

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twelfth 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 #802 "For the Fruits of All Creation" (*please stand if you are able*)



CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE *remain seated*)

One: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

Congregations: Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!

One: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

Congregations: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

One: Let us worship the Lord our God,

All: For God has done great things for us, and so we bring God praise.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

 **HYMN #386 “Come Down, O Love Divine”** (Verses 1, 2, and 4
please stand if you are able)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Welcoming God, we confess we too often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus.

You have welcomed us as guests to a banquet, yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church.

You have shown us what matters most in life, but we are distracted by worries, busy with things that really do not matter.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us to honour you and those we meet in all we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While it is true that we have sinned and fallen short of God’s hope for us, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s amazing love. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. So be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.



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: “Domine Deus, (Gloria) RV 589” *by Vivaldi* – Eva Parker

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:28-39

Reader: Shona Potts

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: *“When Hope Holds You”*

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We will conclude our prayers of the people and sing this prayer:

*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*



OFFERING TIME

On this Labour Day weekend, we offer to God the fruit of our labour to support the redeeming work God has begun in the world. Give in hope and in trust that God will accomplish more than we can ask or imagine through

our gifts.

 **HYMN #474 "The Love of God Comes Close"** (Verses 1, 2, and 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.



Prayer Wall: Let us thank God for the beauty and bounty of summer, to help us appreciate all His gifts and to live each day with gratitude.



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



We will be starting the GIFT program again this year. There will be a short meeting **after the service on Sunday September 14th in the lounge.** If you are interested in helping please attend the meeting. If you cannot attend and wish to help please let me know.
- Gerda (403) 327-6760.



Choir rehearsals will be resuming on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. For more information please 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.

Reminder: The 140th Anniversary Dinner Tickets are now on sale in the Narthex and during Coffee hour. Payment is due upon receipt of ticket(s). **Cash or cheque** to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, memo line: Anniversary. **The deadline** to purchase tickets is **Sunday, September 28.** **Price of the tickets:** \$30.00 (age 13 and over) - \$15.00 (age 12 and under).

DATE: Saturday, October 25, 2025

TIME: 4:30 p.m. Time to view the exhibits in hallway and lounge
6:00 p.m. Dinner with guest speaker

Anniversary Service: Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 am.



St. Andrew's will be preparing lunch at the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, September 17th. Please consider volunteering **9.30am-1.30pm**, your help would be greatly appreciated. **Please call Shona Potts (403) 634-7218 or (403) 329-4033.** Thank you.



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.



Save the Date - Elim Society for Seniors Care will be having their annual fundraising dinner in support of another renovation project at Elim Village on Friday, October 24 from 5 to 6.30pm @ The Italian Canadian Club.

Details to follow but be sure to mark your calendars now. You don't want to miss it!

Goodbye



August 31 – September 6



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

**Worship Service
Coffee**

**Monday LABOR DAY
6:00 pm**

**OFFICE CLOSED
Pickleball**

**Wednesday: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm**

**Handbells
Scottish Dance**

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

Thursday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service

Reminder!

Date	August 31	September 7	September 14	September 21
Security	Gary	David	Lawrence	Bob
Ushers	Team 1 Gary	Team 5 Lawrence	Team 3 Connie	Team 4 Brian
Greeters	Margaret Groenenboom	Bob & Deb Epp	Dean and Paula Degner	---
Announce -ments/ Lay Reader	Shona Potts	Diane Fleming	Isabelle Plomp	Gina Wamambo
Power Point	Dean Degner	Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech
Audio/ Video	John Bykowski/ Chase Stankievech	John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda VanVoorst
GIFT	---	---	Gary & Gerda	---
Coffee Hosts	Margaret and Shona	Judy and Gord	Gordon and Louise	Selly and Ben
Sunday Driver	Lawrence McCune	Donna Trennery	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz
Outside Care	John Plomp September 1-7	David Miller September 8-14	Brian Fenz September 15- 21	Brad Parker September 22-28

Hymn #802 For the Fruits Of All Creation

- 1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God; for the
 gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while
we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping,
 thanks be to God.**

- 2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done in the
 help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
 in our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God for the
 good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
 for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love
 has found us, thanks be to God.**

Hymn #386 Come Down, O Love Divine

**1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**2. Oh let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat Consuming,
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out pass the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Hymn #474 The Love of God Comes Close

- 1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.**

- 2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.**

- 4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.**

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

Romans 8:28

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