

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth
Sunday, May 24th, 2020
Series: Believe
"Gentleness"

Note: Sunday, June 7th is Communion Sunday. We will be observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I want to give you lots of notice so that you can make sure to have the necessary elements on hand. Grape juice, red wine, cranberry juice serve best for the Cup, but water or even Coke or Pepsi can be used if you have nothing else. For the loaf, any type of bread or even a cracker can be used. I invite all those who love the Lord – all who are followers of Jesus Christ - to come and share in this sacred meal.

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

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom
 and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
 and glory and might forever and ever!"**

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"
 and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe
 and have sent your Son to be King of kings.
 We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world
 and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.
 We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection,
 and ascension to honor and might at your side.
 By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty,
 establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.
 Accept our homage as we offer our lives
 in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jGqI3QiRdI>

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee
 Who, was and is, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
 Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
 Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name
 In earth and sky and sea
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Call to Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God,
 our own humanity is laid bare.
 When we stand in the living presence of truth,
 our own falsehood is revealed.
 People of God, let us acknowledge who we are
 and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God,
 you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
 We confess that we have not bowed before him
 and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
 We give allegiance to the powers of this world
 and fail to be governed by justice and love.
 In your mercy, forgive us.
 Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
 that we may be loyal ambassadors,
 obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Do not weep!
 See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
 With his blood he has purchased people for God
 from every tribe and language and people and nation.
 He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
 and they will reign on the earth.

Thanks be to God!

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 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
 he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him;
 strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

**Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

**Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

Ministry of Music: "Jesus, Strong and Kind" by CityAlight (lyrics)
(Click on the link below to listen to the Ministry of Music.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Szac&feature=youtu.be>

1. Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

3. Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

2. Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

4. Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Chorus

Chorus x 2

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 16:5-14

5 As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out. **6** He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left. **7** As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel!" **8** The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned.

The LORD has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!”

9 Then Abishai son of Zeruah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head.”

10 But the king said, “What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, ‘Curse David,’ who can ask, ‘Why do you do this?’ ” **11** David then said to Abishai and all his officials, “My son, my own flesh and blood, is trying to kill me. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. **12** It may be that the LORD will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today.”

13 So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt. **14** The king and all the people with him arrived at their destination exhausted. And there he refreshed himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “**Here Is Love, Vast As The Ocean - Robin Mark**
(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.)

<https://youtu.be/v8YOPj5TnUM>

1. Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

2. On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God’s mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven’s peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Prayer for Illumination

Teach us your way, O Lord,
and lead us on a level path.
Teach us, O Lord, to follow your decrees;
then we will keep them to the end.
Give us understanding, and we will keep your law
and obey it with all our hearts.
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(Based on Psalm 27:11, Psalm 119:33-34)

“The Power of Gentleness”

Believe Chapter 29

Gentleness is not usually at the top of the list of virtues that we want to emulate. In fact, in the US the Gallup organization ran a poll on the top thirty Christian beliefs and virtues we have been looking at and it found that “gentleness” came in dead last. We want to be known as everything but gentle. Every man in particular wants to be known as a “man’s man” – strong, astute, never a push over, maybe even little rough and brusque. Yet I must say that I have been waiting for weeks for us to get to this ninth virtue and I am excited to be focusing on it today.

But first let me share with you this short story. A wife went with her friend to the police station to report that her husband was missing! When the policewoman asked for a description, she said, “He’s 6 foot 2, has deep blue eyes, dark wavy hair, athletic build, well-groomed and sharply dressed and weighs 185 pounds. He’s soft-spoken, well-mannered, **gentle** and loves the children.” The friend spoke up and said, “But your husband is fat, 5 foot 3, rude, smokes cigars, is bald, has a big mouth, never bathes, dresses sloppy, his teeth are rotten and he is terribly mean to your children.” The wife replied, “Yes, but who wants that one back?”

Exactly! Who wants one like that? I want to suggest to you that real people – the kind that we really should admire – are very different than the ones we see put forward as role models. I had a friend in Kingston who died of pancreatic cancer

about six years ago. George was a psychiatrist. His obituary described him as being “known in the Kingston community and across Canada as a compassionate, humble, selfless man who both in his psychiatric practice and personal life gave his all to those who needed it most.” No Bay Street titan would want to be described like that, but then no Bay Street titan would have been loved by the people he worked with and for as George was.



