

Sunday August 28, 2022



**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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Postlude	Short Prelude and Fugue in d minor	J.S. Bach

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 LESSONS

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

**What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,**

and went after worthless things,
and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

**who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?'**

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

**But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.**

The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'

Those who handle the law did not know me;

**the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.**

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

**Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.**

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

**But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.**

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said,

'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Solo – O Rest in the Lord

*from the oratorio "Elijah" –Mendelssohn, 1846.
words taken from Psalm 37: 1 & 7*

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires,
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him;
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you who are worshipping with us this week - in person and online! A special welcome and thank you to The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, who is leading worship this week and next. Rev. Sinclair is the Minister Emeritus of Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, where he served for thirty years. Malcolm and his wife Elspeth enjoy their summer home on the Long Reach, south of Napanee.

After Church Fellowship Time

We invite all to stay and join in a time of coffee and conversation in St. Andrew's Hall, or on the lawn, following the service.

New Audio-Visual Equipment

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Session approved the purchase of new audio-visual equipment for the sanctuary, which will enable us to upgrade and continue our online ministry! Hallelujah! This equipment has now been installed and our tech team is thrilled with how it works and are enjoying their "new toy" immensely.

Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

Surveys

Thank you to those who completed one or both of the congregational surveys. The information you provided will help the search committee compile our profile. If you have not already sent them in, you still have until the end of the month to do so. That's 3 days!

Daily Bread

New copies of Our Daily Bread are in – both the small print and large print editions. They are available on the tables as you enter either side of the sanctuary, or you can contact Lori-Kim at the office to reserve a copy.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Ryandale Says Thanks ...

with a community BBQ on Friday, September 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m.! 146 Clergy St. E – entry off Queen St. RSVP by email with # attending: ryandaleadmin1@cogeco.net

Calling all Bakers

Anyone wishing to drop off homemade baked items (please include the ingredient list) for the Manse residents should call Jane Bailey (Manse Administrator) at 613-766-4432 to arrange a drop-off time.

St. Andrew's website update

Session has decided that an update of our website is in order. Greg Matthews (gregory@standrewskingston.org) and Anne-Marie Gabrini (am.gabrini@gmail.com) are coordinating this and welcome your suggestions of what you feel would add to the appeal of visiting St. Andrew's online or in person and taking part in its activities. Bear in mind that information on the website should not be too lengthy or verbose and should appeal to all. If you have found other church websites with information that you found appealing, let us know.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to contribute flowers (or plants) for a Sunday this fall, please contact Wendy Worling at: w.worling@sympatico.ca

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings. Once a month Ed Brash makes a delivery to the food bank.

The Mess Studio wants you....

to join us as an active community member! We need people to prepare lunch on Wednesdays, and general studio hosts on all 3 days - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Studio hosts answer our door and help with the facilitation of the studio - serving snacks, engaging with artists,

etc. No previous artistic achievement is necessary. We are looking for people with a heart for others and interest in building community in a studio that is both diverse and inclusive. For more information: themesskingston@gmail.com

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. Please send requests in full confidence to our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Financial Review to July 31, 2022	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$135,050	\$129,930
Missions	\$11,375	\$9,939

St. Andrew's 2022-23 Special Mission Partners

We have received updates from some of the Mission projects our congregation supports, which we have featured throughout August. This week, some excerpts of letters from **Habitat for Humanity**, and from **Momentum Campus Ministries**:



To the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and most importantly our Habitat homeowners...thank you for your kind and generous donation. Your philanthropy and commitment to our community is heartwarming. Generosity such as yours plays an integral role in helping partner families realize the dream of affordable homeownership...We are thankful you chose to join our mission to help those who strive to build strength, stability and hope through affordable housing.

Yours truly,

Cathy Borowec, Chief Executive Officer.



Our Mission: Be an incredible community where people experience Jesus and His transformation. Our Strategy: Build Community, Build Disciples, Build Leaders

Thank you so much for all you do to support us in our mission. So many lives are being changed...we thank God for His incredible work, and we thank you for being part of it!

Thank you for your partnership in our mission to disciple the next generation! Your investment in us is having an eternal impact and is such an encouragement to us.

To learn more about the impact of Momentum programmes, and to read student testimonials, visit: <https://www.momentumcampus.ca/general-6>

Sincerely,
Steve Kooy
Executive Director,
Momentum Campus Ministries

Some thoughts about praying by the poet, Mary Oliver

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

I Happened To Be Standing

I don't know where prayers go,
or what they do.

Do cats pray, while they sleep
half-asleep in the sun?

Does the opossum pray as it
crosses the street?

The sunflowers? The old black oak
growing older every year?

I know I can walk through the world,
along the shore or under the trees,
with my mind filled with things
of little importance, in full
self-attendance. A condition I can't really
call being alive.

Is a prayer a gift, or a petition,
or does it matter?

The sunflowers blaze, maybe that's their way.

Maybe the cats are sound asleep. Maybe not.

While I was thinking this I happened to be standing
just outside my door, with my notebook open,
which is the way I begin every morning.

Then a wren in the privet began to sing.

He was positively drenched in enthusiasm,

I don't know why. And yet, why not.

I wouldn't persuade you from whatever you believe
or whatever you don't. That's your business.

But I thought, of the wren's singing, what could this be
if it isn't a prayer?

So I just listened, my pen in the air.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Cantor:	Christopher
Livestreaming:	Benjamin
Ushers this week:	Phyllis and Al
Ushers Sept. 4:	Elders

MISSION MOMENT



The Respite Ministry of St. Columba is in the parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius. It supports families who care for people with intellectual and physical challenges by giving guardians and family members an opportunity to have a break while trained volunteers help take care of their children or dependents.

Presbyterians Sharing supported

renovations to make the parish more accessible, including modifying washrooms and installing ramps where there were only stairs. The Rev. Rodney Curpanen of St. Columba shared, **“We are very grateful for the support extended to us by The Presbyterian Church in Canada that enriches and heightens our hospitality ministries to strangers, poor, needy and marginalized. Thank you for your partnership.”**



Presbyterians
Sharing

In 2022, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$31,849 to the work of the church through Presbyterians Sharing.

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