



January 6, 2021



## *Pastor's Parable*

Goodbye 2020! Thank you for what you taught us. Thank you for the reminder, over and over that we are not as in control of our lives or our world as we previously imagined. Thank you for reminding us, over and over that, indeed as The Message translation of Romans 8 assures us... Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Welcome 2021. We recognize that at least for awhile, you may still resemble 2020. Lest we be fooled, however, we know that the page has turned, and you have and will provide us new opportunities. One opportunity that we may have experienced regularly over the last several months during our many days in quarantine are the all too frequent stops in front of the bathroom mirror! Do you mean that I already need another haircut! I certainly see where the snacks have landed!

Mirrors are good because they tell us the truth. They provide us an opportunity to make the necessary changes and corrections that we need to make. They remind us that it may not be as bad as we perhaps thought. The new year gives us an opportunity, as a church, to look into the mirror. Who are we, historically? What do we believe and know about ourselves that is life-giving and hope-filled? Where in us do we find God's vision and beauty?

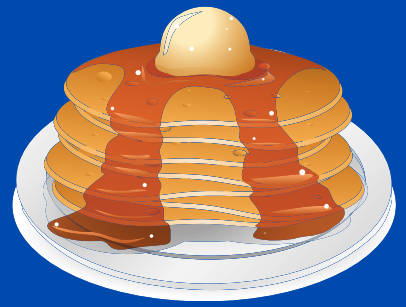
The sermon series during January will be entitled the Who Are We Series. The topics that we will address include: Who Are We: Finding Our Way Without a Star to Follow, Who Are We: Baptism – Crazy Characters 101, Who Are We: Created For?, Who Are We: Cleaning Out Our Belief Jar – Knowing What We Believe and Who Are We: Cleaning Out Our Belief Jar – Is God Actually Involved in our Daily Lives.

When will it be safe to again gather for in-person worship? We find out Friday, if/when the closure is lifted. But even if we hear the "Not yet", we continue to provide worship weekly on our website and on Facebook. In the meantime, stay connected through your calls and porch visits. Stay faithful in your prayers for all at St. Andrew's. Stay consistent in your faithful giving so that our ministry and programs may continue uninterrupted. Happy New Year.

# St. Andrew's Breakfast Team

Once per month since 1996 St. Andrew's has hosted a breakfast for anyone who needs a hot meal and some company. The Saturday breakfasts are not only a valuable outreach to people experiencing food insecurity but also an opportunity to welcome volunteers and build community with folks beyond our congregation.

Since May, the volunteers have continued to provide breakfast even though the pandemic has created extra challenges. You can read all about St. Andrew's breakfast team in the national Presbyterian Connection news paper. [Find it here](#)- the article is on page 43. As you're scrolling through you might also notice a copy of Christine's Link article (on page 40) where she explains how she prepares music for our video services.



Tom Peet died on  
December 31st 2020.  
May we keep his loved  
ones in our prayers.



[Click here for a greeting  
from Pastor Coggin](#)

[Click here for a sing a long video  
of the hymn :  
O Love, How deep, How Broad,  
How High](#)

A New Year's Prayer  
Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time,  
Many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.  
Amen



We will be watching for updates to  
the Provincial Health orders and will  
update you next week on a potential  
restart of in-person worship.

## Read From Your Bible This Week

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

