

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth**  
**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Introductory Song**

**"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-Sz\\_ac&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac&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 x 2**

**Chorus**

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

**Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
 in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**Great are the works of the LORD;  
 they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
 and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
 the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
 he remembers his covenant forever.

(Psalm 111:1-5)

**Prayer of Invocation**

(based on Ephesians 1)

All glorious God, we give you thanks:  
 in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.  
 You chose us, before the world was made,  
 to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.  
 You adopted us as your children in Christ.  
 You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.  
 You have made known to us your secret purpose,

to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.  
 You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.  
 All praise and glory be yours, O God,  
     for the richness of your grace,  
     for the splendor of your gifts,  
     for the wonder of your love. **Amen**

**Hymn:**                    **“All Hail The Power of Jesus Name”** (Tune: Diadem)  
 (Click on the link below to play the hymn. The lyrics are on the screen.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WVSyGBBfi8>

All hail the power of Jesus' name  
 Let angels prostrate fall  
 Let angels prostrate fall  
 Bring forth the royal diadem  
 And crown Him crown Him crown Him  
 Crown Him Lord of all

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race  
 Ye ransomed of the fall  
 Ye ransomed of the fall  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
 And crown Him crown Him crown Him  
 Crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 On this terrestrial ball  
 On this terrestrial ball  
 To him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him crown Him crown Him  
 Crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
 We at his feet may fall  
 We at his feet may fall  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him crown Him crown Him  
 Crown Him Lord of all

### **Call to Confession**

We cannot come before God  
 unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are,  
 about the mistakes we make,  
 and about how well or poorly we care for others.  
 In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused  
world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being your representatives to a broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

### 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 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

**Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.**

In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,

**toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.**

Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him.

**Like arrows in the hands of a warrior**

**are children born in one's youth.**

Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.

**They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their opponents in court.**

**Ministry of Music: "All My Ways Are Known To You" – CityAlight**  
(Click on the link below to listen to the Ministry of Music.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44mVzqGeS-Q&feature=youtu.be>

1. In days of peace and days of rest  
In times of loss and loneliness  
Though rich or poor Your word is true  
That all my ways are known to You

2. No trial has come beyond Your hand  
No step I walk beyond Your plan  
The path is dark outside my view  
Still all my ways are known to You

**Chorus**

And O what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be  
For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah they are known to You

3. I do not fear the final night  
For death will be the door to life  
You take my hand and lead me through  
For all my ways are known to You

**Bridge (X2)**

Open up my eyes so I may see  
That You have made these ways for me  
Open up my eyes so I may see  
That You my God will walk with me

**Scripture Reading:**

**Daniel 4:28-37**

**28** All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. **29** Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, **30** he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" **31** Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. **32** You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the

Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

**33** Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. **34** At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;  
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

**35** All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”

**36** At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. **37** Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

### The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 4:13-21

**13** Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” **14** Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” **15** Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

**16** And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. **17** He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ **18** “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. **19** And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

**20** “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ **21** “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn: “Refiner’s Fire”, Brian Doerksen

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y8zP34AhuU&feature=youtu.be>

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| <p>1. Purify my heart<br/>Let me be as gold<br/>And precious silver<br/>Purify my heart<br/>Let me be as gold<br/>Pure gold</p> | <p>2. Purify my heart<br/>Cleanse me from within<br/>And make me holy<br/>Purify my heart<br/>Cleanse me from my sin<br/>Deep within</p> |
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### Chorus

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will

## Prayer for Illumination

Lord God,  
may your Word be a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (based on Psalm 119:105)

## “Unless The Lord Builds The House”

**Daniel 4:28-37**

**Luke 12:13-21**



Almost every city or region has within it a large, colossal mansion built by a person of wealth who was trying to show the world just how important he/she was. It is not uncommon for these huge structures to be referred to as “so-and-so’s folly”, because it is not uncommon for the builder to go bankrupt in the building process or fail in their life venture.

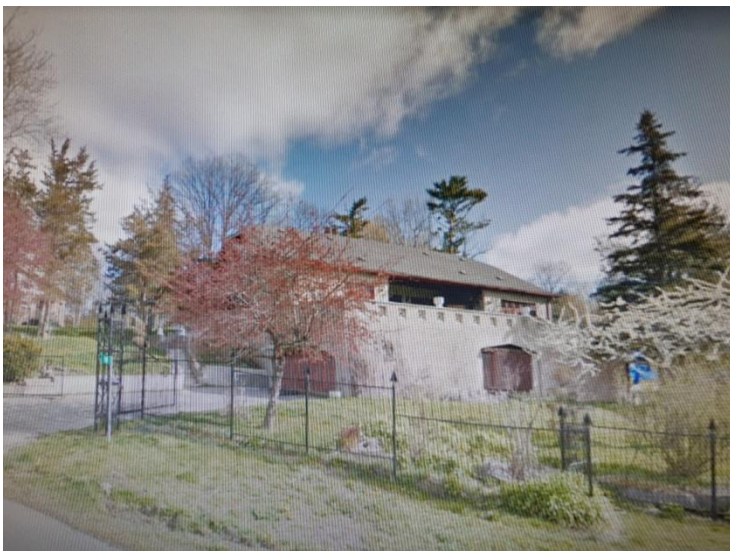
Toronto has **Casa Loma**. Sir Henry Pellatt was the dreamer behind this famous heritage site, built in 1914. Sir Henry

