

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth
Sunday, May 3rd, 2020
Season of Easter
Series: Believe
"Patience"

Introductory Song: "O Breathe of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us"

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAjmYffP0us>

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| <p>1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
 Revive Thy church with life and power;
 O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
 And fit Thy church to meet this hour.</p> | <p>2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
 Till humbly we confess our need;
 Then in Thy tenderness remake us,
 Revive, restore, for this we plead.</p> |
| <p>3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
 Renewing thought and will and heart;
 Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
 Revive Thy church in every part.</p> | <p>4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
 While harvest fields are vast and white?
 Revive, us Lord, the world is waiting,
 Equip Thy church to spread the light.</p> |

Call to Worship

We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth:
 the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath,
 the One who is never far away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
 Let's worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation

Glorious Lord of life,
 by the mighty resurrection of your Son
 you overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him.
 Grant that we who celebrate with joy
 Christ's rising from the dead
 may be raised from the death of sin
 to the life of righteousness,
 through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: “**All Creatures of Our God and King**”(By Prayers of the Saints *Live*)

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen.)

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All creatures of our God and King
 Lift up your voice and with us sing
 O praise Him, Alleluia
 Thou burning sun with golden beam
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
 And worship him in humbleness
 O praise Him, Alleluia
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
 And praise the Spirit, Three-In-One
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All the Redeemed washed by his blood
 Come and rejoice in his great love
 O praise Him, Alleluia
 Christ has defeated every sin
 Cast all your burdens now on him
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

He shall return in power to reign
 Heaven and earth will join to say
 O praise Him, Alleluia
 Then who shall fall on bended knee
 All creatures of our God and King
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Call to Confession

God's Word assures us (1 John 1:8-9):

**If we say that we have no sin,
 we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 If we confess our sins,
 he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
 and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
 new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
 forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
 and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where
 we are prisoners of ourselves.

To all and to each,
 on his community and on his friends,
 where regret is real,
 Jesus pronounces his pardon
 and grants us the right to begin again.
 Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy,
 out of the great love with which he loved us
 even when we were dead through our trespasses,
 made us alive together with Christ—
 by grace you have been saved—
 and raised us up with him and seated us with him
 in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
 so that in the ages to come he might show
 the immeasurable riches of his grace
 in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.
 For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
 Forever and ever. Amen**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86

1 Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
 for I am poor and needy.

2 Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
 save your servant who trusts in you.
 You are my God;

3 have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

**4 Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.**

5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

**6 Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.**

7 When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

**8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.**

9 All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

**10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.**

11 Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

**12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.**

13 For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

Ministry of Music

“You Already Know”

(Click on the link below to listen to the Ministry of Music. *We thank Angie and Walter Gemmill for providing this new piece which speaks to our present situation.*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYn9Qzj7rRU&t=0h0m18s&app=desktop>

Scripture Reading:

2 Peter 3:3-18

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. **9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives **12** as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. **13** But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. **15** Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. **16** He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. **18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Be Still, For The Presence of the Lord"

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.)

<https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.

“Patience”

Believe Chapter 26

I probably should not be preaching this sermon, because patience is not one of the ten Christian virtues that I excel in. On the other hand, because this is not one of my top virtues, maybe it is important that I preach on it for my sake, if for no one else's. This one is important because it not only affects our relationships with other people. It also affects our health. Stress is a big issue for all of us during this pandemic with all its uncertainties. Our Key Question puts it this way: **How does God provide the help I need to deal with stress?** In other words, what mechanism does God have in place that allows me as a Christian to handle the stresses of life? Here is our Key Idea: **I am slow to anger and endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life.** That is a great idea, but I can't say that is true of me. I am by nature an impatient person. I could blame it on my parents, but that would not be helpful. I need to learn to face up to my impatience.



While I may have issues with patience, hopefully they are not as large as the person in this example. A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard when, suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing by stopping, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her

chance to get through the intersection with him. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit the car and get in the back seat of his cruiser. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a cell. After a couple of hours, an officer approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, “I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the bird at the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak. I noticed the ‘Choose Life’ license plate holder, the ‘What would Jesus Do’ bumper sticker, the ‘Follow Me to Sunday School’ bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!”

