

Welcome to St. Andrew's Order of Service

For your convenience, large print bibles and Hymn books are available at each sanctuary entrance.

Prelude "Pastorale"

A. Sumsion

Introit Psalm 105: 1-4

Refrain: Llanfair
Tone: R. Cunningham

(Many of the prayers used today are written by Indigenous members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada)

*Responsive Call to Worship (Living Faith - The Presbyterian Church in Canada)

One: God is always calling the church to seek that justice in the world which reflects the divine righteousness revealed in the Bible. *(Living Faith 8.4.1)*

All: God's justice is seen when we deal fairly with each other and strive to change customs and practices that oppress and enslave others. *(Living Faith 8.4.2)*

One: Justice involves protecting the rights of others. It protests against everything that destroys human dignity. *(Living Faith 8.4.3)*

All: Justice opposes prejudice in every form. It rejects discrimination on such grounds as race, sex, age, status, or handicap. Justice stands with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect and demands the exercise of power for the common good. *(Living Faith 8.4.6)*

One: Let all who take refuge in the Lord rejoice;

All: Let them ever sing for joy.

One: God's protection is over them so that those who love God's name may exult in the Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn 324 "Great is thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture

1 Kings 21: 1 – 10
Galatians 3: 23 – 29

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

*Hymn 301 "Many and great, O God"
(This hymn will be unannounced)

Dakota Melody

Message: "God's Love is For All Peoples"

*Hymn 759 "In loving partnership"

Rivault

Offering

Offertory "Salterelle"

Susato

*Doxology Old 100th

*Offertory Prayer

Anthem "How clear is our vocation, Lord"

arr. H. Hopson

Opportunities in the Life of St. Andrew's

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

*Hymn 736 "For the healing of the nations"

Oriel

*Benediction

Postlude "Toccata & Fuga"

D. Buxtehude

** if able, please stand*

Helping Today

Coffee Hour- Elders Group 3

Greeters ~ Charlie Toth, Wendy Toth, Roland Laliberte, Marylin Laliberte

Scripture~ David Spencer

Nursery~ Penny Devries, Student Volunteer

Church School~ Laurissa Di Ilio, Susan Lucas

Sound System ~ Peter Devries

Lock -Up ~ Gwen Gooyers

This Week @ St Andrew's

Today- *8:55 Adult Bible Study,*10:30am Sunday Worship,
6:00pm Two Rivers Worship

Mon. Sept. 25- 7:00pm Guelph Scottish Dancers

Tues. Sept. 26- 5:00 CFUW, 7:00pm Shout Sister Choir,
7:00pm Gaelic Conversation

Wed. Sept. 27- 6:30pm Brownies, *7:00pm Handbells,

Thurs. Sept. 28- 6:00pm Lilliput Land AGM
*7:00pm Choir

Fri. Sept. 29- 8:00am Safety Tree PD Day workshops

Sun. Oct. 1- *8:55am Adult Bible Study,*10:30am Worship,

*St. Andrew's related activity

St. Andrew's Territorial Acknowledgement

As we gather, we acknowledge that Indigenous people were here long before us who cared for this land and called it home. This territory has a rich history and was, and is to this day, considered sacred by many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. We have a responsibility to care for this land as their ancestors did and to continue to strengthen our relationships with our Indigenous neighbours.

