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**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church**

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preludes	Prelude in G	F. Linley
	Fugue in e minor	T. Dupuis

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

With all our hearts, let us praise God.

With all that we are, we will praise God's holy name!

With all our hearts, let us bless God.

We will never forget how kind God has been.

The Lord forgives our sins, heals our weakness, and gives us life everlasting.

Let us worship God who is merciful and patient, whose love never fails.

Hymn	Thou whose almighty word	291
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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box

Lord's Prayer

Scripture	Luke 13: 10-17 (The Message)
	Hebrews 12:18-29 (The Message)

Hymn	As water to the thirsty	688
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Message	"Making God's Word Active"
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Solo	The Word of the Lord	S.S. Wesley
	arr. for baritone solo by J. Hall; soloist: Christopher	

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
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Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn	Your strong word once cleaved the darkness	429
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Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude	Fanfare	Jean J. Mouret
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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 evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 13:10-17

He was teaching in one of the meeting places on the Sabbath. There was a woman present, so twisted and bent over with arthritis that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over. "Woman, you're free!" He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God.

The meeting-place president, furious because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, "Six days have been defined as work days. Come on one of the six if you want to be healed, but not on the seventh, the Sabbath."

But Jesus shot back, "You frauds! Each Sabbath every one of you regularly unties your cow or donkey from its stall, leads it out for water, and thinks nothing of it. So why isn't it all right for me to untie this daughter of Abraham and lead her from the stall where Satan has had her tied these eighteen years?"

When he put it that way, his critics were left looking quite silly and red-faced. The congregation was delighted and cheered him on.

Hebrews 12:18-29

Unlike your ancestors, you didn't come to Mount Sinai—all that volcanic blaze and earthshaking rumble—to hear God speak. The ear-splitting words and soul-shaking message terrified them and they begged him to stop. When they heard the words - “If an animal touches the Mountain, it's as good as dead” - they were afraid to move. Even Moses was terrified.

No, that's not your experience at all. You've come to Mount Zion, the city where the living God resides. The invisible Jerusalem is populated by throngs of festive angels and Christian citizens. It is the city where God is Judge, with judgments that make us just. You've come to Jesus, who presents us with a new covenant, a fresh charter from God. He is the Mediator of this covenant. The murder of Jesus, unlike Abel's—a homicide that cried out for vengeance—became a proclamation of grace.

So don't turn a deaf ear to these gracious words. If those who ignored earthly warnings didn't get away with it, what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly warnings? His voice that time shook the earth to its foundations; this time—he's told us this quite plainly—he'll also rock the heavens: “One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern.” The phrase “one last shaking” means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered.

Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. He's actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

For the word of God in Scripture
For the word of God within us
For the word of God around us
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We are happy that you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Please stay for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the Hall immediately after the service.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, 7 September, immediately following the service. The only purpose of this meeting is to formalize the decision made by the congregation to proceed with the fencing project.

Kathleen Jones

Long time member of St. Andrew's, Kathleen Jones passed from life to life on August 2nd this year. She was predeceased by her husband Doug also a member of St. Andrew's, in April last year. The congregation sends condolences to their families.

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Our Daily Bread

Both large and small print versions of the fall edition of this devotional are now available in the narthex.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Christopher
Flowers	Dorothy
Ushers today:	Dorothy, Andy
Ushers 31 August:	Elaine & Pat

Mission Moment – Bible Translators



For the past four decades, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean has worked with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and teams of pastors and elders to produce accurate translations of the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament in Hakka and many

other Indigenous languages of Taiwan. Paul recently retired as mission staff of the PCC. We give thanks for Paul and his ministry.



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