

# Worship

## Resurrection Journey

Sunday April 3, 10:30 a.m.

We will hear again how two despairing disciples came to recognize the Risen Lord in the stranger who accompanied them along the road (Luke 24:13-35).

## Resurrection Meal

Sunday April 10, 10:30 a.m.

Come early and sit near the piano for a by-request hymn sing, 10:10 – 10:30 a.m. We will hear how the disciples returned to their work, but the Risen Lord sought them out and shared a meal with them (John 21:1-14). And we will celebrate the presence of a Living Lord with us during the Lord's Supper.

## Resurrection Poetry

Sunday April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Shakespeare's Sonnet 146 raises questions of life, death and eternity. It seems a most appropriate way to continue our Easter explorations, and also mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bard's death. Be sure to linger after the service and join in a congregational potluck lunch!

## Mission Sunday

Sunday April 24, 10:30 a.m.

Our special guest this morning will be the Rev. Dr. Glen Davis, who has served with the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and is now serving with Presbyterian College Montreal. Glen will bring us news of the mission in Canada and around the world through Presbyterians Sharing.

# Also ...

## Sunday Evening Special Meals

Sunday April 3: St. Andrew's Team#2 prepares an Easter meal for a hall full of neighbours this evening. If you would like to lend a hand, please speak to Wendy Worling.

## Retirement Residence Services

Our minister will be leading monthly services at two residences this month: Rideaucrest on Sunday April 10 at 1:15 and 2 p.m., and The Royale on Tuesday April 12 at 11 a.m. Helen Lowe, David Saunders and Ron Axford have offered to accompany on the piano. If you would be interested in supporting the singing or reading a passage of scripture and sharing the care of Christ, please speak to the minister.

**W.M.S.** – A special presentation by Olive Brinson who has just returned from a visit with the church in Guatemala and work supported by our offerings to Presbyterian World Service and Development. All welcome – speak to Helen Ledford or Louise Axford for more information. Monday April 18, 1:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Hall at the church.

## Morning Bible Study

Thursday April 21, 10 a.m. – Join us as we read Paul's letter to the Philippians, led by the Minister. 'Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on' (Phil 3:13). No biblical knowledge or previous experience of Bible Study necessary!

## A History of Christianity

Our winter Tuesday evening study sessions were well attended, and the BBC series narrated by Diarmaid MacCulloch were full to overflowing. If you would like to review a presentation, or if you were not able to attend, why don't you borrow a disc for a week? Available from the Minister.

## The Presbyterian Record

A special group subscription to this excellent monthly journal will be available – just under \$30 including HST instead of over \$40. Leave a message with the church office or sign up in St. Andrew's Hall if you are interested.

## How to Spell Presbyterian

Interested in learning about the peculiar ways and thoughts of the Presbyterian Church? Let the Minister know and join him in the Polson Davis Room after the service on Sunday May 1.

## Reception of New Members

There are different ways of relating to this congregation. Being a 'friend' is a casual relationship. An 'adherent' is one who is regular in attendance and supports the ministry of the Church. A 'member' is one who has been moved to make St. Andrew's their church home. If you feel that you could grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service with the people of St. Andrew's, you would be welcome! We will be welcoming new members on Sunday May 15. Please speak to any Elder or the Minister for details.

## April 22 is Earth Day



On his farm in the western highlands of Guatemala, Juan Ramirez Cardon was very reliant on the use of chemicals and costly fertilizers to grow enough food to provide for his family. But the expense soon became more than he could bear. Juan worried about how he could continue feeding his family.

All that has changed now because of a Presbyterian World Service & Development program helping farmers in the region increase their yields while preserving the soil. Juan learned about seed selection and diversifying crops—methods that are yielding significant results and diminishing the need for fertilizers. He is sharing his knowledge of soil-healthy farming so more people can grow a variety of food for their families for many years to come.

*The portion of our weekly offerings that we designate 'Mission' supports the work of Christ beyond the Church through Presbyterian World Service and Development, and PWS&D helps farmers care for creation.*

## A Prayer for Easter Season

Marvellous God, in your bountiful love, by the breath of your Spirit, you created the world and all that lives within it. By your mercy you re-create both the earth and our hearts after every winter season. We praise you for continually transforming us to relect that first splendid day of creation. Because you love all creatures and the stirring of new life, humanity has always met you in gardens. You placed Adam and Eve in the bountiful garden of paradise where you fed them. But when you came to share the beauty with them, they hid from you. So too, we shrink from fully accepting your gracious care. Have mercy upon us who cannot yet fully affirm that you give Eden as our dwelling. With Jesus and the disciples, we have lived in the garden of Gethsemane, the garden of trial. There in sorrow we sought your presence, yet received only the answer of silence. Our friends fell away, and fearing abandonment by you as well, we plummeted to the depths of sorrow. But God, your plan of providence however continues in the garden of the resurrection. There, when we least expect it, we hear your gentle voice and know that you are near. This time we don't run to hide. For suffering has taught us to embrace your love. We hear your voice; we accept your love. In joy we declare your risen presence and gift of life to all. Holy One, we praise you.

Diane Karay. All the Seasons of Mercy  
The Presbyterian Church U.S.A.  
John 20:1-8

From the Desk of the Minister, 2016

# The Days of April



Creator Spirit, who broods everlastingly  
over the lands and waters of earth,  
ending them with forms and colours  
which no human skill can copy,  
give me today, I ask you,  
the mind and heart  
to rejoice in your creation.  
(John Baillie, A Diary of Private Prayer)

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