with his wife Lady Mary enjoyed **Casa Loma** for less than ten years before financial misfortune forced him to abandon his 98 room mansion. Hamilton has Dundurn Castle, the stately 37 room mansion built by early Canadian soldier, lawyer, land speculator and politician Sir Allan Napier McNab in 1835. Now McNab didn't go bankrupt, but he purchased the property from Richard Beasley, one of Hamilton's early settlers, when financial difficulties forced Beasley to sell lands at Burlington Heights. MacNab built Dundurn Castle on the foundations of Beasley's brick home. McNab lived in the home until his death in 1862.

Most of us are familiar with Boldt Castle on Hart Island in The Thousand Islands built by George Boldt who was the general manager of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. In 1900, Boldt launched an ambitious construction campaign to build a huge masonry structure, one of the largest private homes in the United States. The six story castle was to be a gift for his wife. The construction of Boldt Castle ceased abruptly in early 1904 after the death of Boldt's wife, Louise. Boldt never returned to Hart Island, leaving this structure as a monument of his love. For 73 years, the castle lay abandoned.



Now, you don't have to be famous or a multi-millionaire to build a "folly" or "a white elephant", and it doesn't have to be a castle. Contractors are notorious for building homes beyond their means and getting into trouble in the process. I even rented one such home on the St. Lawrence River. Between graduating from Queen's University and going to Knox College for seminary, I sold real estate for a year. At one point we had two homes listed in what was known as Brookland Estates. It was located between Amherstview and Bath on Highway 33 (Bath Road) outside of Kingston. One of the homes the contractor had built for himself. This is



the best picture I can find of it taken off Google Maps. It looked a bit like a castle. There were two-2 car garages at the front of the house and a billiard room in between them. It was finished on the outside. Inside the wiring and plumbing were roughed in and the insulation and vapour barrier were on the outside walls. Unfortunately, that was as far as Mr. Brook got before he ran out of money and left the country to escape his financial difficulties.

Every time I see one of these “follies”, I am struck by two things.

1. The colossal waste of money involved in these projects; and
2. The selfish arrogance of a person who can squander so much money on themselves.

Both things bother me, but the second bothers me the most. It is because I believe arrogance is one of the worst traits that can be found in a person.

The point I want to make is this. **No one** ever built a mansion or a castle to proclaim to the world their humility and self-sacrificing nature. No, a mansion says to whoever wishes to listen:

- See, I’ve arrived! I’m at the top of the heap!
- I got here because I’m smarter than everyone else.
- I am a self-made person.
- I’m self-sufficient. I don’t need God or anyone else for that matter.

Our Scripture lessons paint pictures of two individuals who fit this category perfectly.

The first is Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon who was one of the most powerful rulers to emerge in the Ancient Near East. I have always liked the name Nebuchadnezzar. I had cousins who lived in Hamilton very near to Dundurn Castle and they had a dog named Nebuchadnezzar. They also called him Neb or Nebbie. He was the first dog I ever knew who liked to drink out of a toilet bowl.



Now, Nebuchadnezzar was a builder and like all such builders, he made a personal statement through what he built. He was not an ordinary builder, who built a few buildings and a palace for himself. No, Nebuchadnezzar was a master builder and a city planner who built on a grand scale. Babylon was the capital city of what today is known as



Iraq. Under Nebuchadnezzar's direction, Babylon became a magnificent capital covering almost 200 square miles. He built new quarters onto the old city and a palace for himself. Temples were erected and special roads were built and lined with lions. The huge city was surrounded by a series of double defence walls. An artificial lake was created, canals dug and bridges built. For his wife, Nebuchadnezzar built the Hanging Gardens of Babylon which are considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. However, archeologists have searched in vain for any evidence of the hanging gardens.

