

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
October 5, 2025
World Communion 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 #422 "Sing A New Song Unto the Lord"** (*please stand if you are able*)

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

One: Come, people of God, from every nation, tribe, and language.

Congregation: We gather at one table, in the name of Jesus Christ.

One: Come, carrying your burdens, your questions, your hunger, and your hope.

Congregation: We come to be fed by grace, not by merit.

One: Come, for the feast is ready, and the welcome is wide.

All: We come to worship the God whose grace isn't fair—it's better!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

  **HYMN #445 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"** (*3x please stand if you are able*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of mercy, we confess that we love fairness more than grace.

We keep score, we compare, we resent when others are blessed. We act as if your table were ours to guard, forgetting that You invite whom You will.

Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts with the generosity of your Spirit. Teach us to rejoice in your mercy—whether it is given to us or to another.

Through Christ, who welcomed sinners and ate with them. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

God does not treat us as our sins deserve.

In Jesus Christ, the last are welcomed, the lost are found,
and mercy is poured out without measure.

Friends, believe the gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**



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: “Morning Prayer” by Mary Kay Beall – Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8

Reader: Fiona Miller

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

SERMON: “Eyes to See the Good”

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)

Friends, this is not my table, nor this church’s table.

This is the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here the last and the first sit side by side.

Here the weary and the strong are fed alike.

Here grace is not measured by merit,
but poured out freely by the Host Himself.

So come, not because you are worthy, but because you are welcome. Come,
for the feast is ready.

As the bread and cup are shared, a soloist will sing “***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.***” During this time, I invite you to pray in silence and reflect on the marvelous grace of our Lord, poured out for each and every one of us.

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

As God has poured out grace upon us—
more than we deserve, more than we can measure—
so we are invited to respond with our gifts.
Let us give, not out of fairness,
but out of gratitude for the generosity of God.

 **HYMN #373 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"** *(Please stand on the last verse before offering prayer)*

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.



Thanksgiving Decorating - The Spiritual Life Team will decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving on Saturday, October 11 at 3:30 pm. If anyone has preserves (jams, pickles etc) and /or fall produce (turnips, pumpkins, zucchini, squash etc) to contribute to the decorations, please bring to the church by 11:30 am on the morning October 9th and place in kitchen. Note that decorations will be removed following the service on Sunday October 12th to accommodate an event that week in the sanctuary. Removal of donated items would be appreciated at that time. Thanks to all who contributed to this endeavour. Please direct any questions/offers to assist with decorating/removal of decorations to **Judy McKay (403-331-0919).**



A Celebration of Life Service for Muriel Shortreed will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on October 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm.



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.



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**

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

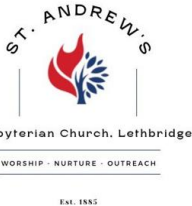
Seeking a skilled, faith-based Administrative Assistant that can keep our church office running efficiently. The candidate should have experience working in an office environment performing administrative tasks.

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



October 5 – October 12

Sunday: 10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee

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

Saturday: 2:00 pm Muriel Shortreed Celebration of Life

Sunday: 10:30 am Worship Service





Reminder!

Date	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Security	David	Lawrence	Bob	Gary
Ushers	Team 6 Marilyn	Team 1 Gary	Team 2 Hugh	Team 3 Connie
Greeters	Lawrence & Laurie McCune	David & Fiona Miller	John & Connie Faassen	---
Announcements/ Lay Reader	Fiona Miller	Les/Betty Skonnord	Paula Degner	Shona Potts
Power Point	Dean Degner	Brendon Degner	John Plomp	Chase Stankievech
Audio/ Video	John Bykowski/ Chase Stankievech	John/Isabelle Plomp	Jim/Paul Deurloo	Gary/Gerda Van Voorst
GIFT	Gerda & Gary	Deb & Bob	Shona & Floria	Gina & Selly
Coffee Hosts	Gord & Judy McKay	---	Selly, Ben & Daniel	Anniversary Committee
Sunday Driver	Lawrence McCune	Donna Trennery	Deb Stankievech	Brian Fenz
Outside Care	---	---	---	---

Hymn #422 Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Refrain:

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains' height.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing hallelujah!**

**1. For God's people dance for joy.
Oh come before the Lord,
play for the Lord on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.**

Refrain

**2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.**

Refrain

**3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised
I know my Savior lives.**

Refrain

Hymn #445 Open our eyes, Lord
(repeat 3X)

**1. Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.**

**2. Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**

Hymn #373 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

**1. Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me.
Refrain**

**3. Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
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

philippians 4:8

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