



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 7, 2025
Thirteenth 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 #299 "Holy, Holy, Holy"** (*please stand if you are able*)

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

One: The rains fall, the floods rise, the winds blow.

Congregation: But the house built on the Rock will stand firm.

One: We come to worship the Lord, our refuge and strength,

Congregation: Our sure foundation in every storm.

One: Let us hear His Word and put it into practice.

Congregation: For Christ is the Rock, and in Him we will not be shaken.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH



HYMN #384 "O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us"

(please stand if you are able)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we offer you our love and loyalty in worship, yet we admit we do not live out that love and loyalty.

Sometimes our lives do not reflect the love of Christ as they should. Forgive us when our words and actions fail to show your grace, and teach us to live in ways that reveal the Rock on which we stand. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

These words are worthy of our trust and acceptance: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love and mercy!



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: *"It is No Secret"* by Stuart Hamblen
– Gary Van Voorst and Paul Degner

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:11
Reader: **Diane Fleming**


PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: *"Foundations That Last"*

WE RESPOND

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

(Please remain seated, the servers will distribute the elements to you, and we will take the elements together after everyone receives them)

 **HYMN #530 "I Come with Joy"** (verses 1-3 *please remain seated as we sing this song*)

RESPONSIVE COMMUNION INVITATION

One: The rain falls, the floods rise, the winds blow.

People: But those who are in Christ will stand firm.

One: This is the Table of the Lord, where the Rock of our salvation gives Himself for us.

People: Here we are anchored in His love.

One: Come, not because you have built perfectly, but because you need His strength.

People: We come, for Christ is our foundation.

One: Come, all who are weary and weathered by the storm.

People: We come to the Table of grace, to be nourished, forgiven, and made new.

All: Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, the Rock that never moves.

Please stand if you are able

Words of Institution

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, shared with us what he received directly from the Lord Himself:

"On the night when Jesus was betrayed, He took some bread, and after giving thanks to God, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" *(Let us eat the bread together)*

"In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and His people: an agreement confirmed by my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.'" *(Let us drink the wine together)*

As often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.



Prayer after Communion

OFFERING INVITATION

Friends, Jesus teaches us that what we build on matters. A life rooted in Him is not built on shifting sand, but on the solid rock of His grace. When we give our tithes and offerings, we are choosing to build on that foundation, trusting God with our resources, investing in His Kingdom, and joining in His work that will endure forever.

 **HYMN #675 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”** (*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



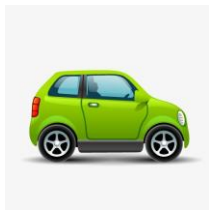
Worship services will continue to be shown on **Roger's T.V. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on channel 105.** These same services are also available on the **St. Andrew's Facebook page with a link to YouTube (search for St. Andrew's, Lethbridge).**

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: We rejoice with Siji and Sreejith on the birth of their new son!

Please keep the Trennerys in your prayers as they deal with the loss of their son.



Thank you to Brad Parker for playing the organ in Corrie's absence, and to **Gary Van Voorst and Paula Degner** for participating in Ministry of Music. It is greatly appreciated.



Lethbridge Women's Choir is starting again on **September 8th at 7:30 pm.**



Choir rehearsals will be resuming on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome! For more information please contact Lavinia Parker: (403) 360-6284



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.



Thriving Families is a community outreach program of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. It runs approximately twice per month on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-11:00am. Families are invited to attend any portion of these fun mornings with their children for a time of play in the gym, social connection with other families and a brief group music time together. Child development tips/handouts will also be shared by Isabelle Plomp, a retired Early Learning Professional. **Dates for this fall are Sept. 20th, Oct. 4th & 18th, Nov. 8th & 22nd, and Dec. 6th.** Posters are available in the narthex, and the hallway going toward the gym, that can be given to families as an invitation to attend. Please contact Isabelle Plomp at isabelle.plomp44@gmail.com or text/phone 403-824-3413.

We also need volunteers to help run this valuable program! Babies need to be held, toddlers need someone to play with, parents often need a listening ear, and snacks need to be provided. Please contact Isabelle if you can help out - it's a very fun and rewarding experience!



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.

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 7 –13

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service - Communion

11:45 am

Coffee

11:45 am

MORE Meeting – Conference Room #1

Monday 6:00 pm

Pickleball

7:30 pm

Lethbridge Christian Women's Choir

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Coffee Time

5:00 pm

Handbells

7:00 pm

Scottish Dance

Thursday: 10:00 am

Pickleball

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 10:30 am

Worship Service

Reminder!

Date	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Security	David	Lawrence	Bob	Gary
Ushers	Team 2 Hugh	Team 3 Connie	Team 4 Brian	Team 5 Lawrence
Greeters	Bob & Deb Epp	Dean & Paula Degner	---	---
Announcements/ Lay Reader	Diane Fleming	Isabelle Plomp	Gina Wamambo	Margaret Cook
Power Point	Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech	David Miller
Audio/ Video	John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda VanVoorst	Kim/George Bohner
GIFT	---	Gary & Gerda	---	---
Coffee Hosts	Judy and Gord	Gordon and Louise	Selly and Ben	---
Sunday Driver	Donna Trennery	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz	John Plomp
Outside Care	David Miller September 8-14	Brian Fenz September 15-21	Brad Parker September 22-28	Jim Deurloo Sept. 29- October 6

Hymn #299 Holy, Holy, Holy

**1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Hymn #384 – O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping

- 1. O breath of Life, come sweeping through us
Revive your church with life and power
O breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour**
- 2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us.
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.**
- 3. Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.**
- 4. O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip you church to spread the light.**

Hymn #530 I Come With Joy

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**
- 2. I come with Christians far and near,
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

Hymn #675 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn; through the storm,
through the night, lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2. When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry hear my call;
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3. When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand
take my hand precious Lord lead me home.**

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

