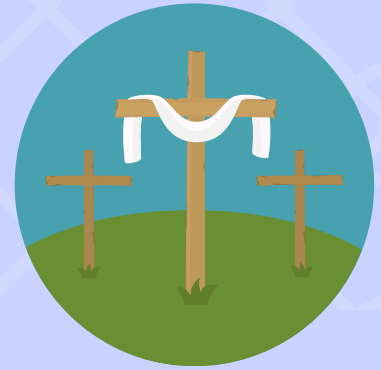




March 31, 2021



## *Pastor's Parable*

The verse to the church at Galatia spoken by the Apostle Paul is relevant today. Found in Galatians 6:9 it says, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." I have been encouraged by that verse of late, perhaps more than at any time in my ministry.

"Weary in well-doing" may describe the situation for many. This Easter has been as different for all of us as it was a year ago. 2020 Easter was accomplished at the last minute when the shut-down led us to record scripture readings from home and Christine and I sang, played hymns, provided music meditations as well as sermon insights from an empty sanctuary. Good Friday 2020 saw the monumental task of securing an abundance of readers speaking a number of dialects to bring us scripture in other languages.

Whitney, Martin and Jean created our videos, created new online platforms to be viewed with the greatest opportunity for home worship. Together we have tested the mistaken notion that St. Andrew's is closed, and our worship has been suspended. To the contrary, worship has happened faithfully week after week and month after month. We are reaching more persons through our website, our weekly newsletter (TWASA – This Week at St. Andrew's), Facebook and our newsletter and print sermons that are delivered weekly to persons at home without internet capabilities. The number of persons involved in these endeavors is monumental but essential to keep our ministries running.

But I know that we are weary in well-doing. It is difficult maintain without face-to-face connections that we love and crave. We are all weary, but St. Paul reminds us not to give into our weary because in "due time we will reap the harvest." Sunday is Easter. It happened after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection assures us that the world's struggles, calamities and problems must never have the final say.

Let's not give up. Don't stop praying for each other. Don't stop watching and participating in our worship services. Don't stop giving to the ministry of St. Andrew's. Our offerings have fallen by 50% in the last 2-3 months. Perhaps this is one indication that our well-doing is running out of steam and our energy is waning. Please know that each of you are loved, appreciated and being prayed for. St. Andrew's Presbyterian needs the gifts that God has faithfully blessed each of you with in the on-going work of St. Andrew's.

St. Paul continues his encouragement to the Galatians in the next verse, "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Easter is a reminder that your faith family at St. Andrew's needs you more than ever. Thanks for your love, prayers and faithfulness. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Love and Easter Blessings. Pastor Mitch

# Join us on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Virtual Tea/Coffee

Sunday, April 4, 2021 10:30 – 11:00 AM

Bring your tea/coffee and see your St. Andrew's friends/family

On this most holy day of the church year!!

Potential Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favourite Easter memory?
2. What gives you the greatest hope this Easter?

Time: Apr 4, 2021 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84459172473>

If you don't have internet access, you can phone into the meeting at 1-778-907-2071

Meeting ID: 844 5917 2473



## Maundy Thursday Service



[Click here](#) to be directed to the Knox, Presbyterian Church website where you will be find the Maundy Thursday service once it is available (on Thursday).

This service is a cooperation between St. Andrews, Knox and Trinity.

## Holy Week Services

Keep an eye on your inbox as we will be sending links to our Good Friday and our Easter Sunday services. All these services will also be available on our website and on our facebook page. These services feature lots of beautiful music from guest musicians as well as scripture, prayer, time for meditation and messages of hope!

The Spring edition of the PCC Presbyterian Connection can be [found here](#). Read through it and you'll notice some familiar folks are featured! You can get the Connection mailed directly to you by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 259

### *Read From Your Bible This Week*

- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

