

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fergus, ON

ORDER OF WORSHIP (Aug. 22, 2021 – on line)

Opening and Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

L: Sing aloud, O Zion; shout, O Israel!

R: Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O Jerusalem!

L: The LORD, is in your midst;

R: you shall fear disaster no more.

L: Do not fear, O Zion;

R: do not let your hands grow weak.

L: The LORD, your God, will rejoice over you with gladness,

R: he will renew you in his love.

Hymn "‘This is amazing grace’"
 "‘Build my life’"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change.

You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word.

You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth.

But we confess that we often worship

not Your true self but who we wish You to be.

We too often ask You to bless what we do

rather than seeking to do what You bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions

when we should be seeking guidance,

Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want

instead of shaping us into what You want.

Help us to meet You here, that we might bow

before Your unspeakable majesty

and so live for You now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 1: Zephaniah 1:4-9

Sermon 1: "Be silent before the Lord God!"

Hymn "I surrender all"

Interlude

Scripture Reading 2: Zephaniah 3:8-13

Sermon 2: "A people humble and lowly"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering Prayer

Hymn "Jesus shall reign"

Benediction

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

Birthdays this week

Lisa O'Leary, Helen Crane, Bob Colville, Hannah Rogerson,
Alex Trottier, Melissa Corbit, Hannah Lang

Continued Prayer for our folks in nursing homes and retirement centres, struggling through this pandemic. Special prayers for the nurses and PSW's at these homes. Please let us know if we have overlooked anyone.

Dora Gowland, Alda Swift, Ada Chapman, Joan MacGregor,
Marg Ryan, Aubrey and Jessie Dunford, Bob Shaw
Marjorie Dibben, Margaret Bridge, Helen Crane, Mary Anne Hollett,
Ruby Lasby, Marie (Ming Yao), Marg Young, Evelyn & Grant Gammie, Pat Steeves,
Sadie Watson, Chris & Cecil Wolfe, Betty Knapton, Bob Strachan,
Gladys McFadden, Janice Corbett, Ken Hawkins, Ray Wiseman

Prayer for our folks in hospital and/or at home: The Samuel Family, Siebe DeWitt,
Grace Bouwman, Mrs. Hegedus (in Hungary)

For pastoral care call: church: 519-843-3565 or Pastor Peter 226-820-0634

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Aug. 22, 2021)

We welcome Mike Wasyluk to preach at St. Andrew's Church, Fergus. Mike has served in a number of capacities in churches and is presently co-director of Church Helper.

Re-Opening

Ontario has moved into Step 3 of the re-opening process.

Under Stage 3 rules there are no limits on numbers as long as bubbles remain 6 feet apart. So that still means we can have about 70 to 80 people in the sanctuary.

It is wise to call or e-mail the church office to reserve seats.

Masking is still required.

We will continue to have worship posted on Youtube and on the cable stations.

Sunday School – we have a Sunday School program available on our website – to access it families need to a password from the church – please contact the church office for access to the on-line Sunday School.

We also have a Sunday School program available for our in-service worship on Sunday mornings.

Peter Bush is on holidays – Aug. 16 to 25. If you are in need of Pastoral Care during that time please contact an elder.

St. Andrew's Tech Team is looking for new members

Are you interested in providing a vital supporting role to worship at St. Andrew's? Want to see how fun and easy our new equipment is to use? We're looking for some additional volunteers to complement our team. No experience necessary, but an interest in video, audio, and/or computers is helpful! For more information, please contact Jim Hall at av@standrewsfergus.com or phone/text 226-868-0707.

Summer Children's Programming

Thank you to everyone who helped with the various children's programs at St. Andrew's this summer. Thank you for your commitment to reaching children with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group continues to meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. If you have any prayer requests or would like to join us in prayer, please contact Sandra Woods at 519-820-9149 or sandra@woods-family.ca

FROM THE PROPERTY and FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of August 1, 2021 we welcome Swanieta Kruienza to the position of custodian at St. Andrew's Church. Welcome Swanieta, thank you for joining us in this role!!

Youth Groups at St Andrew's - Summertime Schedule

Keep an eye out for invites to things like **campfires, river swims, back-yard bible studies, or other fun summer activities**. Without a full-time youth worker on staff, parents and volunteers will be hosting summer events.

Youth Pastor

A search is underway to find a new youth pastor for St Andrew's. If you know of people who might be interested, please give the name and contact information to Peter and we will send a information package. We are trusting God for good things!

Note from Sunday School

Searching for individuals who love children, who desire to see them grow in their faith, who have a spare hour to share their love for God with our younger people.

We are on the hunt for both Sunday school teachers as well as nursery caregivers. Your choice of age, flexible scheduling. Curriculum provided.

Covid protocols in place.

After many dedicated years of service, we have some teachers retiring. Please help fill our void as we strive to provide an encouraging, fun and faith-filled children's program at St Andrews.

Please contact Erica for more information

519-843-7794 or ericaldyce@gmail.com

Thank you!