

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## **God is our refuge and our strength Psalm 46**

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. And a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service. Activity Bags, Children's Bibles (in comic book format), and Teen New Testaments (in magazine format), are available just inside St. Andrew's Hall for any young people who prefer to remain in worship.

Director of Music: John Hall  
Minister: Andrew Johnston

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** Ein Feste Burg- Martin Luther arr. by Diane Bish  
**Procession of Holy Scriptures**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** When morning gilds the skies #438

**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** #831

**Introit** The Divine Guest

Music: William France (1912-1985)

Text: John Byrom (1692-1763)

Soloist: Julia MacKinnon

*My Spirit longs for thee Within my troubled breast  
Though I unworthy be Of so divine a guest. Of so  
divine a guest Unworthy though I be, Yet has my  
heart no rest, Unless it come from thee.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn** Be still and know that I am God #64

**Time for Children**

**Scripture Readings** Kirsten and Gordon Stewart

Hebrews 11:10, 12:18-24, 13:14

Revelation 21: 10-12, 14, 22:1-5

**Anthem** O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Soloist: Julia MacKinnon

*O, for the wings, for the wings of a dove, Far away,  
far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a  
nest, And remain there forever at rest.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Hymn** Be still my soul: the Lord is on thy side #749

**Sermon** A Declaration of Trust - Psalm 46

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** Cantabile Georg Philip Telemann (1681-1767)

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow #830

**Hymn** A mighty fortress is our God #315

**Benediction & Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Prelude & Fugue VII in A minor attr. to J.S. Bach

## Psalm 46

*from the New Revised Standard Version*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the  
sea; though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be  
moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what  
desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

‘Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.’

**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## Announcements

**Re-Fresh** – Contributions are still needed, but  
sufficient have been received to begin work.  
If you are willing to assist with wall preparation  
this week or painting thereafter, please speak  
with DT.

**Congregational Meeting** – A congregational  
meeting is being planned for after the service on  
Sunday August 17 to receive a report on the  
tendering for the work in the tower.

**Kitchen Co-ordinators** – Please speak to HL or DD  
if you are interested in helping out.

## Metrical version of Psalm 46

*from the Scottish Psalter 1650*

God is our refuge and our strength,  
in straights a present aid;  
Therefore, though the earth remove,  
we will not be afraid:

Though hills amidst the sea be case,  
though waters roaring make,  
and troubled be; yea, though the hills  
by swelling seas do shake.

A river is, whose streams do glad  
the city of our God,  
The holy place wherein the Lord  
most high hath his abode.

God in the midst of her doth dwell,  
nothing shall her remove;  
The Lord to her an helper will,  
and that right early, prove.

## Hebrews 11:10, 12:18-24, 13:14

For he looked forward to the city that has  
foundations, whose architect and builder is God  
... You have not come to something that can be  
touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and  
gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a  
trumpet, and a voice whose words made the  
hearers beg that not another word be spoken to  
them. (For they could not endure the order that  
was given, ‘If even an animal touches the  
mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ Indeed,  
so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I  
tremble with fear.’) But you have come to  
Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels  
in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the  
firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God  
the judge of all, and to the spirits of the  
righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the  
mediator of a new covenant, and to the  
sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than  
the blood of Abel. For here we have no lasting  
city, but we are looking for the city that is to  
come.