



May 17, 2022



Parable of the Pastor

For What or for Whom are you praying today?

"Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Today I am reminded of the need to pray. In fact, this may be my new format for my weekly space in TWASA. To no longer struggle to be creative in The Parable to the Pastor and instead to call us to prayer seems like a worthwhile shift in focus. I feel the need to stop talking so much and do more listening. Will you join me in praying for...

Jack Reimer in the death of his brother and Rev. Laura Kavanagh in the death of her mother, both over the weekend.

Ukraine and the millions who have lost lives, family and friends, homes, communities and jobs because of the unholy war waged by Russian President, Vladimir Putin. We pray for peace and courage for all Ukrainians worldwide.

For the growing epidemic of gun violence in America and 201 mass shootings thus far in 2022 especially the murder of 10 in Buffalo and 1 killed and 5 injured at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods, California over the weekend. How long, O Lord?

For the Session at St. Andrew's faithful in providing worship, serving the homebound and filling key leadership roles throughout the congregation. Pray that key positions will soon be filled to replace outgoing leaders who have served us well.

For What or for Whom are you praying today? Prayerfully, Pastor Mitch

Open Church on Parade Day

St. Andrew's will be open on Victoria Day to welcome folks who would like to see our lovely sanctuary and meet our friendly volunteers.



Bathrooms will also be made available to folks who need one. Thank you to Jim F. and everyone volunteering to welcome people to St. Andrew's on Monday



French Beach **Provincial Park Mid Week Camp** June 7th-10th July 4th-8th

Cowichan River Provincial Park New Location Mid Week Camp July 25th-29th

Family Camp with Children's Program **Goldstream Provincial Park** August 25th-29th

All group camp sites have a 50 camper limit so book early Email campvip@outlook.ca for more information and booking A program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Music for Sunday May 22nd

Organ prelude: Chromhorne sur la Taille by Francois Couperin Choir anthem: Lord Jesus, we are one with Thee by Dietrich Buxtehude Organ meditation: Adagio (Sonata #1) Felix Mendelssohn Organ Postlude: Plein Jeu & Fugue sur la trompette by Francois Couperin

Francois Couperin(1668-173) a French organist and composer. He wrote 2 organ masses. The music for today is from his Mass for the Convent or Abbey church. Chromhorne is a reed stop on the organ and the melody is in the left hand.

Summer choir

Our choir is on summer break from June through August. We will miss the choral scholars, Akina, Lauren and Jorge but look forward to seeing them again in September.

Have you always wanted to join the choir but weren't sure. Here is your opportunity!. Summer choir begins Sunday June 5th. Anyone who wants to sing can come and join us. We will have a warmup (vocal excercises) followed by the hymns for the service. Time:

9:45am. Summer choir will lead the hymns in the service. Hope to see you then!



Be Careful with Strange Emails

Someone sent emails from Debra's Gmail account last Friday, if you received an email from her and noticed something suspicious, call her to make sure it was her.

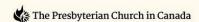
We encourage you to contact Martin or Whitney if this or anything related ever happens to you or another church member.

Some cyber security tips:

- -Please keep your devices and your browsers up to date. This is so important!
- -Restart the devices if not every day, frequently. Many problems are solved and prevented if you do this.
- -Reset your passwords: if you are using passwords like "Martin2022", use something like "e!p-xtLM-8tV" instead.
- -Keep your passwords in a notebook.
- -If your browser and your device's system are up-to-date, you can save your passwords in the browser (for some, using the notebook is safer, esp. bank account passwords.)

(INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA)

WE PRAY FOR AN END TO ALL FORMS OF HATRED AND DISCRIMINATION THAT TARGET LGBTQ12+ PEOPLE. AS A CHURCH, WE HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS HARM, AND WE REPENT.



Sunday, May 22nd is Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

<u>Click here</u> to learn how you can be involved in justice for indigenous siblings through the Presbyterian church.

There are resources for prayer, ways to donate and learning materials to understand the how the church contributed to racism and the residential school system.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. - John 4:7

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Book Club

You are welcome to join the virtual book club of God Walk by Mark Buchanan.

When: Every Wednesday until June 1st, 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83419017582

Read From Your Bible This Week

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5
- John 14:23-29

