



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



WHAT'S NEW

St. Andrew's has a family time video series with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow. Jamie will be making these every other week or so, and they can be found on our Youtube channel, so please be sure to subscribe.

Here is a link to the latest video.

<https://youtu.be/LhrneQIKhpw>

Services are available online and can be accessed on the church Facebook page, or on the website at

<https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/>

Arrangements can also be made for a print version of the worship service to be provided. Connect with Rev. Joyce for more information



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Nourishing Body, Mind and Spirit

Food is central to fellowship, providing both physical and emotional nourishment. Not surprisingly, some of the ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing share God's love through food. The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise in Hamilton, Ont., provides nourishment with their homemade soup, while giving meaningful employment to people with disabilities and mental health illnesses. Cooking and nutrition workshops at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre in Montreal, Que., help parents of young children open up as they discuss the challenges of parenting. Besides providing lunches at their drop-in centre, Kenora Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ont., hosts a monthly Elder's Breakfast to show respect and care for elderly patrons, many of whom are survivors of Indian Residential Schools. These ministries are sharing the love of Christ through hospitality.



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Glorious God

We come before you in deep gratitude for the morning sunrise and the shadows which give depth to our lives.

We have journeyed with you, Jesus, through Lent, recalling your sacrifice and lessons. We cling to the promise of your saving grace and constant Presence with us.

We all need our faith in you to cope with expected and unexpected change to and in our lives.

May we deepen our belief and cling to the truth of your promise of....

God with Us.

May we remember those we love and those we love less. Jesus loved and provided for all. This Easter may we deepen our understanding of response. Give us a new understanding of Church.

Thank you for your amazing Grace and wondrous and care and giving us the ability to remember. May we have eyes to see, ears to hear, hearts embracing and minds open to our future.

May Father, Son and Spirit embrace each of us and deposit nuggets of gratitude, peace and joy. Amen

Written by: Judy Persian





From Joyce

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Powerful words. We often forget just how shocking, disorienting, and confusing these words were and are to those who hear them. They have become such a ritualistic part of our Easter celebrations that we are desensitized to the distress, fear, terror, hope, joy and amazement this should be having on us. Think of holding all of these emotions in tension with. If you can do that, you will get to feel and understand just a little of what the disciples were experiencing on the day they heard the news that Christ was not to be found in the tomb. The tomb was empty. How long would it be before they began to remember and reflect on every word they heard him say? Things like... "Oh, that's what he meant when he said that the temple would be destroyed and rebuilt in three days, He was talking about his body!" "Remember when Mary poured the oil over Jesus and he said, 'She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.'" (Mark 14:8) "Or when he ate his last meal with us and he took bread, and after blessing it he broke it, and gave it to us saying, 'Take; this is my body' and the cup, 'This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for the many.'" (Mark 14:22-23)

So many emotions, so much impact on the disciples and then through them and the work of the Holy Spirit, the impact on the world, your life and mine. Sometimes we are still distressed and fearful. Having Jesus in your life means going on an adventure of faith, change, and transformation, and none of us is really all that open to being changed. Change is a work of faith in and of itself. To trust God and the power of God to lead, guide, and teach us is scary; to say otherwise is to not really have experienced letting God take the lead. Still, it is not just the powerful emotions of fear and trembling we know when we allow God access to our whole selves, but of blessing, grace, hope, joy, and love like we could never have imagined. This is God at work in our lives, this is the power of Jesus to transform and the Holy Spirit to guide. It is amazing, it is Easter everyday, and it is resurrection power at its height and depth. It is God's love for you! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

Website: You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

Preauthorized Remittance: This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net to have a form sent to you.

Mail: You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

St. Andrew's remains closed until further notice, due to government regulations.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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