

LOVE

GOD + NEIGHBOUR

Sunday, October, 25, 2020



A special welcome to Rev. Ken Delisle who is our guest preacher today.

Welcome to all who are attending the service at St. Andrew's and

Welcome to everyone on line who join us at a later date..

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's

The most recent Provincial Health Directives specify further limits on various public gatherings, however, there is no change as they apply to faith-based sanctuary services. We at St. Andrew's continue to be subject to a maximum of 30% of our full sanctuary capacity or approximately 130 people.

Attendance at our services has been about 40 people and we are excited about that. Many more are tuning in to the on-line delayed streaming of the services. Be assured that we continue to follow all health directives to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all attenders.

I think we are all getting familiar with the new protocols when attending services. For brevity, I am just going to repeat key reminders.

- Note that face masks are required as you enter the building and make sure you use the hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Please enter through the Kingsway St. (east side) door. Only those with mobility issues who require use of the elevator will be allowed to enter thru the Oak St. entrance.
- As you enter, a Greeter will do a check off for registration. It is a requirement for us to keep a record of all attenders (including contact phone numbers).
- An Usher will escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan has been developed to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Appropriate exiting at the conclusion of the service is important. Ushers will assist in exiting one pew row at a time. Please confine your social interactions to outside the church doors, of course at an appropriate social distance.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Glenn Neufeld



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Chorale #1 in E major *Cesar Franck*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER:

Look around you and see God's handiwork.

God's love is in each of us.

Look at one another, and see where God has hidden great treasure.

God's love is in each of us.

Thanks be to God for all of God's wonderful gifts!

OPENING HYMN: **MV1** Let Us Build A House verses 1, 5

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

Stand firm, children of God. **We come to serve the Lord.**

Stand firm, children of God. **We come to stand in unity and love.**

Stand firm, children of God. **We come to live faithfully and fully in Christ.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 read by Rita Swan

SOLO: Nolan Kehler; "O God, we are all weak, sinful, foolish men". Recitative from "Saint Nicolas" *by Benjamin Britten*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22: 34-36 read by: Rita Swan

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **MV79** Spirit, Open My Heart

ANTHEM: "The Rose of Sharon" Text: Song of Solomon 2:1-6; *Music Matthew Armstrong*; Solo: Judy Oatway

Text:

My love is like a lily among the thorns, an apple tree that bears the sweetest fruit.

Chorus: He is the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. My precious Saviour from above.

He is the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley, His banner over me is love.

O, to feel His loving arms around me! O, to rest in His embrace.

Chorus

OFFERING

(Plates at the back of the church for your convenience)

OFFERING PRAYER:

May our offerings bring joy to us as we give peace to the afflicted, caring to the neglected, and hope to the oppressed.

Bless the work of our hands, the creativity of our souls, and the generosity of our hearts that are inherent in our offerings. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God **hear us as we pray.**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS:

We will sing Moderator Richard Bott’s version of The Lord’s Prayer to the tune of **VU 333** - Love Divine.

God, Creator, in the heavens,
holy is your glorious name!
May your kingdom be among us;
your will lived, on earth, the same.
Give to each the food that’s needed;
sins forgiven, as we forgive.
Lead us not into temptation,
from all evil your people save.
Yours the kingdom, yours the power,
yours the glory, now and always.
May we sing this song forever,
in our nights and in our days!
Prayer and praise our lips are speaking,
hearts together in one accord;
offering, now, our lives, our living;
you, Creator God, adored!

BLESSING:

(Traditional Celtic Blessing)

***BENEDICTION (MV 84 vs 2)**

**In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future, in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.**

POSTLUDE: Finale on ‘Hyfrydol’ (Love Divine, all loves excelling) *Henry Coleman*

(Remained seated, you will be ushered out)

RESOURCES: Seasons of the Spirit, Rumours, www.sermonwriter.com

ST. ANDREW’S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today’s service—we couldn’t have pulled it off without you!

Thank you so much to the re-opening group, worship group, Jan and Evan Demeduk and to Jeff Kremer for your hard work to make everything run smoothly!

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Music this week

The solo and the anthem this week are in stark contrast. Nicolas was a fourth century bishop, born in Asia Minor, who was extremely devout, gave all his wealth to the poor, and was imprisoned under the Emperor Diocletian. "Saint Nicolas is a challenging work by English composer, Benjamin Britten. The short recitative, which will be sung by Nolan, is a strong plea to God to help us, as "we are all weak, sinful, foolish men"!

"The Rose of Sharon", text from the Song of Solomon" or "Song of Songs", is originally a song of earthly love. American composer, Matthew Armstrong, has inserted the phrase, "My precious Saviour from above" to change the context to spiritual love, which has provided us with a somewhat flimsy excuse to sing the piece! The plain of Sharon is in Israel, stretching from the central mountains to the Mediterranean. Over the ages it has been posited that Jesus could be "The Rose of Sharon", and the lily (rose?), his bride, but others strongly dispute the assertion. Suffice it to say, the music is beautifully lyrical and flowing, and we are happy to sing it for you this morning.

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We received a Certificate of Thanksgiving in recognition for giving \$16,000 in 2019 for the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada. Thanks for your generosity in giving to the life, work and mission of the church.

Oak Table -1JustCity is now live visit them at <http://www.oaktable.ca>. The new website is launched and LIVE! Visit and see the changes they are making. You can be updated on all their needs. It is exciting TOGETHER, We can Make It Happen...Let's Make This Dream a Reality.

Thanksgiving Drive

Let's collect

MEAT: canned tuna, salmon, canned ham, canned chicken mayonnaise

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors, shaving cream

UNDERWEAR: men and women's new underwear Medium & Large, men's undershirts, gently used or new athletic shoes for men and women, diabetic socks only! We will be collecting these items for the next month. Bring them to church or drop them off. Thanks for your generosity!

Bible Study will not be meeting until the restrictions for gatherings of more than 5 are lifted. As soon as they are we will meet that Tuesday.

Sunday School: Ages 0-4 years in the lounge upstairs and 5 years and up in the auditorium downstairs. Please come in the doors at the Kingsway, not 255 Oak Street with your children. We will ensure your children are taken to their classes and they will be brought upstairs when church is finished. Registration forms are available online to print. Pre-register your family if you can, you can also email the office if you can't find the pre-registration form on the website. Thanks!

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from October 19-26. She will be working on service planning for the rest of the year.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1John 3:1-3

*Matthew 5:1-12