Now if anyone had good reason to be arrogant, proud and boastful of his accomplishments, it was Nebuchadnezzar. The Bible tells us that he was not above doing just that. One night, as he was walking on the roof of his royal palace in Babylon, he gazed around at the city and said to himself: **30** .... **“Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”** (Daniel 4) You might notice that there is just a hint of ego in this statement. Nebuchadnezzar's words did not go unnoticed. It is not that the LORD (Yahweh) was eavesdropping on this particular occasion. After all, the LORD hears everything we say. He sees everything we do. He knows everything we think. No, God was not eavesdropping just this once. He was aware of every arrogant egotistical thought Nebuchadnezzar had ever had. Now the Almighty sets out to knock old Nebuchadnezzar down – not just a rung or two – but to the bottom of the ladder!

**31** Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, **“This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. 32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox.”** And so His Royal Highness found himself quite literally out of his mind and out in the pasture with the daises. He was reduced from being the most powerful man in the world to being just another beast in the field. He dropped further and faster than anyone in recorded history.



Nebuchadnezzar was what the Bible calls a “fool”. Notice that I said he was a fool, not that he became a fool. According to Scripture, a fool is not a stupid or crazy person, for a fool can be a very well educated and accomplished person. Rather, **1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”** (Psalm 14) The fool may build temples or churches. The fool may be on the Board or serve as an elder. The fool may have built a financial empire. But in his/her heart – in their innermost being – the fool does not acknowledge God as God! This person believes that they are where they are because of their own “smarts”. They have lived life their own way. Their theme song is: “I did it my way!” They believe that everything they have they have gotten themselves.



When my son Matthew was at Gananoque Secondary School in the early 1990's, there was a new scholarship established called the Arthur Childs Scholarship. Mr. Childs was there as the guest speaker when the scholarship was awarded for the first time, and speak he did! Five minutes stretched into twenty as Mr. Childs, a multi-millionaire and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Burns Foods Limited proceeded to tell us how wonderful he was and how he was a self-made man. He was one of the most conceited men I have ever heard speak. He used the personal pronoun “I” in every sentence.

Nebuchadnezzar was cut from the same cloth. Listen to his boast:

- **Is not this the great Babylon I have built ....**
- **by my mighty power...**
- **for the glory of my majesty?**

He was obviously big on using personal pronouns when speaking of his accomplishments. Immediately a voice from heaven said that he would be stripped of his authority:

**32 “... until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”**

Take note of two things that are said here because we are going to come back to them later.

1. **The Most High is Sovereign** over the kingdoms and the affairs of men.
2. He gives them – that is kingdoms – to anyone he **wishes!!!**

Nebuchadnezzar isn't the only fool to be found in the Bible. Jesus tells us about another one in Luke 12. This fool was also a builder but not on as grand a scale. Basically he was farmer, but being a builder is not limited to potentates in antiquity. This man was a very successful farmer. It wasn't that he just had one good crop that made him well-to-do. Jesus tells us in this parable that he was already a rich man. This rich farmer, whose barns were already bloated with produce, has just had a bumper crop. His problem was that he had nowhere to store the new crop. **18 Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.** Is there anything wrong with the plan of action the farmer has decided on? No, it is not sin to make a business decision such as he is making. If you are a business person, whether your business is farming or manufacturing widgets, then you are going to have to make decisions about what level of inventory to carry and where to store it. The problem arises in that this farmer didn't stop at making a purely business decision. No, his thinking process goes one step further. **19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'**



Again, God hears what the man says just as he always hears what we say. His response was swift. **20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'** **21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."**

Let's ask the question, "What is this man's sin? What has he done that is so wrong? First of all, he was **greedy**. If we go back to verse 15, we read: **15 Then he (Jesus) said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'** It is after making this statement that Jesus tells the parable of the greedy fool. In my mind I have this image of the farmer being a little fat fellow. He is sitting on a pile of his grain, throwing it up over his head and crying out in glee, "I love it! I love it!"

We dare not minimize greed in any of our lives. It is sin and it is wrong. Clarence Jordan was both a farmer and a New Testament Greek scholar. He founded a small but influential Christian community called Koinonia Farm in southwest Georgia. In his Cotton Patch Version of Luke he speaks of greed as putting “**the screws on our souls**”.

Our foolish farmer indulged in one other sin beyond that of greed and it was selfish arrogance. Where did this man’s wealth come from? Was he the one who produced a good crop? The answer is an emphatic **NO!** Jesus said, **16** .... “**The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.**” The good crop came from the “**ground**” and thus from the Lord, but nowhere does the rich farmer acknowledge this. From the way he talks you would think that he produced the bumper crop all on his own. This man feels no need for God. He lives solely for himself. He has forgotten that the Lord is the Giver of all that he has. He places his confidence, not in the Giver but in the gift.

Western society is all about consuming and accumulating. For all that we have and enjoy, we take credit. We have gotten all this ourselves. But when what we have is taken away, then to whom do we give credit? By that I mean whom do we blame? Of course, we blame God. It is his fault that we have suffered this loss. If you are going to deny God and feel no need for him in the good times, then is it reasonable to be able to blame him in the bad times? If people feel no need of God in their everyday choices and decisions, then why do they feel the need to disrespect God in the bad times?



The big lesson that we can take from these passages is that **God is Sovereign**. I said earlier that we would return to this. The Sovereignty of God is one of the great doctrines of Scripture and one of the cornerstones of the Reformed Faith. Let’s break it down to see what it means. A sovereign is a king who exercises supreme authority over his subjects and his domain.

When we speak of the Sovereignty of God we are saying that God is King and he exercises supreme authority over his dominion which is the universe, our world and over his subjects who trust in Jesus for their salvation.

What is more, he wants us to acknowledge his Sovereignty by living our lives in dependence on him. Remember what he said to Nebuchadnezzar? **32** “...**the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.**” When Nebuchadnezzar failed to acknowledge this, God stripped him of everything.

I remember listening to a Christian radio broadcast on which a businessman gave his testimony. He described a deep clinical depression that he had gone through when he was convinced that his business was on the verge of bankruptcy. His voice broke as he described his consideration of suicide and the months he spent in hospital recovering. When he was asked by the radio host what he had learned from his experience, he replied it was that God is Sovereign. He didn't learn to relax and not take life so seriously. It wasn't learning to delegate or use better fiscal controls that pulled him through. No, he learned that God was Sovereign and in absolute control. He learned that God could be depended on to see him through the darkest times. What he needed to learn was to look to God, to trust him and see what God was doing in the midst of his bleak situation.

Most of us have a tendency to trust in our own judgment – to lean on our own understanding. This usually gets us into trouble. God asks us to be aware of the work that he is doing in our lives. He tells us that he is Wisdom and that all his ways are just. He wants to impress on us that he is behind all that is right and good in our lives. As I look back over my life, I am forced to acknowledge that there have been many things that have happened to me that were beyond my ability to bring about. I can only conclude that it was the Lord's hand on my life and that he is Sovereign.

Let me close with these words of King Nebuchadnezzar.

**34** **At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.**

**His dominion is an eternal dominion;  
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.**

**35** **All the peoples of the earth  
are regarded as nothing.**

**He does as he pleases  
with the powers of heaven  
and the peoples of the earth.**

**No one can hold back his hand  
or say to him: “What have you done?”**

.... [37](#) Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

**Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be (Lyrics) sung by Brian Doerksen**  
(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ93HVuYd5Y>

1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
At the impulse of Thy love
  
  2. Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Always only for my King
  
  3. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages for Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Not a mite would I withhold
  
  4. Take my love my God I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee
  
  5. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee
- Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee

### **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. [standrewspert offering@gmail.com](mailto:standrewspert offering@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**

Generous God, you have given us life,  
a place to live in, and people to live with.  
Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters,  
especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated.  
Make us humble enough to help and comfort them,  
so that your love and justice and peace may come to them.  
We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts  
to you and to the service of others,  
through 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 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 came home from the hospital on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She spent 4 very quiet days where her family was not sure what was happening. Since then she has made a remarkable recovery. She is very thin but has regained all her faculties and is back to how she was before all this started. The family thanks you for all your prayers for Joanna and is convinced that what has happened is the result of all the prayers that have been offered on her behalf.
- **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, Jackie & Brian Stapledon – Karen McKim's parents, Nellie Larabie)
- **Carolina Suites** - - we give thanks that this facility has now been given a clean bill of health. This outbreak of COVID-19, which resulted in over 40 cases of the virus and 4 deaths, has been a hard few months for both staff and residents. Thank you for your prayers.
- **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. The sanctuary is at present torn apart awaiting the installation of the new carpet. Larry McPhee, Mark Gould, and Richard and Jay Hendry are working hard at placing catch basins and drainage tile in the courtyard between the church and the apartments.**
- **Rick & Colleen Richardson and their daughter Deborah Richardson.**
- **Richard Hendry**

Thanks to Graeme and Simone Crabb for suggesting our closing hymn today. The Benediction is included at the end of the hymn.

**Closing Hymn:** **“Be Thou My Vision & Benediction”**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TascsWZPj8U>

### **Benediction**

Christ be with you.  
 Christ within you.  
 Christ behind you.  
 Christ before you.  
 Christ beside you.  
 Christ to win you.  
 Christ to comfort and restore you.  
 Christ beneath you.  
 Christ above you.  
 Christ in quiet.  
 Christ in danger.  
 Christ in hearts of all that love you.  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Amen**





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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!