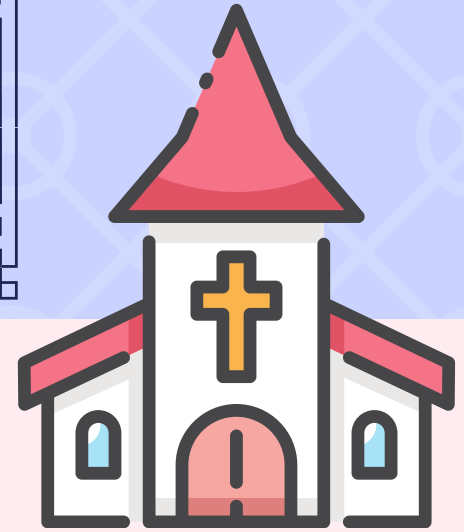




June 23, 2021



A Message from the Session Clerk

Dear church family,

You may have already heard the good news; a date has been set for our second re-entry to worship in the sanctuary. It has indeed been a long wait.

After careful consideration, session is pleased to make the decision that we are ready to gather once again in the sanctuary for worship. The date has been set for July 11.

So that no one is disappointed, please note that for the immediate future, as per Provincial guidelines:

- This will be a modified, shortened service.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- There will be no choir.
- All participants will be asked Covid screening health questions prior to entry.
- Everyone must always wear a mask when inside the building.
- all participants required to sit as allocated by ushers.
- All participants to remain in seat, no circulating.
- Opportunities for fellowship will be limited; social distancing must be maintained both inside and outside the sanctuary.
- There will be no coffee hour.
- Everyone must register and provide their contact information.

While it is exciting to be able to come together again, we anticipate that for a number of reasons, many in the congregation will not be attending the service in the sanctuary on July 11 and may not do so for a number of months. These valued members of our church family will continue to worship at home as we all have done over the last 16 months. So that everyone can participate in weekly worship, the service from the sanctuary will be 'live-streamed' (can be watched at the same time as the service is happening in the sanctuary) and will also be posted on the website to be available to watch at any time during the week. We will continue to deliver printed worship materials to those who have no email.

The Friday email from the church office will provide a link to the worship service. Attached to that email will be a digital bulletin created as a companion resource to the worship service; intended to enhance the worship experience for both those worshipping in the sanctuary and those at home. This bulletin will include information about the readings, hymns and the music played for Prelude and Postlude.

Remember:

- You will need to register for a seat in the sanctuary for the worship service.
- In the weekly TWASA there will be an invitation to register you and your family for a seat for worship in the sanctuary. Check TWASA each week or go directly to the St Andrew's website: standrewsvictoria.ca for instructions.
- Registration is open 9am Tuesday until 4 pm Friday each week.
- Arrangements are in place to ensure that those without email can register by phone 778 587 1227. (9 am Tuesday until 2 pm Friday)
- If we exceed capacity and you are not allocated a seat, you will be called and offered registration for the following Sunday.

The Sunday school has sent out weekly Sunday School lessons to our church families throughout the last 16 months. We thank Linda for her diligence in sending out a Sunday school lesson every single week. Linda always added her own message of introduction that made the lesson relevant to the challenging situation that we all find ourselves in. As is our practice, Sunday School will take a break when school finishes and there will be no lessons distributed in July and August. Your Sunday School team will be in touch late summer as they plan for the fall term.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard and shared their gifts over these past months leading us in the virtual worship services that have spoken to each of us through words, music and visual images. We thank Rev Coggin for his words of teaching and encouragement, Christine for bringing music to our worship, Whitney for compiling the virtual worship video and Martin for loading the service onto the website. Each of them has gone 'above and beyond,' working together as a team to lead us in worship over the many months that our church family has had to worship apart from each other.

Could you help? It takes a whole team to run a worship service. If we have more 'helpers' no one needs to be 'on duty' every week.

- We need additional ushers and greeters to ensure safety for everyone in the sanctuary.
- We need volunteers willing to be trained in sound and video for live streaming, so that we can share worship with those not in the sanctuary.

If you can help or wish to know more, please contact the church office.

Phone: 778 587 1227 or email: office@standrewsvictoria.ca

If you have concerns or questions about anything in this letter, please talk with your elder.

It will be a joy to see familiar and friendly faces again and we eagerly look forward to the time when many more of our church family will be able to join us for worship in the sanctuary.

Blessings

Colina Titus, Session clerk



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

Meet up with your St. Andrew's friends!

Join an Evening Coffee or Tea via Zoom on Wednesday 23 June @ 7pm

Summer delights:

“Do you have favourite or recent book title that would be a good summer read?”

“If you could bring a mug of coffee or tea, a muffin, and a good book to a local location to read a couple of chapters, where would that be?”

And here is an easy muffin recipe-for you to bake and take outside with your mug and a good book.

Seasonal Fruit and Yogurt Muffins (freeze well)

400°F for 20 mins

Makes 10-12 muffins

1 cup rolled oats

1 cup plain yogurt (not fat free)

1/3 c vegetable oil

1/2 c brown sugar

1 egg

1 cup all purpose flour

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 tsp baking powder

1 cup chopped fruit (rhubarb is a good option)

- Soak oats in yogurt
- Add oil, sugar and egg- beat well
- Sift in flour, salt, soda and baking powder
- Before stirring , sprinkle fruit over flour mixture
- Stir to blend
- Fill muffin cups and bake

Jun 23, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89928094217>

Dial by your location
+1 778 907 2071 Canada

Meeting ID: 899 2809 4217



Trinity Mini Free Pantry: Your friends at Trinity Church are asking their Presbyterian friends in Victoria if someone handy with carpentry skills would help them build a food pantry box for their neighbourhood. Trinity will pay for all materials and has plans and instructions for building a box like the one in the picture to the left. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who might be interested in volunteering, please email Ruth at pzoom@shaw.ca

Read From Your Bible This Week

- 2 Samuel 1:1, 1-27 and Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- Mark 5:21-43



This week's worship reader is Laura H.