

New St. James Presbyterian Church

A Mission Church
March 31, 2019 at 10:30am
Fourth Sunday in Lent
We Gather to Worship God



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Dr. David Thompson*

Music Leader: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Rob McGugan*

Welcome Team: *Tim Van Hees, Ellen Faubert, Paula Sinjal, Jolanda Kalonta, Keith McCreary*

Counters: *Volunteers*

Hall Shepherd: *Pat Goud*

Nursery: *Cathy Taylor*

Sunday School: *Deborah Noble-Van Hees, Monica Sass,*

Hospitality: *WMS*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, when the children 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**

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Prelude *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service (Beach Spring)* W. Wold (©2000)

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

* **Processional Hymn # 462** *All my hope on God is founded (Michael)*

* **Welcome to New St. James** (*Please turn and greet one another*)

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.

C: We will be glad in the Lord and rejoice and shout for joy with the upright in heart.

Introit *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart (Leoni)* trad. Hebrew melody; arr. M. Parks (©2014)
Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King.

Unison Prayer of Approach

O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in this space today. For you are the one who makes all things new. You are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul. In this holy space, help us, your daughters and sons, to know that you always love us. Through our worship today, help us to know that if we stray away from you, You are always ready to receive us with open arms. Prepare our hearts as we worship you to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us. With gladness and expectation we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

How are we right with God? By faith in Jesus Christ and in the goodness of God, as Creator of us all. Even though our consciences accuse us of having grievously sinned, nevertheless, without our deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to us holiness. As if we had never sinned, as if we had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was in history. All we need do, is confess our sins and failures to God, and then accept this gift of forgiveness from God, with believing hearts.

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian* Trad, Spiritual; arr. L. Larson (©2011)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, bless this reading from the sacred library we know as the Bible. Speak to us this day for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.

First Lesson I Kings 17: 8-16 **Pg. 324 in O.T.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 32: 1-7

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

L: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

* **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 James 2: 1-9 **Pg. 229 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 19: 16-26 **Pg. 21 in N.T.**

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing* from *Wyeth's Repository* (1813);
arr. E. Nelson (©2018)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer*; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. [text: R. Robertson (1735-1790)]

*a temporary altar in the wilderness

Sermon "How do we make miracles happen?" Rev. Dr. David Thompson

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn of Faith # 717** *We cannot own the sunlit sky* (Endless Song)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory *My Song Is Love Unknown* K. Osterland (©2000)

Hortons vs Starbucks Update: Total raised as of March 24th \$553.05

* **Doxology**

* **Dedication of Offering**

Our Church Family Together

Announcements

Story "Easter in old Russia"

Prayers for New St. James

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.

* **Hymn # 371** *Love divine, all loves excelling* (Hyfrydol)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* (Olivet) K. Osterland (©2000)



HOT OFF THE PRESS! - NSJ NEWSLETTER

Pick up the newest copy of the New St. James Newsletter. They are available at the doors of the Sanctuary.

GARAGE AND RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 9:30a.m.-12:00 noon

The SALE is here--5 more days to bring your donations to the church. Sorting will take place on Thursday and Friday starting at 9:00a.m. If you have an hour or so to spare, please drop in and join in on the fun! A "few good men" would be valuable on Thursday morning to help with some of the heavier things. If you have not already volunteered to work on Saturday, please let Karen Buchwald or Deb Noble-Van Hees know that you will be there. On Saturday please arrive around 9:00a.m. to get set up in your area. Please continue to spread the word about the sale encouraging all your friends and family to attend. Women's Council wants you to know that they very much appreciate all your help with donations and time! Any questions or help with getting donations to the church, please contact Karen Buchwald.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

Please join us for a free will offering lunch immediately following church on Sunday, April 14. Our guest speaker is Dr. Gabor Sass. His topic is "Back to the Garden". How to create your own Garden of Eden in the city. This is sure to be an amazing presentation. All ages welcome.

THE MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE is looking for two or three new members. The Committee meets three or four times a year to allocate the \$10,000 given to it by the Trustees. Meetings usually take place in the morning of the second Friday of the month. If you are interested in learning more about this Committee, please contact Lyn Hill at lyn.hill@sympatico.ca or at 519-472-8353.

“BACK TO BASICS”

We’re off to a great start with this Lenten project -- 100+ articles of clothing have already been donated! Some have been delivered to Quintin Warner House, others to “My Sister’s Place”, and the kids’ clothing to “Merrymount”. If you can’t get out to shop and want to participate in this project, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a special offering envelope.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, April 1	7:00 pm	AA
	11:00 am	Kiwanis Music Festival
Tuesday, April 2	10:00 am	Activity Day
	10:30 am	Lectionary Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Jr. Amabile
Wednesday, April 3	9:30 am	Childreach (Indoor Playground)
	12:00 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	Thames Clarinet
Thursday, April 4	12:00 pm	Glengarry
	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
Friday, April 5	7:30 pm	AA
Saturday, April 6	9:30am	Garage and Rummage Sale
Sunday, April 7	10:30 am	Worship Service
	3:30 pm	CCNC

STEWARDSHIP: Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1739-1842), writer, statesman

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.



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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.

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