All of us have multiple opportunities every day to keep our cool or to lose it. Maybe you have heard that prayer that many people use. “Lord, give me patience, and give it to me **now!**” Unfortunately, that prayer doesn’t work. If you ask God for patience, he doesn’t give you patience. Rather, he gives you more opportunities to be patient. When it comes to patience, God is not in the business of giving it, but of teaching you the basics. It is a hands-on approach. You learn to be patient by being put in situations where patience is required. You learn by doing.

I have looked at a number of definitions of patience, but I think this one works the best. “Patience is the ability to tolerate or accept delay, trouble or suffering without getting angry or upset.” Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, provides us with our Key Verse. In Proverbs 14 he says (Believe page 418): **29 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.** If we were to put this verse in the form of an equation, it would look like this:

Patience = wisdom

Impatience = foolishness

Having lived and worked in the Etobicoke – Mississauga area of Toronto, Susan and I saw impatience on display every day on the roads and highways. I had to chuckle when I read the story of a man whose car stalled in heavy traffic just as the light turned green. All his efforts to start the engine failed. You know what happened. He was trying frantically to start the car and the other cars behind him were laying on their horns. In spite of his best efforts the car would not start through the entire time the light was green. The people behind him never slacked off the horn. He finally got out of his car and walked back to the driver right behind him who had been laying on the horn even though he could hear the man trying to start the engine. He politely said to the man, “I’m sorry, but I can’t seem to get my car started. Would you mind trying to start my car and I’ll blow the horn for you this time.”

In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul writes, “**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**” (Ephesians 4:2) In this verse, he places patience in the same company as humility, gentleness, and love. Does it not make sense that a humble, gentle, loving person would also be patient? In Scripture, the Greek word *makrothymia* is often translated into English as “patience.” This Greek word is a compound word — from *makro*, which means “long or slow,” and *thymia*, which means “anger.” When you put the two words together, it carries the idea of “**taking a long time to burn with anger.**” In other words it’s the **opposite** of a **short fuse**. It’s the idea of not getting mad over the little irritations that are so much a part of everyone’s life. It’s hanging onto our emotions when we feel like letting them fly over all those silly little things that so often get on our nerves. Let’s be honest, sometimes that can be a real challenge.

A simple scenario might help here. Imagine being in an irritating situation and someone sticks a **spiritual thermometer** in your mouth to monitor how long it takes for your temperature to rise. A year later, you are in the same situation. Would the thermometer show that it takes longer to overheat than the previous year? If so, you are growing in patience. Growing in patience means taking longer and longer to succumb to frustration and agitation.



Some Bible translations use the word **long-suffering** — a merging of **two** unique words to convey **one** thought. It's the idea that we will display restraint in situations where most would feel we have the right to criticize, complain about, defend against, or even attack another's behavior. But this virtue goes even deeper to the idea that we will reflect mercy toward the other person as a sign of our strength of character. We will not only refuse to defend ourselves; we will turn down any opportunity to offend the other person. We will "suffer long" before we will get upset.

But apart from our health and our relationships with others, is there any other reason why we should learn patience? I would suggest that there is a very definite biblical reason. We should be patient because the Bible tells us to be patient. Do you remember the very first virtue that we looked at? It was love. I would go so far to say



that love is the chief virtue because it is the true mark of a Christian. If love is the chief virtue of the Christian life, then 1 Corinthians 13 is the Magna Carta of Christian love. When this chapter defines love, it begins with these words: **4 Love is patient** 1 John 4:8 tells us that **God is love**. If God is love and true love is patient, then God himself must be patient. To say that God is

patient is an understatement. In 2 Peter 3 we read: **9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.** God is patient with you. God is patient with all of us.

He does not want to see anyone lost. His heart's desire is to see all people come to repentance and a knowledge of the truth. Then in verse 15 we see that God's patience is designed to bring us salvation. **15 Bear in**



mind that our Lord's patience means salvation ... So if God's patience means salvation for us, then what does our impatience mean when non-Christians experience it from us? I have said before that these virtues that we are looking at are the result of the Spirit of God at work in us. They are the fruit of God's Spirit. To the extent that others cannot see the fruit of the Spirit in us, to that extent they will be unable to see Christ in us.

