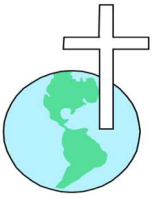


St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday



 *Please stand if you are able*

 *Available on screen*

Our Reason for Being

*As a community of the people of God,
called by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Our purpose is to reach the hearts, minds,
bodies and souls of individuals,
thus, bringing the Kingdom of God upon ourselves and others.
We do this through **worship, nurture and outreach.***

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, acknowledges that we worship and
are gathered on the traditional lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains;
thus, paying respect to Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing
and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships to the land.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, also offers respect to the Métis and all
who have lived on this land and made Lethbridge and area their home.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER

  **HYMN #703 "Happy the Home When God Is There"** (*please stand
if you are able*)

 **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE *remain seated*)**

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

All: We will shout to God with songs of joy.

One: For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

All: We will sing praises to God every day.

One: Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

All: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

 **HYMN #688 “As Water to the Thirsty”** *(please stand if you are able)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you called your followers

to carry the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth.

Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith.

We try to act out your love.

but it’s hard to tell others why we do what we do for you.

Forgive us.

Give us the courage to speak openly of our commitment to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, remember the promise the Apostle Paul declares: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God’s deep love will never let us go.

WE LISTEN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Day by Day” *by David Catherwood (Choir)*

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART “The Scars of Rejection” (*Jephthah’s Story, Part 2*)

The Lord’s Prayer (let’s sing it together – *remain seated*)

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
Those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trials
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever
Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 11:29-40

Reader: Diane Fleming

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: “The Scars of Rejection” (*Jephthah’s Story, Part 2* “The Scars Tell Stories” Series – Part 4/5)

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING TIME

Even as season of Easter draws closer to its end this week, we continue to receive the blessings God pours out for us in Christ and in creation. Our gifts to God speak of our gratitude for these blessings and our commitment to share them with the whole world.

 **HYMN #637 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"** (Verses 1-4
please stand on the last verse)

OFFERING PRAYER

  **DOXOLOGY HYMN #553 "May the Lord Bless You"**
(Let us stand and face one another)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Large print bulletins, sermons and audio enhancement devices
are available in the narthex. If you need help please ask your
usher for assistance.*

The Life and Work of the Church



Worship services will continue to be shown on **Roger's T.V. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on channel 105.** These same services are also available on the **St. Andrew's Facebook page with a link to YouTube (search for St. Andrew's, Lethbridge).**

Presbyterian Daily Devotionals can be found at www.presbycan.ca.

Video-taping is in progress during the Church Service. Photographs may be also taken from time to time. Thus, your pictures and/or the videotapes may be shared on St. Andrew's website and/or social media platforms. If you would **prefer NOT** to have your images featured, please notify the Convenor of Spiritual Life Team or the Church office.



Busy Bags are quiet activities available in the Narthex for children to pick up and use during worship.



Dial-A- Ride - If there is anyone in need of **a ride to church Sunday mornings,** please call the church **by Fridays at 10:00 am.** We have a schedule of volunteer drivers that will be available every Sunday.



Our deep condolences to Tom Smart and family for the passing of Karen Smart on May 19, 2025. May the strength of the Lord be with the family in this time of grief.

Bible Study Sacred Wounds (A 4-Week Bible Study Series)



What is it? Sacred Wounds is a gentle and reflective 4-week Bible study designed to help us meet God in the stories of pain and healing we carry.

Why join? Because your story matters. And God meets us — not in spite of our wounds, but often through them.

When & Where? Wednesdays at 7:00 PM | Conference Room

Starts: **May 28**

Continues: **June 11, 18, and 25**

How to come? Just as you are. Bring your honest self. Bring your story. God is already there, waiting to meet you.



Congratulations to Chase on his upcoming graduation on May 29th! We celebrate this wonderful milestone and give thanks for God's guidance throughout his journey. Please join us in praying for Chase as he steps into this exciting new chapter of life



Youth Group Mini-Golf - all youth, ages 10 to 35ish are invited to play mini-golf at Evergreen Golf Centre (5225 24th Ave. S.) on **Friday, May 30th**. Please arrive around 6:45pm so that we can divide everyone into teams and be ready to start mini-golf at

7:00pm. St. Andrew's will cover the cost of mini-golf for all youth. We will go back to the church afterwards for S'mores and snacks around a gas fire pit out in the courtyard. Please let Isabelle Plomp know if you will be attending by Wednesday, May 28th via email (isabelle.plomp44@gmail.com) or text/phone (403-824-3413). If it should happen to be pouring rain, we will gather instead at the church for our own games night.



Rev. Daniel will be away from May 31st to June 6th to attend the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as to take part in the celebration of the denomination's 150th Anniversary in Hamilton, Ontario.



Mark on your calendar: **Saturday, September 27** - Ceilidh (family friendly Scottish event) co-sponsored by the Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club and St. Andrew's Session. Stay tuned for more information.



May 25 – June 1



Sunday: 10:30 am
11:45 am
11:45 am

Worship Service
Coffee
Session & MORE Team Meeting in
Conference Room 1

Monday 6:00 pm

Pickleball

Tuesday: 10:00 am
7:00 pm

Pickleball
Session (Conf. Room 1)

Wednesday: 10:30 am
7:00 pm

Coffee Time
Sacred Wounds Bible Study (Conf. Room 1)

Thursday: 10:00 am
7:00 pm

Pickleball
Choir

Friday: 8:00 pm

Youth Group (gym)

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service

Reminder! Date		May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
Security		Lawrence	Bob	Gary	David
Ushers		Team 5 Lawrence McCune	Team 6 Marilyn	Team 1 Gary	Team 2 Hugh
Greeters		Selly Meiliana and Ben Surya	Gordon and Louise Balderston	Brenda and Leola Baird	Scott, Angela & Moriah Van't Land
Announce- ments/ Lay Reader		Diane Fleming	Gina Wamambo	Margaret Cook	Fiona Miller
Power Point		Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech	David Miller
Audio/ Video		John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/ Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda Van Voorst	Kim/George Bohner
GIFT		Anne/Eva	Shona/Joan	Fiona/David	Kim/Floria
Coffee Hosts		---	Marion & Courtney Rupps	Brenda and Leola Baird	Connie, Leny & Jacquie
Sunday Driver		Donna	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz	John Plomp
Outside Care		Bob Epp May 26-June1	John Plomp June 2 - 8	Bud Hatch June 9 - 15	Brian Fenz June 16 - 22

Hymn #703 Happy the Home When God is There

- 1. Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast, where one their wish, and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.**
- 2. Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet in every ear, where children early sing his fame, and parents hold him dear.**
- 3. Happy the home where prayer is heard and praise is quick to rise, where parents love the sacred word that makes the simple wise.**
- 4. Lord, let us in our home agree, this blessed peace to gain; unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.**

Hymn #688 As Water to the Thirsty

**1. As water to the thirsty,
as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness,
as truth instead of lies,
as songtime and springtime
and summertime to be,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.**

**2. Like calm in place of
clamour, like peace
that follows pain, like meeting after parting,
like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight
and sunlight on the sea, so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.**

**3. As sleep that follows fever
as gold instead of grey,
as freedom after bondage,
as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveler
and all we long to see,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.**

Hymn #637 Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

- 1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

Hymn #553 May the Lord Bless you

**May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you;
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you. (repeat)**

Time For the Young At Heart

