

Sunday August 8th, 2021



Joshua Passing the River Jordan. Benjamin West, 1800

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 24:1-3; 13-21

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; I gave you a land on which you had not laboured, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.

‘Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’

Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’

But Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.’

And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the Lord!’

Responsive Psalm 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind;
raining down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the sea;

letting it fall in the midst of their camp
and round about their dwellings.

So they ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Minister

Welcome to Rev. Harry Klassen who is leading our service this Sunday.

Singing and Praying Mid-Week

A new opportunity at St. Andrew's. Twice a month, you are invited to a time of songs and prayers in the tradition of the Taizé community, led by Susanne C-J, with singing support by Wendy L-P. 7:30-8:00pm August 11 + 25, September 8 + 22. The zoom room will open at 7:25pm for gathering in silence. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82464811989>

Meeting ID: 824 6481 1989

August at St. Andrew's

During the month of August, the church office will be closed. Calls to the church office will be answered Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Lori-Kim will be in the office on Thursday morning to print the bulletin. If you need to get into the church, please make arrangements with Glen Mercer at 343-364-3250 (Mon-Thurs 8:30-1:30). In case of pastoral emergency, please contact David Holland, Clerk of Session at david@standrewskingston.org (613-536-5396).

We welcome the following ministers to lead us in worship in August:

August 15 – Rev. Nancy Hancock

August 22 – Rev. Stephen Kendall

August 29 – Rev. Paul Kern

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M.
Cantor:	Christopher H.
Livestreaming:	Benjamin d-V.
Ushers today:	Susan and David H., Rory W.
August 15:	David S., Rory W., Dorothy M.

Financial Review to July 31, 2021	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings and Presbyterians Sharing	\$129,510	\$138,778

Defying the Norm: Lydia Returns to School



Sexual assault, gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy are significant issues in Malawi. Lydia was only 15 years old when she became pregnant, and the stigma of being an unmarried,

pregnant teenager led her to leave school. Left with few options, Lydia's circumstances were reported to the community victim support unit and, with their help and guidance, Lydia was empowered to return to school where she can continue to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. This project to strengthen community structures that respond to those experiencing sexual- or gender-based violence is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4,550 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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