

St. Andrew's News

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Welcome to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.



WEEK OF JULY 22 — JULY 28, 2018

Nothing Scheduled

GIVEN THE CHANCE!



Don't miss the **July 29th** Service with Rev. Joyce and guest musicians from the band Given the Chance.

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!



We are excited to announce that we have hired a new **Choir Director, Jamie Gerow !!** Expect to see Jamie in his new position this September. We are excited to have him as part of the St. Andrew's Church Team!

PRAYER INVITATIONS



As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers: **Olivia, Julia, Ryan, Dawn and Kelly Walsh; Ashley, Paulette & Larry Waugh; Mary West; Geraldine White; Shirley White; Mary Willianed; Kevin, Ken, Catherine & Dennis Winko; Ruth Wright; Betty Wyer; Darlene Yahn; Erin, Janna, Jill Zachary; Gwen Zayots; Maggie, Susan & Lorne Zerabny; Cheryl & Jordi Adams; Joanne Adams; Jan & Lance Alexander;**

SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to all the Volunteers who helped out around the Office. Everyone appreciates your time and dedication.



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Thank you to Larry Hebert, Kerry McLaughlin, and Charlie Wilson, for taking the pulpit while Joyce was on vacation for the last couple of services.



REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our **website** and keep up to date with news, events, and programs offered. Curious to what's happening? Check out Upcoming Events and the online Calendar! Visit us today at <https://standrewspres-tbay.ca>



ABOUT THE WINDOWS OF ST. ANDREW'S



Stained glass windows enhance the beauty of the church, depicting The Good Shepherd, the Dove with the Olive Branch, a Wheat Sheaf, the Burning Bush and St. Andrew's Cross. These windows are effectively atmospheric for the interior of the church as well, which is constructed entirely of hardwood.

Two prominent Canadian stained glass artists, Russell Goodman and Yvonne Williams created these windows. Russell Goodman, a native of Fort William, designed and installed the majority of them.

Yvonne Williams, with the assistance of Gustav Weisman, created the Holy Family window which is in the north wall of the gallery.

PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



Pancakes and a Play. Last winter, the caring Sunday School class at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Toronto, ON, hosted a pancake lunch in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development. After reading a short play to illustrate PWS&D's mission and vision, the children invited guests to feast on pancakes and syrup, yogurt and fruit as they passed around a donation basket. "St. John's Sunday School pancake lunch raised over \$900 for PWS&D," shares Laurie McGugan, the event organizer. "We were happy that we got so many people out!" Whether saving pennies, launching a campaign or holding a fundraising lunch, generous support from Presbyterians across Canada sustains programs that are building a more sustainable, compassionate and just world. *Faithful to our calling, we respond together.*

From Rev. Joyce,



This is the fourth article in a newsletter series on prayer. If you want to read previous articles they can be found on the church's website under News & Events.

The Focus of Prayer:

To begin to pray: Become conscious of the fact that God is with you, welcoming you and wanting to spend time with you. Remember God is compassionate and accepting of you – being with God is safe. Ask yourself where God is in relation to you at this moment. Is God beside you? Is God touching you in any way? Perhaps God is holding you, or enfolding you like a blanket. Take a moment to greet God, and to deliberately place yourself in God's presence in a special way. Ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to speak to you in your inward being, and ask that you might be able to hear and respond.

This is the time to express thanks and bring the events in your day before God. You may have a concern for another person or a world situation. There may be a struggle in your life that you just have to talk to someone about – what better person to listen than God.

Listen carefully: are you hearing something? What is your response? It may be that God is speaking to you, telling you how loved you are or giving you guidance in a matter. Are you receptive or blocking God out? Are you imagining the possibilities or arguing with God? May of us argue with God or reject God's love for us without considering that we are arguing with God, the master and creator of the entire universe. © The Elders' Institute, 2004



DOORS OPEN THUNDER BAY!



Visit St. Andrew's as part of the Doors Open Thunder Bay held on **September 8th**, under the supporting partnership of Doors Open Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust. Offering residents and visitors the opportunity to step through the doors of some of our city's most unique structures and heritage sites. This event is a way to experience firsthand Thunder Bay's remarkable architecture, not only from the outside but from the inside as well – all free of charge! Come explore Thunder Bay's history, culture and community initiatives through our built heritage this September.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Worship at St. Andrew's is intergenerational. Of course, among those generations, there are children. On any given Sunday, there can be sounds of laughter, crying, and fidgeting from children in worship at St. Andrew's and for these children (and their parents!), we give thanks! Whether you bring children with you to worship, or you find yourself sitting near children, we hope you will give this a read.

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

- ◆ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ◆ It can be helpful to sit towards the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- ◆ Sing hymns, pray & respond with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!
- ◆ There is a children's time with the minister during each service. After this time there are activities & books available for the children on the mat along the south wall. Please sit close to the children to aid in their activities & to be handy should your child need you.
- ◆ Teach children the Lord's Prayer; being able to join in with the prayers helps children feel they are contributing too.
- ◆ Attend worship often. Children like & need routines where they can participate.

To those sitting near parents & children: A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and, here at St. Andrew's, we do too!



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Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm