

# 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.



## Special Welcome

Giving thanks for the Baptism of Oranne Daphne Bella Ngue and the Profession of Faith of her father Lionnel Ngue Djon today in worship. Baptism is a gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn, deserve, or purchase baptism. It is first of all a sign that God, in Christ, has done all that is necessary to redeem us. The mystery of faith is that God's act of self-giving is offered to us freely, long before we begin to recognize, want, or understand it.



## SPECIAL THANKS!

Felicity and Josiah Lachance with Jamie Gerow formed their band "*Given the Chance*" with the mission of testifying to their joy of music, life and faith through song. We are so pleased to have them with us for worship today.

## 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.

## WEEK OF JULY 29 — AUG 04, 2018

Nothing Scheduled

## 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: **Andy & Myrna Anderson; Kathleen Anderson; Darlene Angus; Kathryn Appelt; Jay & Meghan Arpin; Nancy Arthur; Ellen Ashton; Alda Asquith; Harry & Audrey Auld; Eleanor Auld; Elmer Auld; Kenneth & Catherine Auld; Mary Ann Auld; Sandra & Dennis Axent; Sharon & Art Balone; Gaston & Corine Barclay; Alana & Philippe Baron; Lee & Elaine Batstone**

## 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!

## 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>



## PWS&D MISSION MOMENT



**Diverse people praising God together.** In Psalm 86, David praises God saying, "All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name." With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the members of Montreal West Presbyterian Church are experiencing this beautiful vision in their own church. God brought a new diversity of people into this once small congregation and the people responded with welcome. The growth of Montreal West over the last several years, and their renewed sense of vitality and joy is a testament to the importance of inter-cultural ministry and the power of the God who created all nations. *Presbyterians Sharing renews faith communities.*

## From Rev. Joyce,



This is the fifth 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.

Opening Ourselves: Augustine said, "My soul was restless until it found its rest in You, my Lord." That longing for God, which is so much a part of our earthly experience, will continue to push, and drive us until it finds the fulfillment it seeks. The unfocused restlessness of prayer is a sign that we are on the journey towards Life. It tells us that our souls are awake. So we live in the hope that we will find our rest in Christ. Augustine also wrote, "I sought God until God found me." This can be our experience as well. We attempt to form a bond with God through prayer. Sometimes it feels like we are doing all the work and it can be exhausting. We must be aware of the temptation to egotism. But when we do find God, we will realize that every step we took was initiated, directed and nurtured by God. It was the Holy One who was seeking us all along. We have really done very little in the process. We are left marveling at having been the recipients of grace once again. As our prayer life develops and our relationship with God deepens, we will find new ways to serve and to pray with others. Through our personal commitment to growth we move deep into the well of our own spirit and from that place we can reach out to touch the depths of another person. Remember that God is free. Try as we may, we do not control God. God is free to act and free to do nothing. When this happens, we should not beat ourselves up or blame God, but continue to remain open and present through our practice of prayer. No matter how long or well we know God, God is still mystery and there is always more for

us to discover. © 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