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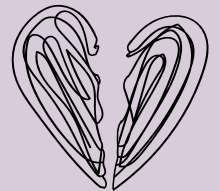


Presentation on Residential Schools and The Presbyterian Church in Canada

You may want to coordinate watching this presentation with some of your St. Andrew's friends or coordinate a conversation over the phone or zoom after watching in order to discuss the questions below.

This approximately half-hour video gives a brief overview of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's role in colonization and residential schools. It is intended as an educational tool to help people understand the ways in which racism and colonial attitudes shaped the church's mission, with devastating consequences. Beginning with the Doctrine of Discovery and how that doctrine shaped the church's mission in ways incompatible with the gospel, it looks at some documents and letters speaking about the schools, names the 11 residential schools The Presbyterian Church in Canada operated and the harms they caused, explains how that harm continues today in the form of intergenerational trauma and its effects, and looks at where the church is at today on its path of repentance and reconciliation.

[Click here to see the presentation on YouTube](#)



Reflection Questions

- Was anything you heard new information? If so, why do you think you have not heard it before?
- If you sit with the material in this video, do you see places in your actions or attitudes that remain shaped by concepts like the Doctrine of Discovery or the colonialism it set in motion? How might you work to challenge that?

Discussion Questions

- Where do you see the impacts of colonial harm today?
- Acknowledging that the church was an agent of harm whose mission and ministry with Indigenous peoples emphasized white supremacy, what values and actions can the church, and your congregation in particular, adopt to fight anti-Indigenous racism today?

Rev. Mitch Away

Rev. Mitch is off this week so please contact the office, the session clerk or an elder if you need anything. The Rev. Reid Chudley will preach at St. Andrew's on Sunday, August 1st.

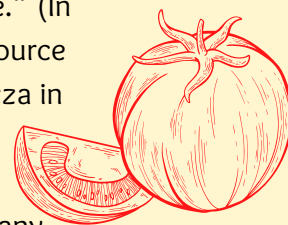
Joining us for worship? Here's what you need to know:

- Please do not attend the service if you, or anyone in your group, feels unwell, has a fever, persistent cough or other flu like symptoms.
- Everyone waits in a socially distanced line, outside, until space is available for you to move forward to a seat.
- All those attending the service (12 years and older) must wear a mask – on entering, on exiting and if moving about inside the building.
- Hand sanitizer is available for use at each door.
- Please be seated as quickly as possible so that others may also take their seats.
- Once seated you must remain in that seat until, at the completion of the service, you will exit as directed.
- Please do not sit on the "yellow tapes" in the pews, or move these tapes. Social distancing is achieved by sitting between the tapes.
- If, after being seated, you need assistance, or the use of a washroom, please raise your hand and an usher will come to you to assist.

A Poisonous Love Apple in the Garden

A ripe, juicy tomato was feared by Europeans 300 years ago when the fruit was thought to be poisonous. It turns out that the problem was not with the fruit itself but with the pewter plates the fruit was placed on. The acid from the tomatoes would leach lead from the plates that would sometimes poison the diner. According to the Smithsonian "One of the earliest-known European references to the food was made by the Italian herbalist, Pietro Andrae Matthioli, who first classified the tomato as a nightshade and a mandrake—a category of food known as an aphrodisiac. The mandrake has a history that dates back to the Old Testament; it is referenced twice as the Hebrew word 'dudaim', which roughly translates to "love apple." (In Genesis, a mandrake is used as a love potion)." It was not only thought of as poisonous but also as a source of temptation! Eventually, the tomato gained in worldwide popularity with the invention of modern pizza in the 1880's.

But outside of Europe, the tomato didn't cause fear! It was a popular food in its place of origin, Mesoamerica. The 'tomatl' has been enjoyed since at least 700 AD by Aztecs, their descendants and many others. Today, there are over 10,000 varieties of tomato that you can grow and savor.



Whitney will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm starting August 11th. Whitney will continue to work from home on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for now and is available via phone or email.

What do you get when you combine two canopies, a few chairs + sunny weather? You get a perfect spot for St. Andrew's friends to meet for an outdoor visit. Grant has tidied up the laneway and added not only his ongoing plant production but also a few extras. Drop in for a visit Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm. Come to the laneway gate and we'll be happy to open it for you. Iced tea will be available but if that is not to your liking feel free to bring your own beverage. Questions? Call 250 385-5157



See you in the lane!

Reservations for Sunday

[Click here](#) to fill out the reservation form for this Sunday's service.

Those who do not have a computer are welcome to call Whitney at 778-587-1227 to reserve a spot at the service. Reservations need to be made by Friday afternoon.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a
- Psalm 51:1–12
- Ephesians 4:1–16
- John 6:24–35