Think of the kind of things we pray for. We pray for patience, we pray for love, we pray for purity and self-control and to be forgiving. But who of us ever prays for the grace of gentleness? An American preacher of the mid-19th century, George Bethune said this: “Perhaps no grace is less prayed for or less cultivated

than gentleness. Indeed, it is considered rather as belonging to one's natural disposition or as a manner of being polite or considerate (rather) than as a Christian virtue, and seldom do we reflect that not to be gentle is sin." I want you to take note of his final words: **not to be gentle is sin.**

The problem is that we believe you are either born gentle or you're not. You either have it or you don't. If you don't have it, then it is not something you can change. If this is true, then why does Paul write to the Colossians believers: **12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.** (Colossians 3) Why tell people to clothe themselves with gentleness if it is not possible to change in this area? In fact, many Christian people would question if gentleness is even something we should pursue.

There was no question in the mind of Jesus on this issue. If you turn to Matthew 5 (Believe p. 471) Jesus says: **5 Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.** Now I know that you are going to point out that I misquoted this verse. It actually uses the word "meek" in place of gentle. The problem with the word "meek" is that it rhymes with the word "weak". This is not the sense that is meant to be conveyed. In the ancient Greek, the word that is used here is a word that means

"strength". To be more exact, it means "strength under control". Horse people use to speak of "breaking" a horse. Today they speak of "gentling" a horse. A horse that has been gentled has not lost its strength. That strength has just been brought under control. St. Francis said: "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength." What we are talking about is the exact opposite of the person who is all strength but no control. This type of person has no idea of the destruction of a harsh



word. Such people cloak their actions by saying: "I just tell it like it is." or "I just speak the truth." or "I can't help it. I was born like this." I was that kind of a person.

In late 1999 I spent a lot of time reading, memorizing and meditating on the book of Philippians. It caused me to look inward at myself in a way that I had never done before. I still remember reading Philippians 4 verse 5 which is our Key Verse for today. **“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”** As I read that verse I was struck by the fact that I was not a gentle person at heart. In fact, I was like a mink when cornered. I could be downright vicious. I was

more like a wild mustang than a gentled horse. I could share with you many instances of my un-gentleness, but I will share only one. The ladies of the Women’s Missionary Society at Chippawa Presbyterian Church in Niagara Falls were having

Women’s Missionary Society

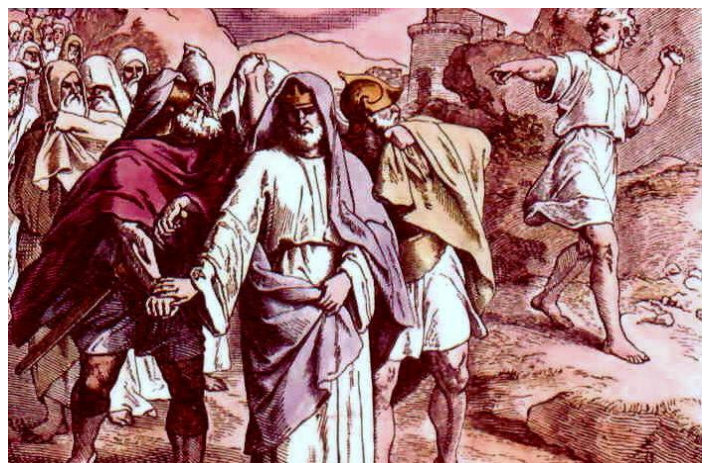
trouble arranging a speaker for their special yearly service and so I volunteered to ask one of my classmates at Knox College, who had served as a missionary in Korea, to come and speak. The week before the service, one of the ladies whose name was Annabelle, came into the church office and told me that she was going to introduce the speaker. Now, I will confess up front that I didn’t like Annabelle very well in the first place. I had been reading a book about an old goat named Annabelle, and I figured that it was a fair characterization of the lady. I said I would not interfere in the service in any other way, but that I wanted to introduce my friend. She said as President of the Women’s Missionary Society it was her place to introduce the guest. Things were heating up and the church secretary decided it was time to make her exit. I lay in to Annabelle and really tore a strip off her. I can still see the look on her face and I can still see her cowering away from me. And no, there was nothing gentle about my words or my actions. Remember, **not to be gentle is sin.**



As I read Philippians 4:5 again - **“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”** – I realized that I didn’t like the person I was and so I did what George Bethune said nobody does and I prayed “Lord, teach me to be gentle.” It took a number of years and I know that I am not where I should be yet, but it proved to me that our nature is not fixed and unchangeable. No one can say “Well, that’s just the way I am. I can’t help it.” and use that as an excuse for sinful and ungodly behavior. All of the Christian virtues can be developed as we open ourselves up to the Lord and ask him to teach and transform us. However, we can’t do it on our own. Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit which the Holy Spirit produces in us as we allow him. We need to remember that gentleness is one of those fruits of the Spirit that is leveraged for someone else. Why does a branch want to produce fruit? It holds the fruit for someone else to receive and benefit.