Helping Next Sunday

Coffee Hour- Coffee Team B

Greeters ~ Gertie Reimer, Fred Ferwerda

Scripture~ Anne Bull

Nursery~ Student Volunteers

Church School~Laurissa Di Ilio, Penny Devries

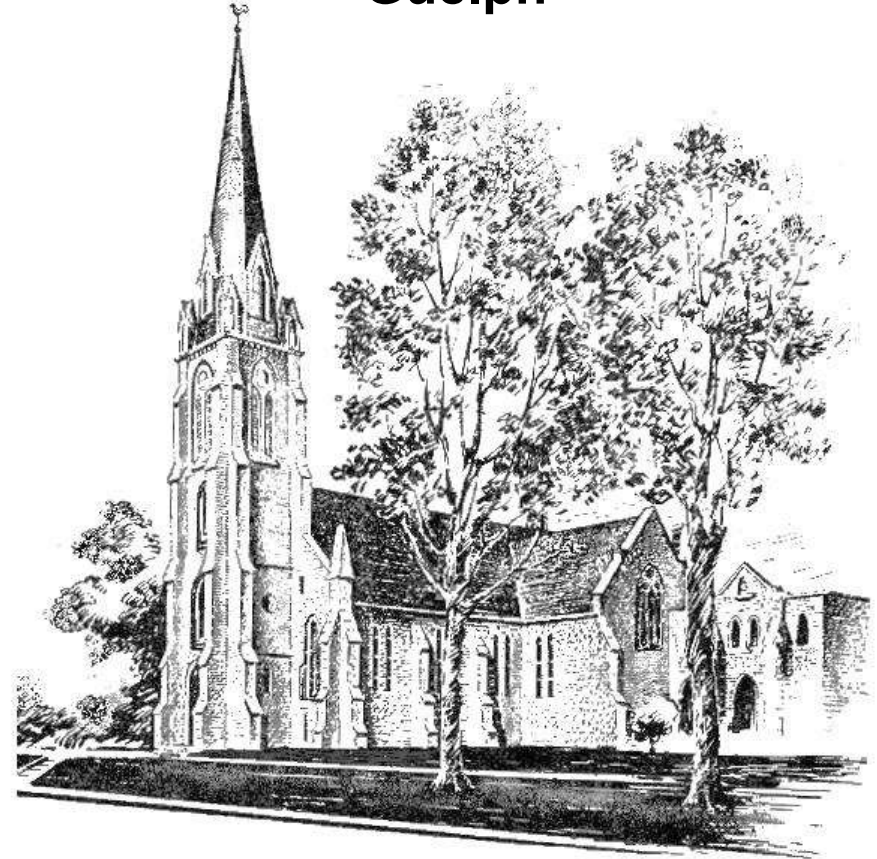
Sound System ~ Logan Borthwick

Lock -Up ~ Jay Marett

Just a reminder!

Sunday September 24, 2017

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Rev. Dr. Robert Spencer, Minister in Association

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Shainna Poulin, Administrative Assistant

Notice: Next Sunday Oct. 1, “Run for the Cure” will take place through the downtown. We encourage everyone come to church early to ensure you can find parking before the streets are blocked off.

Thursday morning Bible Study is cancelled for this week. Sunday morning bible study will still take place as usual.

Update from Rejuvenate 190

We are so delighted to be able to update everyone on our progress towards our goal of raising \$190,000 by our 190th anniversary in April 2018 – you will see the thermometers are updated too – to date we have raised \$52,171.95. When we add the monies that were made available through our designated funds, we now have raised \$153,171.95. That reflects 80% progress towards our final goal. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity is inspiring.

We are waiting to hear how our project may be impacted by the steeple fire but are confident that we will meet any goal set before us. Praise God, together we've almost reached our goal! Thanks again for your support.

Our Partners at Knox

Seniors Connecting at Knox Thurs. Sept. 28 11:30am - 2:00pm Come for lunch and remain for the Feature Event- Jaime Todd Musician. Free will offering.

Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Center warmly invite you to our fall **Manna Day- “What the Reformation can Teach us about Change,”** on Thursday October 12th from 10:30am to 3:00pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald, Professor of Church and Society at Knox College. Everyone is welcome. Please register before Oct. 1st by calling 519-824-7898 or 1- 800-884-1525. Cost for the day is \$22.00 and includes lunch. Crieff Hills is located close to Guelph, just off the 401. www.crieffhills.com

Waterloo- Wellington Presbytery News

Packing of Pneumonia Prevention Vests September 27, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. - Packing of pneumonia prevention vests for India. Please make sure that all vests are picked up for packing. Location - Eden Mills Presbyterian Church.

Fall Rally & Executive Meeting - Monday, October 16, 2017
Location: Rockwood Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. – Executive Meeting - for those attending the executive meeting, please bring a bag lunch

1:00 p.m. - Refreshments followed by Spring Rally

Speaker: Rev. Susan Clarke, Knox Church, Elora - she will speak on Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery's partnership with the Bunun Presbytery in Taiwan and her recent visit to Taiwan for the 40th anniversary of the Bunun Presbytery.

When will the Kurtimah Grandchildren be coming to Canada?

In the spring of this year, Alex and Sallay Kurtimah were devastated when their application to sponsor their grandchildren (and the related appeal) came to an unsuccessful conclusion. Over the summer, there were meetings with various consultants and experts where options for “next steps” were developed and weighed as to their potential for success.

The result is that the Kurtimah’s will work with a legal firm (recommended by our former and present Members of Parliament) with expertise in immigration issues. With ongoing assistance from members of St. Andrew’s, they will prepare and submit a new application that addresses the issues that caused the Government of Canada to reject the first application.

