

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church! If you are weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, this congregation opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: Minuet in G

G.F. Handel

* Entry of the Bible

(* Standing as able)

* Introit: For The Healing Of The Nations (#736, BOP, v.1-2)

Words: F. Green Music: Public Domain

* Greeting

* Call to Worship:

L: Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**A: Our God invites us to walk the road
of service and sacrifice.**

L: Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**A: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

L: Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**A: Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to go to the end of the line.**

L: We come to worship the God who invites us to be free.

*Hymn of Approach: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#321

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

* Children's Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp

#655

Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-15 Jenny Pallard

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Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1

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Second Lesson: James 1:19-25 Roy Maybee

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Anthem: Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace (#740, BOP)

Words & Music: S. Temple Text based on Prayer of Francis of Assisi

Sermon: **"Real Freedom"**

* Hymn: Called as partners in Christ's service

#587

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: Adagio Op. 5

J.M. Anding

* Doxology (822 vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

* **Confession of Faith:** Living Faith 8.1.1 (*unison*)

(p22)

"Disciples of Christ are called to obedience..."

* Hymn: Lord of all power

#626

* Benediction

* Choral Amen:

Danish

Postlude: The Rejoicing from Firework Music

G.F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

Welcome

Our Kirk Family welcomes you. We welcome those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, just comfortable, or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to the wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up, or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're "more Christian" than the apostle Paul, or if you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve ten years ago, or even if you just stumbled in by accident looking for a pathway to The Rooms.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but have not yet grown up, and to the teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps, or even if you don't like 'organized religion' (you will soon find that we are not all that organized).

We offer welcome to those who think the earth is flat, who work too hard, who don't work, if you have three degrees or can't spell, or if you are only here just because you wanted to make grandma happy. Our family welcomes you.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, or had religion shoved down their throat as kids, or if you got lost in the city and wound up here by mistake. We welcome all the pilgrims, the tourists, the seekers, the doubters, and most certainly, of all, we welcome YOU.

*"Welcome one another
just as Christ has welcomed you."
Romans 15:7*

Welcome to "The Kirk"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.... Sept - 23 Colin Baird, Christina Templeton; Sept - 24 Jason Campbell, Lisa Forbes; Sept - 25 Ainsley Pippy; Sept - 27 Jill Henderson.

The CONGREGATION was saddened to learn of the sudden death of Judi Marshall in Nova Scotia on September 14th. Our condolences are extended to husband Scott; children Dawn (Rob Ford), Kim (Ian Mercer) and Jonathan; as well as grandchildren Simon, Evan and Anna. A Memorial Reception will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, September 25th 2-4pm. All are welcome.

Future Vision for St. Andrew's. This fall St. Andrew's will begin a process of discerning where we believe God is taking us as a congregation – in our structures, properties, and mission. At times you will be asked to provide your opinion to a core group who will be working closely with our minister and Rev. Dr. Stanley Ott, who will be helping to facilitate this process. Stan will be leading workshops with us beginning Thursday evening October 25, and throughout the day Friday October 26 (morning and afternoon) to which you are invited to attend and participate. Please pray for, and participate in this process, as we seek God's will for us together.

Recycling through the Church. Did you know we have a church account with Evergreen? If you would like your redeemable recycling to benefit St. Andrew's, **just use our account number "7265385" and your donation will be credited to our account. We have received a few deposits lately and the account is starting to add up! Thank you to all who have taken the time to help.**

Doors Open Thank You. A big thank you to those who helped with Doors Open this year, we didn't have an exact count this year, but around 100 people toured the church, rang the bell, and were invited to come check us out on a Sunday. Thank you to those who helped put our best foot forward.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Your contributions to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund help support special need situations. Contributions can be made individually or through your regular offering envelope by marking "Benevolent" in "Other".

The AMS is still participating in **Knitting of Toe Covers** for the children of the Janeway. Please continue to knit them as the Janeway would still appreciate even more Toe Covers. Patterns are provided in the vestibule in the wooden box. If you need further information please call Nettie Ryan at 753-1369. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

1st St. Andrew's Beavers – Unfortunately due to low enrollment there will be no scouting program taking place at St. Andrew's this year.