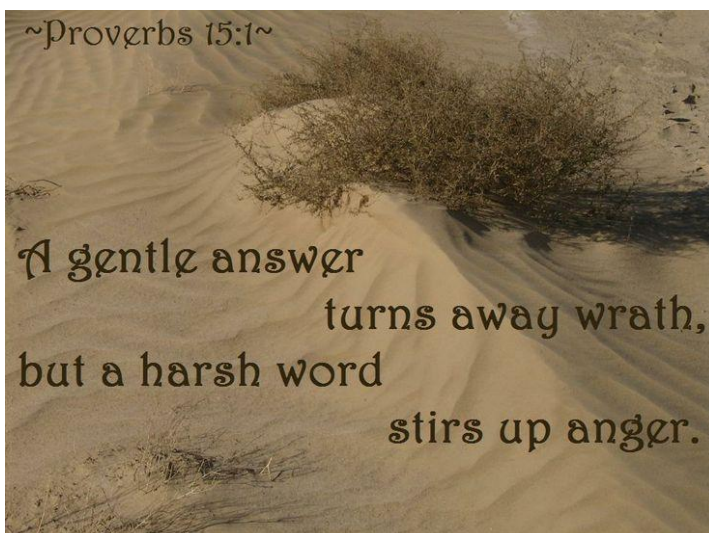
We need to remember that there is a world watching us. Titus 3 (Believe p. 473) says this: **1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.** What do you say when you are stopped for speeding by the police? How do you speak to border guards? If you speak honestly, sensibly and with respect, you are only doing the smart thing. To speak any other way will get you in a heap of trouble or just make matters worse. What shows the kind of person you really are is how you speak to your spouse or those that serve you, say, at the grocery store. Listen to the last part of verse 2 again. **Always to be gentle toward everyone.** What situations does this verse not cover? Remember it begins with “always”. What category or class of people does this verse not cover? Remember, it ends with the word “everyone”.

When we look at the story of David as he fled with his officials during the time of his son Absalom’s revolt, we see a man who was broken and in despair. We are told that he was **weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.** (2 Samuel 16:30) What a sorry sight that must have been. And then we have a further incident that, as my father use to say, adds “insult to injury”. A man named Shimei, who belonged to the same clan as Saul, came out cursing David and pelted David and his officials with stones. Listen to what he says to David: **7 As**



he cursed, Shimei said, “Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel! **8** The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The LORD has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!” He wrongly placed all the blame on David for the deaths in Saul’s family.

David had members of his army with him and they said: **9** “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head.” David had the power to deal with this man, yet he refused. He instructed his men to leave Shimei alone. Now that is gentleness. That is strength under control. In Proverbs 15



we read, **1** A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. My father made us memorize that verse when we were kids. Too bad I never took what I had memorized to heart. I have heard it said that gentleness strengthens our influence. Rick Warren put it this way: “You are never persuasive when you are abrasive.” Gentle people pay attention to the tone and volume of their voices. Any time you raise your voice in an argument you lower your influence.

Here are a few nuggets of wisdom. Having trouble at work?

4 If your boss is angry at you, don’t quit! A quiet (or gentle) spirit can overcome even great mistakes. (Ecclesiastes 10 NLT)

Maybe you’d like to have more influence at home. The New Century translation of Proverbs 25:15 reads like this:

15 ... a gentle word can get through to the hard-headed.

Women, would you like a beauty that will not fade with age? Then 1 Peter 3 offers this:

4 You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

Men, here is a good word for us, also from 1 Peter 3:

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect...