Waiting on God will always provide the strongest finish, bringing the ability to see circumstances as he sees them. This will, in turn, spill over into our interactions with our neighbors. It has been said: **Patience is a spiritual muscle that grows stronger as we quietly wait for God to answer.** This is the way the author of Ecclesiastes sums it up: ***"The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride."*** (Ecclesiastes 3:8)

Patience allows us to see what God has given us. Patience allows us time to then give to others. Patience slows down the space between where we are and where God wants us to be and gives him time to move through us with compassionate and loving acts.

Listen to what a New York City Taxi driver wrote:

"I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be the last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked.. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.



After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the

corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice.'

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said. 'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. (*A Sweet Lesson On Patience: This Taxi Driver's Story Will Change Your Perspective On Rushing To Get Somewhere* by Lauren Martin at <http://elitedaily.com/life/culture/story-one-taxi-driver-will-change-entire-day/>)

When we were children, we were taught how to cross the street with three little words: “**Stop, look and listen.**” These same words can apply to learning patience.

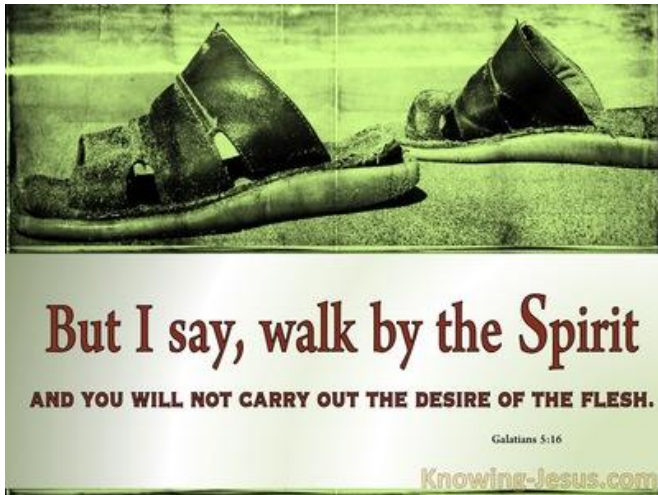
- **Stop.** When we realize that we are beginning to lose our patience, we should stop and don't say anything until we cool down and appraise the situation. We need to give God time to direct us.
- **Look.** Take a good hard look at what the situation really is rather than jumping to conclusions. Try to look beyond the surface or presenting situation. How many times have I pre-judged a person or a situation, only to realize later that I had gotten it all wrong?
- **Listen.** We need to listen with both our ears and our heart. When we listen, we can discover what is really going on in the other person's life. When we listen, God can guide and direct us. When we listen, we can discover how to help a person, rather than make life more difficult for them.

Patience is the road God's grace travels along to reach us. May we journey down that same road with someone else today.

The COVID-19 pandemic is, I believe, going to provide us with an ideal classroom in which to learn patience. Here we are faced with an open ended situation. Our world has changed completely. We have no idea how long this will last and when we will be able to stop self-isolating. We know that there is a possibility that there will be a second and even a third wave of infection. Are we looking at days, weeks or months? The only real historical data that we have is from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic which lasted 36 months – from January 1918 to December 1920. We hope that this present pandemic doesn't last that long, but no one knows



the duration. Welcome to God's classroom. I guess we could call this course Patience 419. It is an advanced course – a fourth year university course. If we have never learned patience before, we will have to run to catch up. It may feel like a person who doesn't know how to swim getting thrown in at the deep end of the pool. We will have to wait on and depend on the Lord as never before. When we find ourselves in uncharted territory, we will have to learn what the Bible means by



walking in the Spirit. The Lord knows all about the situation in which we find ourselves and he will lead us through it if we allow him. But realize that walking in or by the Spirit requires patience. God's timetable is rarely the same as ours. What I am going to do is leave you with a series of verses to meditate and think on. They will help you to grasp what it is to wait on the Lord or walk by the Spirit. In so doing they will give you a "leg up" in pursuing patience.

Galatians 5

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Ephesians 5

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) **10** and find out what pleases the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5

7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

Galatians 5

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Colossians 1

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience ...

Philippians 3

16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained. 17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

John 15

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Hymn:

“All I Once Held Dear” (Robin Mark)

(Click on the link below to play the hymn.)

