



June 16, 2021



Parable of Pastor

Never have the words of King David in ancient scripture meant so much to say and hear! In Psalm 122, David proclaims, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

The Session of St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that worship in our sanctuary will happen on Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 AM! We look forward to gathering again after so many months away from one another. This decision has been carefully considered to factor in all that will be necessary to provide a meaningful worship service – both in-person for all who gather and livestreamed for those who will not be able to join us physically but will be able to view the service live.

Of course, Provincial guidelines dictate that masks and physical distancing will still be required. Registration will be necessary and available online the week prior to our July 11 beginning. You will receive additional information over the coming days helping us prepare one another for this significant date of re-gathering. We have waited, hoped, and endured and the date cannot come quickly enough.

There are several things you can do to help us prepare for July 11th:

- Pray for the plans and preparations that must be done between now and our first worship service in-sanctuary.
- Pray for your staff, elders, volunteers, those who will be attending worship in person as well as those who will continue to worship with us online.
- Consider helping as an usher or greeter whose role is important in our safe passage into and exiting the sanctuary prior to and following worship. We need volunteers to join us in this important ministry once or twice a month.
- Volunteer to learn the audio and video system that is part of our ministry to people worshipping from home. Work beside Jerry Verwey, our chief audio and video expert. In the beginning may seem overwhelming but after a few lessons, you will be confident enough to be in the driver's seat!

Please consider these important volunteer roles as usher, greeter and/or audio/video provider and let us know if you are able to assist.

Mark your calendars. Sunday, July 11th at 10:30.

Starting on June 20th, we will livestream our practice services at 10:30 am. You are welcome to watch these streams and we will send a link to this along with our recorded worship video on Friday evening.

Your prayers and continued patience and support are much appreciated.

Blessings, Pastor Mitch

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A Joint Statement on Residential Schools



The Moderators of the 2019 and 2021 General Assembly have issued a joint statement regarding residential schools. The entire statement can be found [here](#). The statement includes many links to where you may find relevant information about the Presbyterian Church in Canada's history with residential schools along with links to learn more about taking steps towards healing.

From the statement:

"Because the residential schools operated for almost nine decades, harming generations of communities, true healing and reconciliation will require a lengthy journey over generations and a great deal of work to heal that harm. The discoveries of unmarked graves continues to lead to unspeakable grief and ongoing harm in communities across our country. Reconciliation is a long road that requires acknowledgement of harm, apology for taking part in that harm, concrete steps to redress the harm, and the rebuilding of broken relationships. We are called as disciples of Christ to reconciliation and to justice; this is work the church must do and commits to doing."

*"For these things I weep:
My eyes run down with water;
Because far from me is a comforter,
One who restores my soul.
My children are desolate
Because the enemy has prevailed."
- Lamentations*



Minutes from the 2021 General Assembly can be found [here](#)

National Fudge Day

June 16th is Fudge Day! The origins of this "holiday are unknown but it might be a great excuse to make some delightful confection! Before 1886, the origin and history of fudge is unclear, but Fudge is thought to be an American invention. Most believe the first batch was a result of a accidental "fudged" batch of caramels, hence the name "fudge".

A simple chocolate fudge recipe

- 3 cups (18 oz) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)



- Butter and line an 8-inch square baking dish with parchment paper (leaving a 1-inch overhang on all sides), butter parchment.
- In a medium microwave safe bowl stir together chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk and salt.
- Heat in microwave on 50% power in 30 second increments, stirring well between intervals, until melted and smooth (it should take about 5 - 6 cooking periods).
- Stir in vanilla and nuts. Spread into prepared dish and chill until set, about 2 hours. Cut into squares.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:35-41



This week's worship reader is Laura R.