The final thing that I want to leave with you is that gentleness strengthens our Christ likeness. Isn't that what this Believe series has been all about? Take a look at the front cover of your copy of Believe. It says right there: **Living the Story of the Bible to become more like Jesus**. The aim of every Christian should be to become more like Jesus. If Jesus came, not only to die for our sins, but to show us what God in human form would be like, then it should be our aim to allow our lives to conform more and more to the person and character of Jesus. Jesus himself invites us to discover a new way of life. Matthew 11: [28](#) **“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29](#) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30](#) For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”** Jesus claimed for himself that he was gentle. Jesus was strong. Jesus was no pushover. Jesus could speak strong words. Jesus could do tough things. But look at Jesus as he approaches the cross. We see him being led to his death like a gentle lamb. Does he defend himself? Does he snap back at those who lied about him and cursed him? Does he put any of these people in their place with a quick word or a snide comment? Does he call on all the resources of heaven that were at his disposal? No. [34](#) **Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** (Luke 23)



The amazing thing is that God the Father leverages his strength through the gentleness of Jesus and we are the beneficiaries. We are the ones who eat of the blessed fruit of the Spirit that God holds out to us.

I would ask you today to do what George Bethune says no one does, and that is to seek that gentleness that only Jesus can teach. And in so doing, may you discover that same strength which Jesus displayed. The world is watching you. The world is watching us. What will it see? The world is listening to us. What will it hear? May it see men and women who have been transformed because we have chosen to be moulded in the image of Jesus. May it hear the Spirit of God in our voices and in the way that we speak to others. Remember that it is not a matter of copying Jesus. Rather, it [27](#) **is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Colossians 1)

Hymn: "I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light"

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QISk0oYYpuk>

I want to walk as a child of the light
 I want to follow Jesus
 God set the stars to give light to the world
 The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all
 The night and the day are both alike
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God
 Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
 I want to look at Jesus
 Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
 And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
 I want to be with Jesus
 When we have run with patience the race
 We shall know the joy of Jesus

The Christian Faith lost its most eloquent spokesperson on Tuesday, May 19th with the death of Ravi Zacharias at age 74. How I will miss that voice which contended for the truth and validity of the Christian faith in a very humble spirit. He spoke incisively and yet was always gracious to his opponents. If you would like to listen to several tributes to Zavi, check out the following links.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoWJUdcTU&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTO38KMMLSw&feature=youtu.be>

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. standrewspertloffering@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

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out

wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves — and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. **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 the leaders in our government (federal, provincial and municipal) to make responsible plans for reopening the economy and other activities that will not put our province at risk of further outbreaks of COVID-19.
- Those in hospital or needing medical attention other than for COVID-19 related needs.
- **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.**
- **Joanna Savage:** Joanna had an embolization procedure on Thursday, May 14th done at Kingston General Hospital to block the blood supply of the inoperable tumor in her liver. This from her mother Marilyn: "The embolization procedure went ahead as planned and she was able to come home late in the afternoon. However, she has been having considerable pain, nausea and fever since the evening. They did say she may feel flu like for a few days."
- **Stuart McKim – praise God for a good echocardiogram and consultation with his cardiologist. His pacemaker appears to be doing its job.**
- **Louise Burke**
- **Ann Savage – continues to have here weekly chemotherapy sessions at Perth Hospital.**
- **Dave Crawley & Paul Thompson**
- **University and College Students** (Holly, Caitlin, Colleen, Jonathan, Liam, Caleb and Issac)
- **Angus Funston** - We received this update from his grandmother Carole Miller - Good News! Angus' enzyme levels have come down. They are not at normal but they are coming down.
- **Shut-ins and Nursing Homes** (Elva Fair, Audrey Ferrier, Germaine Vanderklok, June O'Hara, Gwen Travis, Lyn Harrington, Bing Jeun, Jo Mott, Ruth McTavish, Jackie & Brian Stapledon – Karen McKim's parents)
- **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 – Thanks to our Board of Managers for all the work they do handling finances, repairing our church and maintaining the grounds even though we can't worship there.**
- **St. Andrew's Session – give our elders wisdom as they seek to provide leadership and pastoral oversight in these difficult times.**
- **Rick & Colleen Richardson and their daughter Deborah Richardson.**
- **Richard Hendry**
- **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 – for continued stabilization of his insulin levels and support for his emotion state, for him to become more confident.**

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=5TKSLqIAcM>

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, and do not be afraid.
 Put your hope in the Lord your God
 who called you before you were born
 that you might sing praises to God all your life long
 and proclaim the gospel of grace through faith.

And may God watch over you with favour;
 May Christ Jesus have compassion for you
 and with gentleness lead you in your life;
 And may the Holy Spirit put a song of praise in your heart
 and sustain your faith forever.

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!