<https://youtu.be/oxpPla-BskY>

All I once held dear built my life upon
 All this world reveres and wars to own
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss
 Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus

Knowing You Jesus, knowing You
 There is no greater thing
 You're my all, You're the best
 You're my joy my righteousness
 And I love You, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
 To be found in You and known as Yours
 To possess by faith what I could not earn
 All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
 And to know You in Your sufferings
 To become like You in Your death my Lord
 So with You to live and never die

Offering

Presenting our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. I want to encourage you to write a cheque and drop it in the mail to the church using your envelope, if you have one. (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, PO Box 161, 1 Drummond St W, Perth, ON K7H 3E3) We also have another option for you for giving and that is you can make an e-Transfer. This note from our treasurer.

E-transfers are now accepted. Please note the new email address for this purpose only. standrewspertthoffering@gmail.com Please include your Offering Envelope # in the message section of the INTERAC transfer page you fill in. If you wish any part of your donation to go to a specific fund (eg Presbyterian Sharing) please mention this in your message.

Offertory Prayer

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us, even in these difficult times.
We offer you our gifts,
signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts.
Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb,
that we may proclaim to all the world
your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the People by the People – please continue to pray for members of our congregation and others that you personally know of.

- **For all the families and those impacted by the terrible tragedy that took place in Nova Scotia.**
- **Those on the front line in the fight against COVID-19, especially the nurses and PSW's in our congregations.** (Destiny Bowes, Glenda Gould, Connie Young, Tracey Laffine)
- **Those who are out of work and struggling financially to pay their bills.**
- **Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of Nora Jean Echlin on Tuesday, April 21st at 1:13 AM. Nora Jean weighted 8 lbs 7 oz and was 22inches long.**
Congratulations to Holden and Peri-Ann Echlin on their first child and to David and Tressa Oliver on their first grandchild.
- **Stuart McKim & Louise Burke**
- **Ann Savage**
- **Dave Crawley & Paul Thompson**
- **University and College Students** (Holly, Caitlin, Colleen, Jonathan, Liam, Caleb and Issac) & **Angus Funston**
- **Shut-ins and Nursing Homes** (Elva Fair, Audrey Ferrier, Germaine Vanderklok, June O'Hara, Gwen Travis, Lyn Harrington, Bing Jeun, Jo Mott, Ruth McTavish)
- **Pray especially for Carolina Suites** (at least 35 cases & 4 deaths). **Pray for Lyn Harrington** (Shelagh Stephen's mother) **and Nellie Larabie** (Marlene Larabie's

mother-in-law) are in Carolina Suites. Thankfully there have been no new cases since April 17th.

- **St. Andrew's** – as we carry on without benefit of regular services and seek to minister in a virtual, yet broken world. How we will carry on as this pandemic draws to an end.
- **Rick & Colleen Richardson**
- **Richard Hendry**
- **Joanna Savage** has a large cancerous mass on her liver. Treatments and appointments are being delayed as a result of COVID-19.
- **Larry Palmer** and his family as he grieves the loss of his wife Joan, who passed away the evening of April 22nd. A Celebration of Life has been postponed to a later date. Larry and Joan were regular participants in Alpha this past fall
- **Adam Dowdall** – Sharon Dowdall's grandson has diabetes which has been hard to control of late.

Closing Hymn:

“Go Now In Peace”

(Click on the link below to play the hymn. Lyrics will be displayed on the screen.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T_KSLqIAcM

Go now in peace, never be afraid
 God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
 Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Benediction

Go now, listening for the voice of Christ,
 and follow the example he left us.
 Devote yourself to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship,
 to the breaking of bread and to the prayers of God's people.

And may God lead you to places of rest and renewal;
 May Christ Jesus give you life in abundance;
 And may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with gladness and generosity.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



On Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday the Churches of
Perth Rang Their Bells
(Click on the link below to play)

[St. Andrew's Perth- Bell
Ringing](#) (short version)

[St. John's Perth-Bell
Ringing](#) (short version)

[St. James Perth -
Bell Ringing](#) (short
version)

St. Andrew's and St. John's are continuing the Sunday 12-12:10 pm ringing of the bells as a reminder of the Easter Season as well as a call to pray for all aspects of the current crisis and everyone affected. You are encouraged to do the same!