



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Fourteenth 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 #485 "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"**

(please stand if you are able)

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

One: Put your confidence in God.

Congregation: We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.

One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

Congregation: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: So put your trust in God's goodness.

All: May God's goodness endures forever! Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH



HYMN #683 "I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace"

(Please stand if you are able)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We gather in Jesus' name to hear the stories he told,
to gain wisdom and to know your Spirit's guidance. Yet we confess that
pride prevents us from hearing the good news and that we resist the
power of your Word to change us.**

**Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are and
set us free to be who you have called us to be.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will
give you rest"* Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to you
this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into
each new day.



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: St. Andrew's Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART – *Thriving Family Sharing* - Isabelle Plomp

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

(Remind the little ones to join their Sunday school teachers to the lower hall)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: Isabelle Plomp

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: *"Grace Isn't Fair, It's Better"*



WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

 **HYMN #655 “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”** (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



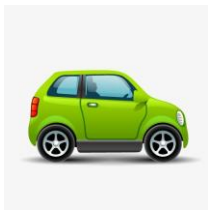
Worship services will continue to be shown on **Roger's T.V. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on channel 105.** These same services are also available on the **St. Andrew's Facebook page with a link to YouTube (search for St. Andrew's, Lethbridge).**

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.



Spiritual Life Team Meeting TODAY after the service in Conference Room #1.



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



Word on the Street Festival, a national celebration of literacy, storytelling and literary arts, will be taking place at the Lethbridge Public Library (downtown branch) on **Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It will include authors of various genre, storytellers and other activities. **St. Andrew's is pleased to co-**

sponsor of the talk by Maggie Helwig at 2:00 p.m. Her new book, *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, is about her church's ministry to the unhoused in Toronto.

<https://thephilanthropist.ca/2025/06/for-anglican-priest-and-writer-maggie-helwig-her-churchs-encampment-was-a-site-of-grace/>. The unhoused is part of society in large and small communities. Lethbridge is no exemption. For a full schedule of the Festival: <https://thewordonthestreet.ca/lethbridge/>.

Did you know in 1883, Sir Alexander Galt and Elliot Galt brought a group of miners from Nova Scotia to work in the Galt Coal Mine in Coalbanks?

Did you know these miners were of Scottish origin?

Did you know these Scottish miners were Presbyterians?



As part of our 140th Anniversary celebration, the Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club will be showcasing Scottish dancing at a **Ceilidh** (pronounced Kay-lee) at St. Andrew's on **Saturday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a **FREE** family-friendly social event of entertainment, Scottish music, dance demonstrations and an opportunity to participate, if you wish. Refreshments will be available. Come join in the **FUN**. The Ceilidh is co-sponsored by the Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club and St. Andrew's Session.

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.



September 14 – 20

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

**Worship Service
Coffee
Spiritual Life Team Meeting conf. rm #1**

**Monday 6:00 pm
7:30 pm**

**Pickleball
Lethbridge Christian Women's Choir
Rehearsal**

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

**Wednesday: 9:30 am
5:00 pm
7:00 pm**

**Soup Kitchen
Handbells
Scottish Dance**

**Thursday: 10:00 am
7:00 pm**

**Pickleball
Choir Rehearsal**

Saturday: 9:00 am

Thriving Families

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service

Reminder!

Date	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
Security	Lawrence	Bob	Gary	David
Ushers	Team 3 Connie	Team 4 Brian	Team 5 Lawrence	Team 6 Marilyn
Greeters	Dean & Paula Degner	Carolyn Handsaeme & Mary Kovacs	Gord & Judy McKay	Lawrence & Laurie McCune
Announce- ments/ Lay Reader	Isabelle Plomp	Gina Wamambo	Margaret Cook	Fiona Miller
Power Point	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech	David Miller	Lawrence McCune
Audio/ Video	Jim/Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda VanVoorst	Kim/George Bohner	John Bykowski/ Chase Stankievech
GIFT	Gary & Gerda	---	---	---
Coffee Hosts	Gordon and Louise	Selly and Ben	---	Gord & Judy
Sunday Driver	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz	John Plomp	Lawrence McCune
Outside Care	Brian Fenz September 15-21	Brad Parker September 22-28	Jim Deurloo Sept. 29- October 6	---

Hymn #485 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us:
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us; yours we are.**

**2. We are yours; in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock from sin, defend us;
seek us when we go astray
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.**

**3. Let us always seek your favour;
let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour,
With yourself our spirits fill
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
You have loved us love us still
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
You have loved us love us still**

Hymn #683 I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace

- 1. I know not why such wondrous grace
to me God has made known
nor why, unworthy as I am,
Christ claimed me for his own,**

Chorus:

**but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.**

- 2. I know not why this saving faith
to me God did impart,
nor how believing in the word
brought peace into my heart,
(Chorus)**

- 3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing me of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him
(Chorus)**

Hymn #655 Give Me Oil In My Lamp

**1. Give me oil in my lamp , keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp I pray
Give m oil in my lamp , keep me burning
keep me burning till the break of day.**

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the
Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let us
sing!**

**2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day.
(Refrain)**

**4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day.
(Refrain)**

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

