



Tim Hortons vs. Starbucks

Money collected is separately tracked to see which does better over the year. **Our target is \$10,000. As of Dec. 23, Tim Hortons has \$5,112.05 and Starbucks has \$2,808.68.** All monies are to reduce the sustaining mission deficit at NSJ. (i.e. the operating budget deficit.) **Grand Total \$7,920.73**

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story

Prayers for New St. James

* **Hymn 324** *Great is thy faithfulness (Faithfulness)*

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Sung Amen # 264**

Sing Amen, Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude *Epilogue on the "Old One Hundredth"* E. Thiman (1900-1975)



IMPORTANT DATES

The programming for the year 2018 has ended. Please take note of the **start up dates in the New Year:**

- Jan. 7 Monday Night Bible Study
- Jan 8 Tuesday Activity Day
- Jan 9 Indoor Playground
- Jan 14 Boys Basketball (*to be confirmed*)
- Jan. 16 Youth Night

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, December 31	New Years Eve
Tuesday, January 1	NEW YEARS DAY - Office closed
Thursday, January 3	12:00 pm Glengarry 1:30 pm AI-Anon 7:30 pm NSJ Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm AI-Anon
Friday, January 4	7:30 pm AA
Saturday, January 5	9:00 am Private Function
Sunday, January 6	10:30 am Worship Service 3:30 pm CCNC

STEWARDSHIP: If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.
Mother Teresa (1910-1997), nun, missionary, Saint

THE STEWART LIBRARY

Copies of the December/January/February Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.



Where there's a wheel, there's a way

In a region of Saint-Marc in Haiti, three vehicles holding four nurses, a community health worker, medication and 200 kg of Nourimanba—a high calorie food that saves lives—arrive at a primary school, transforming it into a health post for the treatment of severe malnutrition. Supporting local partners through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is bringing care to children whose families can't afford medical expenses or the cost of travel to medical facilities. In a region where malnutrition is a leading cause of child mortality, this support is vital. "Since they started mobile clinics, the number of hospitalizations for children with severe malnutrition has decreased dramatically," says Dr. Martine André, head of pediatrics at Saint-Nicholas Hospital in Saint-Marc.

PWS&D brings care to remote communities

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 in prisons. Keep saving those stamps!

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New St. James Presbyterian Church

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