



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER INVITATION WRITTEN BY JUDY PERSIAN

Dear Lord, we live in strange times but the Spirit of God moves over the world.

Psalm 130: Out of the depths, I cry to you O Lord, Lord hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my plea. Like the psalmist we ask for your grace of calm, courage and trust in Your Presence.

Here we are with our service being much simpler because we're asked to Be At Home, rather than at St Andrews. We are grateful for our church community. May we be consoled and feel supported knowing that we pray for each other gathered under Your protective wing.

Out of the depths..... You flood these depths with Your Divine Presence, gracious God.

Thank you for your Son.

From Joyce



Three weeks ago, it was decided to close the church until the end of March in hopes that we might be able to worship together for Palm Sunday and Easter. Obviously, that was very hopeful thinking, we are now looking at a prolonged period of being away, not only from the church building, but also from our places of work, unable to go out for much more than a walk or run, and physically distanced from those closest to us. And though most of us are at home, we also remember those who are at work day after day making sure the rest of us are cared for and have what we need.

There have not been many times in any church history where the church was closed on Easter Sunday. Having said that, I read a quote and shared it on our Facebook page the other day, written by Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath, it said, "The first Easter didn't happen at a church. It happened outside of an empty tomb, while all the disciples were sequestered in a home, grief-stricken and wondering what was going on. So, we're all going to be keeping things pretty Biblical this Easter." This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. It has been suggested that though we don't have palm branches to wave we can still display a green branch of any kind on doors or in windows in order to bring the church to the world and remember for ourselves the story of Christ's love for us. Take the time to read of the triumphal entry in to Jerusalem from Matthew 21, but don't stop there, Jesus had much to say to the people between that moment and the last supper he would have with his disciples.

I also give thanks for those who are able and continue to support the ministry of St. Andrew's through financial contributions. Those who give by pre-authorized remittance are keeping us sure of our footing, there are others dropping off donations in the mailbox or sending them in. Thank you! The church still has staff working, mostly from home, but still doing what they can. Heating, insurance, and other regular bills still need to be paid, and we are reaching out as we are able. If you like you can donate to St. Andrew's by going to our webpage and using the "Donate Now" button at the bottom of the page to give by credit card. Your support financially is really important, but so are prayers, and connecting with others. So take care, reach out, and know that we are one body in Christ whether we are physically together or otherwise.

MONTH OF APRIL 2020

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be suspending all church programs and closing the office until further notice. If you have any questions or concerns you can still contact the church by email.

ST. ANDREWS HISTORY

The windows of St. Andrew's are one of its outstanding features. Nineteen stained glass windows grace the sanctuary at both the main level and the gallery level

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Sunday Worship - Cancelled