## **Sunday July 16, 2023**



Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet-Bertram Poole

# 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 LESSONS

## **Responsive Psalm 65**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

## Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes

## Isaiah 55:10-13

for ever, to the end.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We're happy you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to the Rev. Dr. Paul Kern for leading worship as he has done so often in this year of transition. We are so grateful for his messages and attention to this congregation. Heartfelt thanks also to Paul and Rose for contributing to our worship today.

#### **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.

## Remembering

The condolences of the congregation are extended to the Rev. Bonnie Sutherland and family, on the passing of her grandmother Charlotte Sutherland (July 2<sup>nd</sup>). Charlotte, affectionately called "Lottie" by all who knew her, was deeply involved in many aspects of the PCC. A funeral service will take place on Thursday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm from the chapel of the James Reid Funeral Home in Kingston. For more info, and an obituary, visit: <u>Charlotte Sutherland</u>

## **Upcoming Worship Leaders**

July 23 - Chief Donald Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte July 30 – Bob Crawford - Ryandale Transitional Housing August 6 – The Rev. Paul and Heather Kern August 13 – The Rev. Nancy Hancock August 20 – Ecumenical service at Lake Ontario Park

## The 11th Annual Mess Studio Nine & Dine

This year, the fun begins at 1:30 pm on July 23, at Rivendell Golf Club, Verona. This is a great event and an enjoyable way to show support for the wonderful work the Mess does downstairs! For tickets and information, visit: themessstudiokingston.com/events



#### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

## **Circle of Prayer**

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at <a href="mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com">dotmessenger@gmail.com</a>

#### **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.

#### **Summer Fun List**

It is officially summer!! This season provides us with wonderful opportunities to slow down, to unwind, to admire and appreciate God's creation with its glorious profusion of colours and scents, and the incomparable taste of 'fresh from the garden' produce. Each week this summer, we encourage you to enjoy creation in a different way. This week, try to snap a family photo with multiple generations. If you aren't meeting with your own family this week, save this for another week, or photograph someone else's family! Either way, it's great opportunity to record a moment in history, and give thanks for family.

Financial Review to June 30, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$113,686	\$89,981
Missions	\$9 <b>,</b> 750	\$8,552

#### SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry

**Livestreaming:** Christopher Hall Dixie and Murray **Ushers this week:** Eleanor and Dorothy

Ushers July 23: Holly, Philippe

#### Mission Moment - Aid in Pakistan



After their summer crop failed and they lost their agricultural loan, Moolo and his wife Babbri, who live in Pakistan, were in financial trouble and were going hungry. Given the gravity of their situation, they managed to receive food assistance from PWS&D's partner in their community. The amount received was sufficient to cover some other basic needs and meant that the elderly couple could use their small savings to provide daily medication to their

son Chandan, who has epilepsy. With their remaining savings, Moolo hoped to open a small store, but his eyesight was deteriorating. Babbri stepped up and opened the store herself, remarking, "It is because of this aid that we are not under debt, or we would have sold our goats to pay for food. But we are not in debt and still have our goats!"



In 2023, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4515 to

the work of Christ through PWS&D

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