



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



 *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 #389 Breathe on me, Breath of God** (verses 1-3, *please stand if you are able*)

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

One: God, our Shepherd,

Congregation: gather us together and lead us like a flock.

One: God, our Gardener,

Congregation: plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

One: God, our Merciful Judge,

Congregation: we call upon your name in prayer and praise.

One: We bow before you, O God,

Congregation: and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

  **HYMN #371 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** (verses 1-3 – please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Attentive God,

**you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard,
blessing us with what we need to be fruitful.**

**Yet we confess that, all too often, we fail to live up to your hopes for us.
Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment.
Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy.**

Forgive us, O God.

**In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit
through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Although we have not always been faithful to God, God remains faithful to us. In Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness. Through the gift of the Spirit, God renews us to live faithfully in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God! Amen!



The peace of Christ be with you. Now, take a moment—look around you—and pass the peace of Christ to one another.

WE LISTEN

MINISTRY OF Music: Bach Prelude and Fugue No. 2 in C minor, BWV 871
Marcel Veenstra on piano

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (New Testament pg 185)

Reader: Les/Betty Skonnord

SERMON: *"Strength made perfect in weakness"*

WE RESPOND

 **HYMN #685 – "How Firm a Foundation"** *(Please stand if you are able)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



We will conclude our prayers of the people with 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, for ever. Amen.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

  ***RESPONSE #79 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"** *(Please stand if you are able)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

  **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.



Prayer Wall: Muriel Shortreed passed away on Saturday, August 9, age 103 + four months. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Shortreed family.



Thank you to Marcel Veenstra for participating in the Ministry of Music today. It is very much appreciated.



Thank you to our choir members for their excellent music ministry this year. The choir will take a well deserved break for the months of July and August. This is the perfect time for others to share their spiritual gifts. Do you play an instrument, sing, act or have another special talent that you would like to share with the congregation? There are lots of opportunities for solos, duets and small ensembles. We would love to have you participate. Contact Lavinia Parker: (403) 360-6284



The M.O.R.E. team is collaborating with Interfaith Food Bank and are collecting school supplies for the month of August. There will be a table in the sanctuary for the donations and a list of what is required as well. Thank you for helping with this program.

140th ANNIVERSARY (catered) DINNER

- **Tickets** go on sale beginning **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24** (Narthex and during Coffee hour) and from the Church office.
- Payment due upon receipt of ticket(s).
- Cash or cheque payable to: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, memo line: Anniversary
- **Deadline** to purchase tickets is **Sunday, September 28.**
- **Cost:** \$30. per person (age 13 and over) and \$15. per child (age 12 and under)

PLACE: St. Andrew's gym

DATE: **Saturday, October 25, 2025**

TIME: **4:30 p.m.** Doors open for time to view the exhibits in hallway and lounge

6:00 p.m. Dinner with guest speaker



August 17 – 24

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

**Worship Service
Coffee**

Monday 6:00 pm

Pickleball

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

Thursday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service





Date	August 17	August 24	August 31	September 7
Security	Lawrence	Bob	Gary	David
Ushers	Team 5 Lawrence	Team 6 Marilyn	Team 1 Gary	Team 2 Hugh
Greeters	Glenn and Marilyn Harker	Sheila Ferguson	Margaret Groenenboom	---
Announce -ments/ Lay Reader	Les/Betty Skonnord	Paula Degner	Shona Potts	Diane Fleming
Power Point	Chase Stankievech	David Miller	Dean Degner	Brendon Degner
Audio/ Video	John/Isabelle Plomp	Kim/George Bohner	John Bykowski/ Chase Stankievech	John/Isabelle Plomp
GIFT	---	---	---	---
Coffee Hosts	---	---	Margaret and Shona	---
Sunday Driver	John Plomp	Brian Fenz	Lawrence McCune	Donna Trennery
Outside Care	David Miller August 18-24	Bob Epp August 25- 31	John Plomp September 1-7	David Miller September 8-14

Hymn #389 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

**1. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

Hymn #371 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling
joy of heaven , to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling
all thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

Hymn #685 How Firm a Foundation

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

3. **“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
4. **“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**
5. **“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake!”**

**Response #79 Praise God From Whom All Blessings
Flow”**

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below:
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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

