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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus – Glenda Cheryl Gleave. 2015

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudonosaunee 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



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks and praise, God Almighty... (*minister continues the prayer*) ... Therefore, with your people from all places and times, and with the whole creation, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praises:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ (*minister continues prayer*)
we take this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again

(*minister continues prayer*)

Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'

Then he said, 'Come no closer Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

1 Peter 3:8-16

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For

‘Those who desire life
and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We are happy that you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to the Rev. Heather Kern for once again leading our worship. We are so grateful for your presence and support this past year. Thanks also to Elaine and the Rev. Bob Docherty for contributing to our worship today.

Ecumenical Church Service and Picnic

In 2 weeks, on August 20th, we will be having church outdoors! Together with the congregations of our neighbourhood churches, we will be gathering, worshipping, singing and fellowshiping (yes that's actually a word), for an ecumenical service in beautiful Lake Ontario Park. Bring a chair, sun/rain protection and some lunch.

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.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

August 13 – The Rev. Nancy Hancock

August 20 – Ecumenical service at Lake Ontario Park

August 27 – TBA

September 3 & 10 – The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

September 17 – The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair

September 24 – Julielee Stitt

Thank you

A big thank you to those who helped St. Andrew's participate in the Princess St. Promenade. Whether it was making cookies and lemonade, helping with setup/cleanup, procuring supplies, creating handouts and games, showing people around, dispensing goodies or greeting passersby, your assistance was appreciated. It was a great opportunity to interact with our neighbours, welcome people into our building, and reach out with "a cup of cold water". (*Matthew 10:42*)



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 dotmessenger@gmail.com

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we collect non-perishable food for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings. Being summer, donations are down, while need remains the same. They are particularly in need of baby food and canned meals right now.

Summer Fun List

Each week this summer, we have been encouraging you to enjoy creation in a different way. This week we invite you to save some summer to revisit in the coming winter, by pressing some flowers. Start with fresh, brightly coloured blossoms, free of dew and rain drops, and then use one of these methods to press them: [Pressing flowers](#) Once they are pressed and dried, you can mount them in a frame or on a card. And presto! You can continue to enjoy the bounty of summer when the seeds, roots and bulbs are sleeping under the snow, waiting for the warmth of spring to rise again.

Financial Review to June 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$129,494	\$111,820
Missions (to June 30, 2023)	\$9,750	\$8,552

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Christopher, Benjamin
Flowers:	Various contributors
Ushers this week:	Elders
Ushers August 13:	Elaine and Pat



WRITING YOUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

—1 Peter 3:15, NIV

Your Christian testimony—the story of how you came to know Jesus Christ and how He’s changed your life—should not surprise your hearers, but should simply confirm and clarify your lifestyle, values, and decisions. We recommend writing out your testimony so you can share it with others as the opportunity arises. Your testimony can open a broader conversation about Christ and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

As you write it out, think about who you’re going to share it with and how much time you’ll have with him or her—that will help you choose your words and determine what to include. Remember, the purpose of this exercise is two-fold: to remind you of Jesus Christ’s faithfulness and to share Him with others.

As you write your story, keep these tips in mind:

- Use everyday words and a conversational tone.
- Avoid religious phrases and jargon.
- Share from the heart—don’t preach.
- Be concise.

THE THREE-POINT TESTIMONY

God's Word offers the best outline for your testimony. Acts 26 records how the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa and gave his testimony—boldly, simply, and logically. Paul used three points: his life before Christ, how he met the Lord, and what his life was like after he became a Christian. Your testimony can follow the same pattern:

1. **My Life Before I Came to Christ:** Set the stage by sharing relevant information like your age, your friends and family, and your lifestyle, like Paul did in Acts 26:4–11. Include information you know unbelievers will be able to relate to. Connect your own experience to universal needs like love and forgiveness.

2. **My Conversion Experience:** In Acts 26:12–20, Paul describes how Jesus confronted him. Consider the circumstances that led you to encountering Christ—think about key events and highlight turning points. Include the steps you took, people you talked to, prayers you prayed, and Scripture passages that touched you.

3. **My New Life:** Finally, share how Christ has changed your life. Since you started following Him, how has your behaviour, motivation, or values changed? In Acts 26:21–23, Paul declares his identity is now in God. How has your identity changed?



Mission Moment – Aid in Malawi



In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. “After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember

how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day,” she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.



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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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