

Sunday July 11th, 2021



David in prayer before God. Anthony of Burgundy from Lucas Psalter

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

2 Samuel 7 (selected verses)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more ... Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house

for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me ... Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said:

‘Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God; you have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord God! ... You are great, O Lord God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears ... You, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, “I will build you a house”; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you ... O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true ...’

Responsive Psalm 48 (selected verses)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

**God’s holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,**

Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great Ruler.

**Within its citadels God
has proven to be a sure defense.**

For lo, the rulers assembled
they came together.

**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,
they were in panic; they took to flight;
trembling took hold of them there,
anguish as of a woman in travail.**

By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have we seen

**in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God,**

which God establishes forever.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God,

so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory;
let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice

because of your judgements!

Walk about Zion, go round about it,
number its towers,
consider well its ramparts,
go through its citadels;

that you may tell the next generation

that this is God,

our God forever and ever,

who will be our guide forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist

We welcome Aurora Dokkens back to the organ for the next three Sundays while John is on holiday. While Aurora has spent most of her career as an academic in Canada and the U.S., she has always been involved in church music in a variety of denominations. She frequently substitutes for organists in the Kingston area, most recently at Chalmers United. Aurora serves as Scholarship Coordinator for the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and makes her living as a real estate agent at the Kingston Brokerage of the eXp Realty Company. She and her husband Larry have 5 grown children and two grandchildren who live too far away. Aurora has expressed her delight in being with us again, and we are thankful for her presence.

St. Andrew's Fellowship Hour

Mondays July 12 and August 9, 2:30 p.m. A casual opportunity to get together with others within the congregation to share summer joys and daily insights, and just enjoy each other's company. Contact Marilyn Trudeau for the link, marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com

Presbyterian Connection

Many copies of the Summer 2021 Issue of the Presbyterian Connection are available now at the church. As always, this issue is filled with amazing articles and photos from congregations and groups across the country. Did you know that this quarterly newspaper is available free of charge to all members and friends of the Presbyterian church in Canada? Go to: www.presbyterian.ca/connection to subscribe for home delivery, to read it online, or download it as a PDF to read at your leisure.

Call for artwork for the 2022 PCC Wall calendar

Art, in all its forms, can nourish our souls and bring us closer to God. The PCC would like to showcase the variety of creative expression in our denomination, and is inviting Presbyterians to submit high resolution photos of their artwork for use in next year's calendar. Anything, from Advent calendars to Zanila rhyme, that shows the way your gifts and talents have been used to glorify God, is encouraged. The deadline for submission is August 20, 2021. More information here and a form can be found at: <https://presbyterian.ca/2021/07/05/2022-wall-calendar/>

Our Daily Bread

Another stack of 'Our Daily Bread' has slipped through the mail slot in the office. This time it is the smaller size, for September through November. If you would like one set aside, please let Lori-Kim know. There will also be copies available in the sanctuary on Sunday.

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world. Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support? You would a) receive a list of prayer requests once a week by email or phone b) keep this information in confidence c) dedicate a time of prayer for those named over the next week. This initiative of the Prayer Team has been approved and is being commended by the Elders of St. Andrew's. Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions 613-767-2835 dotmessenger@gmail.com

Bi làidir (Scots Gaelic for Be Strong)

Bi làidir is a weekly suggestion area of how you or someone you know can Be Strong during these interesting times we are living.

Deep breathing. Try some deep breathing. Take a slow deep breath—hold it for five seconds—then slowly exhale.

“The Spirit of God made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” Job 33:4

Did you know that, 24 hours a day, there is a phone number for older adults to call if you are feeling lonely or just need to hear a friendly voice? Someone is always available at: 1-855-892-9992.

Lord, not that way:

This way is easier.

Lord, not that way:

This way is more interesting.

Lord, not that way:

This way is your way.

Merciful Lord, forgive us.

My ways are not your ways, says the Lord.

-Sheila Maxey

Westminster Collection of Christian Prayer

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry M

Cantor: Christopher H

Livestreaming: Benjamin dV

Ushers today: Rory W, Anne-Marie and Philippe G

July 18: David & Alberta S, Suzanne CJ

Financial Review to June 30, 2021

General Offerings

Budgeted

\$115, 029.98

Received

\$124, 947.25

Protecting Frontline Health-Care Workers in Malawi

COVID-19 cases were increasing rapidly in Malawi in January 2021.



Mphatso Nguluwe, Director at the Synod of Livingstonia Health Dept., asked the PCC for help. There was an acute shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health-care workers at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, which serves a population of 80,000. With funds from Presbyterians Sharing, the hospital purchased waterproof hazmat suits, heavy-duty gloves, gowns, face shields and essential drugs. Nurse Sella shared: “The availability of PPE enabled me to

work wholeheartedly. After seeing so many of my fellow staff being infected with COVID-19 while on duty, it gave me chills to do my work. Now that we have the PPE, I am ready to work and save lives.”

In 2021, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have committed to a goal of contributing the sum of \$29,819 to support a witness together through Presbyterians Sharing.

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