

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2025
Thanksgiving Sunday/Harvest Sunday



Please stand if you are able



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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 #803 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

(please stand if you are able)



CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE *remain seated*)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Ten were healed, but one returned to give thanks.

Congregation: Today we return to Jesus, to glorify God with grateful hearts.

One: Come, let us worship the One who gives mercy, healing, and life.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF APPROACH



HYMN #683 "I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace" (*Please stand if you are able*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we are often like the nine who did not return.

We enjoy your gifts but forget to give you thanks. We take blessings for granted. We live as if we are entitled rather than humbled by your grace.

Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to you.

Make us like the one who returned—falling at the feet of Jesus in gratitude and faith.

In His name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

God does not treat us as our sins deserve.

In Jesus Christ, mercy is given, sins are forgiven,
and new life is offered freely to all.

Friends, believe the gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!



And now, as forgiven and thankful people, let us share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

WE LISTEN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Gifts From God” *by David Lantz* - Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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: Luke 17:11-19

Reader: Les/Betty Skonnord

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: “Only One Came Back”

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

God has blessed us richly: with mercy, with daily provision, with grace upon grace. Now we are invited to give, not out of duty, but out of thanksgiving. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

 **HYMN #802 “For the Fruits of All Creation”**

(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 –Please keep **Tom Smart** in prayer as he remains in hospital facing health challenges. Please also pray for **Dan Groenenboom**, who is currently in hospital as well. Remember the family of **Janet Girvan** as they mourn her passing on Monday, October 6. Her funeral was held last Friday at Cornerstone Funeral Home. Remember the **family of Muriel Shortreed.** A memorial service was held yesterday at the church.



A word of thanks to everyone who helped with the reception following Muriel's memorial service.



Thanksgiving decorations will be removed from the sanctuary following today's service to accommodate an event taking place in the sanctuary this week. It would be appreciated if donated items can be removed at this time. **Many thanks to all who contributed to making the decorations festive.**



FREE HANDBELL CONCERT - The Chi-Rho Ringers at St. Andrew's Church is hosting the Annual Provincial Conference for the Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers. This two day conference will have workshop sessions through out our building culminating in a free concert on the evening of Saturday October 18, 2025. 7:00 pm - Saturday October 18, 2025 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.



Mark your calendars for the Foods of the World Potluck on November 2nd more information to follow. – Hospitality Team



NEW - M.O.R.E. INITIATIVE

What - Lethbridge Veterans Food Bank

When - October 5 thru November 9

Where - St. Andrews Church Food Mountain

While the Food Bank will take all kinds of non-perishable food items, there will also be a list of items that they are in need of.

Please take a list from the table.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Lethbridge, Administrative Assistant Position

Seeking a skilled, faith-based Administrative Assistant that can keep our church office running efficiently. The candidate should have experience working in an office environment performing administrative tasks.

Requirements:

- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written
- Maintain a high degree of confidentiality
- Experience in a similar role within an office environment
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite software
- Effective time management skills as well as the ability to multitask
- Strong planning and organizational skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work independently

Hours: Total of 20 hours per week: 9:00am – noon, Monday through Friday, as well as an additional 5 hours per week to be worked when most needed.

Please send applications, with resume, to lynnemcdowall@hotmail.com



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WORSHIP - NURTURE - OUTREACH

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The Prayer Chain Team is updating their list of volunteers. If anyone from our congregation would like to be part of this valuable team, please contact Diane Fleming by Oct 26th at 403-757-2172 or bloisvernon@gmail.com for further information.



The 140th Anniversary Committee are asking any of the ticket holders for help tidying up tables and cleaning up in the kitchen after the event is over. Thank you in advance. Please talk to **Karen Robbins or Shona Potts**

October 12 – October 19

Sunday:	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Coffee
Monday	Office Closed	Thanksgiving Day
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
		No L.C.W. Choir
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Pickleball
Wednesday:	5:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Scottish Dance
Thursday:	10:00 am	Pickleball
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday:	All Day	ALGEHR Provincial Conference
Saturday:	All Day	ALGEHR Provincial Conference
	9:00 am	Thriving Families
	7:00 pm	Handbells Public Concert
Sunday:	10:30 am	Worship Service



Reminder!

Date	October 12	October 19	October 26	November 2
Security	Lawrence	Bob	Gary	David
Ushers	Team 1 Gary	Team 6 Marilyn	Team 3 Connie	Team 4 Brian
Greeters	David & Fiona Miller	John & Connie Faassen	Joan Pisko	---
Announcements/ Lay Reader	Les/Betty Skonnord	Paula Degner	Shona Potts	Diane Fleming
Power Point	Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankieveh	David Miller
Audio/ Video	John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda Van Voorst	Kim/George Bohner
GIFT	Deb & Bob	Shona & Floria	Gina & Selly	Gerda & Gary
Coffee Hosts	---	Selly, Ben & Daniel	Anniversary Committee	Potluck/ Hospitality
Sunday Driver	Donna Trennery	Deb Stankieveh	Brian Fenz	John Plomp
Outside Care	---	---	---	---

Hymn #803 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
or harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.**

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.**

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 #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 #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