The cost of this work will be in the \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 range and the Session has authorized the MOCC to make this need known to the congregation. Please continue to hold the Kurtimah’s up in prayer: Alex, Sallay, Mohamed, Victor, Salamatu and Assanatu. Pray that God will clear the way for the four children to join their family in Canada as soon as possible.

If you are able, please consider helping the Kurtimah’s cover the financial cost of this new application. Until such time as Alex and Sallay know that they have the funds committed, they are not able to proceed. To be clear, the effort to bring the children to Canada is currently stalled; the first application file is closed and preparation of the new application has not started.

Note that there are no guarantees of success and that this support will be in addition to the monthly child support that St. Andrew’s is providing (which we will have to renew for 2018).

For more information, please see Alex or Sallay or contact a member of the MOCC.

If you are able to make a commitment, please complete the following and place it on the collection plate, or give it to a member of the MOCC no later than October 15, 2017.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____

Signature(s): _____

The Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

as adopted by the General Assembly, June 9th, 1994



THE HOLY SPIRIT,

speaking in and through Scripture, calls The Presbyterian Church in Canada to confession. This confession is our response to the word of God. We understand our mission and ministry in new ways in part because of the testimony of Aboriginal peoples.

1. We, the 120th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, seeking the guidance of the Spirit of God, and aware of our own sin and shortcomings, are called to speak to the Church we love. We do this, out of new understandings of our past not out of any sense of being superior to those who have gone before us, nor out of any sense that we would have done things differently in the same context. It is with humility and in great sorrow that we come before God and our Aboriginal brothers and sisters with our confession.
2. We acknowledge that the stated policy of the Government of Canada was to assimilate Aboriginal peoples to the dominant culture, and that The Presbyterian Church in Canada co-operated in this policy. We acknowledge that the roots of the harm we have done are found in the attitudes and values of western European colonialism, and the assumption that what was not yet moulded in our image was to be discovered and exploited. As part of that policy we, with other churches, encouraged the government to ban some important spiritual practices through which Aboriginal peoples experienced the presence of the creator God. For the Church's complicity in this policy we ask forgiveness.
3. We recognize that there were many members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada who, in good faith, gave unstintingly of themselves in love and compassion for their Aboriginal brothers and sisters. We acknowledge their devotion and commend them for their work. We recognize that there were some who, with prophetic insight, were aware of the damage that was being done and protested, but their efforts were thwarted. We acknowledge their insight. For the times we did not support them adequately nor hear their cries for justice, we ask forgiveness.

The Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada continued

4. We confess that The Presbyterian Church in Canada presumed to know better than Aboriginal peoples what was needed for life. The Church said of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, “If they could be like us, if they could think like us, talk like us, worship like us, sing like us, and work like us, they would know God and therefore would have life abundant.” In our cultural arrogance we have been blind to the ways in which our own understanding of the Gospel has been culturally conditioned, and because of our insensitivity to Aboriginal cultures, we have demanded more of the Aboriginal people than the Gospel requires, and have thus misrepresented Jesus Christ who loves all peoples with compassionate, suffering love that all may come to God through him. For the Church’s presumption we ask forgiveness.
5. We confess that, with the encouragement and assistance of the Government of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada agreed to take the children of Aboriginal peoples from their own homes and place them in residential schools. In these schools, children were deprived of their traditional ways, which were replaced with Euro-Canadian customs that were helpful in the process of assimilation. To carry out this process, The Presbyterian Church in Canada used disciplinary practices which were foreign to Aboriginal peoples, and open to exploitation in physical and psychological punishment beyond any Christian maxim of care and discipline. In a setting of obedience and acquiescence there was opportunity for sexual abuse, and some were so abused. The effect of all this, for Aboriginal peoples, was the loss of cultural identity and the loss of a secure sense of self. For the Church’s insensitivity we ask forgiveness.
6. We regret that there are those whose lives have been deeply scarred by the effects of the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. For our Church we ask forgiveness of God. It is our prayer that God, who is merciful, will guide us in compassionate ways towards helping them to heal.
7. We ask, also, for forgiveness from Aboriginal peoples. What we have heard we acknowledge. It is our hope that those whom we have wronged with a hurt too deep for telling will accept what we have to say. With God’s guidance our Church will seek opportunities to walk with Aboriginal peoples to find healing and wholeness together as God’s people.