Peacemaking in the Age of Trump and Netanyahu. Leading Human Rights Lawyer, Jonathan Kuttub, speaks at the **The Lantern - A Christian Life Centre - Thursday, September 27, 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.**

Sponsored by Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace, Independent Jewish Voices Canada, United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel, KAIROS Halifax, and The St. John's Group for Human Rights in Palestine. Jonathan is a Palestinian Christian, resident of East Jerusalem, past chair of the Bethlehem Bible College, and serves on the board of the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Centre, Jerusalem.

Church Block Party - St. Andrew's, Gower St. United, the Anglican Cathedral and the Roman Catholic Basilica will be hosting a celebration of food, fellowship, music and stories Sunday. St. Andrew's has agreed to coordinate the food again this year. A number of people have told Bruce they will help, and more hands are always welcome as the event will take place today! All are welcome to come enjoy the company, music, food, try to work out the Escape Quest puzzle, and test out the age of your knees in the bouncy castle!

Rainbow Communion is a special committee of the General Assembly that has been empowered to invite LGBTQI persons to tell stories of harm done to them within and by the church, and to share their stories of God's grace experienced by them in Christian ministry. Those who wish to share their stories will be encouraged to do so by whatever means is best for them. Rainbow Communion Listening Spaces currently run until June 15, 2019 (but may be extended). Stories shared will be kept confidential, and received in a safe, affirming, respectful manner. The committee will take these stories as the basis for a report outlining concrete actions to address to homophobia within the church. You may know of family or friends that have been part of St. Andrew's in the past who may be interested in this work, and are invited to share this information with them. More information can be found at: <https://presbyterian.ca/listening/> Direct contact can be made at rainbowcommunion@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 300

INVITATION TO WORLD WEEK OF PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL.... During the third week of September each year, we unite as Christian witnesses in peaceful actions around the world to promote a just peace in Palestine and Israel. We remind world leaders, as well as the public, about a sad, unsolved – and in some ways forgotten – situation, which benefits neither Israelis nor Palestinians. The World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel, 16 – 23 September, is a manifestation of solidarity with peoples struggling in despair under illegal occupation and – yet another – urgent call for justice and peace. This year's theme of the World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel is "Youth and Children: Raising Hope and Making Change". Youth and children are the ones who suffer the most in conflicts and under occupation. They are also the ones who will hold the future of Palestine and Israel in their hands, the ones we pray will grow up with peace

and prosperity. Today, too many children in Palestinian territories grow up in fear, poverty and hopelessness, caused by more than 50 years of occupation. Too many youngsters lack access to proper education and can't find decent work. Still, there is hope for a just peace in Palestine and Israel, and as Christians we must continue our efforts on a global scale to resolve the conflict peacefully. During this week, which includes the International

Day of Peace on 21 September, church organizations, congregations, and people of faith are encouraged to bear a common witness by participating in worship services, educational events, and acts of support in favour of a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis. Representing 350 churches in more than 120 countries, the World Council of Churches is a strong, visible and influential advocate for justice and peace. Through support of its member churches in the region, and interreligious dialogue with other faith-based organizations, the World Council of Churches has a long history of engagement for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. Please join us again this year in our global manifestation for justice and peace in the Holy Land.

"Long's Hill: I live(d) Here." is a neighbourhood walking tour by Louise Moyes Docudance, told through those who live and have lived in the historic Long's Hill area. Come experience face-to-face how art can celebrate community and our deep need for it.

TICKETS: \$25 (places limited to 25 per walk)

CALL Louise at 722-3203 or Email louisemoyes@docudance.com

WALKS: Saturday Sept 29th, and Sundays 30th and Oct 7 at 2pm

*Walk to be made into a short Docudance Film; audience should be comfortable with this. Louise Moyes Docudance and Neighbourhood Dance Works

Celebration of Hope Will Graham will be in St. John's Nov. 2-4 at Mile One. A Momentum worship event will be taking place at the Basilica 7pm Sept 28. The Billy Graham Association invites us to take part in as much or as little of these events as we desire. These events force us to ponder how we are reaching out to invite new people into our community, along with how we welcome those who do come through our doors.

***** Sept 23 - Sept 29*****

Sun	11:00am	Worship
	11:10	Sunday School
	12:30pm	Church Block Party