

Sunday September 10, 2023



The Lost Sheep. Alfred Usher Soord. 1898

**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 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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 86

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,

nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

**For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.**

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and the violent seek my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Jeremiah 3:15-23

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the Lord, they shall no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.' It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; nor shall another one be made.

At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no longer stubbornly follow their own evil will.

In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors for a heritage.

I thought

how I would set you among my children,
and give you a pleasant land,
the most beautiful heritage of all the nations.

And I thought you would call me, My Father,
and would not turn from following me.

Instead, as a faithless wife leaves her husband,
so you have been faithless to me, O house of Israel,
says the Lord.

A voice on the bare heights is heard,

the plaintive weeping of Israel's children,
because they have perverted their way,
they have forgotten the Lord their God:

Return, O faithless children,

I will heal your faithlessness.

'Here we come to you;

for you are the Lord our God.

Truly the hills are a delusion,
the orgies on the mountains.

Truly in the Lord our God

is the salvation of Israel.

Matthew 7

'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Let me take the speck out of your eye", while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of

your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

‘Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came,

and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Special Announcement on Issuing a Call for Ministry

1) Preaching for the Call

Notice is hereby given that the Session of St. Andrew’s, upon recommendation of the Search Committee, has extended an Invitation to a candidate to Preach for the Call. This will take place on Sunday, 24 September, 2023. While privacy issues restrict us from publishing the name of the candidate, if you would like to know their name, please contact your elder or the church office.

2) Congregational Meeting

Immediately following the service on September 24, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on accepting the Call candidate as minister to the congregation. According to the regulations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to cast a vote, you must be a member in good standing at St. Andrew’s, and be present at the meeting. Should the majority vote to accept the candidate, then the next order of business is to collect signatures from the congregation to affirm the vote. To this end, at the meeting, and continuing in the week following, elders will circulate a document for members and adherents to sign, showing that they agree with the decision to accept the new minister. If you have any questions about the process, or would like to come to the service and will need a ride, please contact you elder, or the church office. Enormous thanks go out to the Search Committee for their hard work and diligence throughout this challenging process of discerning God’s plan for our congregation.

3) Meet and Greet

Everyone associated with St. Andrew's is invited to an informal gathering on Saturday, September 23rd, in the church hall. This time of fellowship will enable as many people as possible to meet the candidate, introduce themselves, and have a wee chat, so they're a more familiar face when leading our service the following day. Details to follow.

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. Dr. Paul Kern for once again leading our worship. We are so grateful for his presence and support this past year. Thanks also to the Rev. Bob and Wendy for contributing to our worship today, and to Annabelle for providing the music while John is away.

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

September 17 – The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair

September 24 – Preach for the Call

October 1 & 8 – The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

October 15 – TBD

October 22 – Julielee Stitt

Our Daily Bread

The new season of Our Daily Bread is available now. The small print edition is for Sept-Nov, while the large print is for Oct-Dec. Both are available at the back of the church. Or call the office to reserve a copy.

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, and they are very grateful for our weekly contributions.

Online Fall Studies

Once again, Presbyterian College, Montreal, is offering 2 online Bible Studies. Contact the office if you are interested.

1) Faith and Work – Thursdays, Oct. 5– Nov. 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m

What does your Christian faith have to do with your work week? Does God desire your work to just be about making money? Can faith provide meaning and change the way we work? This study explores such questions by examining theological and practical understandings of work. After defining the challenge and problems of work today, we will explore what our faith and the Bible have to say about work. We will learn about work in relation to creation, salvation, and God's coming Kingdom and then consider how this can transform our careers and workweeks. Registration is \$55/person, or \$200 for a group of 4+

2) Meeting the Messiah – Wednesdays, Nov. 1-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Gospel of Mark has been called the "action movie gospel" due to its fast pace and direct style. It was written for Christian believers living in a tumultuous world. The Roman army was oppressing the people of Palestine, Christians were being persecuted, new people were claiming divine authority to lead, and many people were confused about how to find their way in a changing society. This study will introduce us to the background, key themes, and message of the Gospel of Mark, and will help us think about what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ in

our own changing world. Themes include: understanding Jesus and his significance, the “political Jesus,” the use of parables and miracles, a resurrection story like no other, and much else. Registration fee is \$90/person, or \$200 for a group of 4+

Financial Review to August 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$143,478	\$125,378
Missions (July 31)	\$11,375	\$9,692

SERVING THIS MORNING

- Beadle:**

Larry M
- Livestreaming:**

Christopher H
- Flowers:**

Various contributors
- Ushers this week:**

Philippe G, Andy V
- Ushers Sept. 17:**

John S, Rory W

Mission Moment – Knitting for Newborns



St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, has a long history of responding to the gospel of God's love in Christ through acts of kindness and care for their neighbours. One of the many ways that they live out this mission is through a

knitting ministry that produces hundreds of hats as well as mitts and booties for newborns at the local hospital. And the ministry is growing! Another church has recently joined in their mission, allowing them to expand and provide baby sweaters, slippers and booties to several groups that serve the tiniest members of the community. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support St. Matthew's in its ministry.



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In 2023, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$2330 to the work of Christ through Presbyterians Sharing.

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