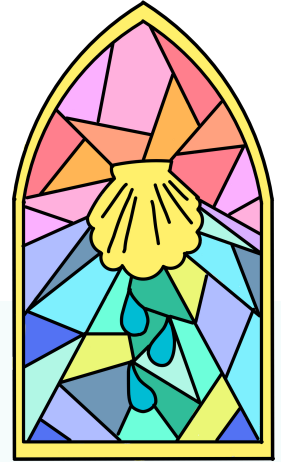


July 5, 2022



## *Parable of the Pastor*

1For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; 7a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

Life, death, celebration, and decision-making frame our lives and our existence from birth until death. The story of St. Andrew's is being lived in the midst of these seasons.

Sunday, July 10 we have the joy of celebrating the arrival of Sophia through hers and her dad, Rob's baptism and as Sophia's mom and dad are welcomed into the membership of St. Andrew's.

Soon we will celebrate with Don and family as they thank God for the life of Betty and mourn her passing. We are still working out the best time for Don and family for the Betty's Celebration of Life. At this date Don is considering a Sunday in the near future by using coffee hour to greet family followed by a memorial service in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for a date as family arrangements are finalized.

Continue to pray for God's peace and presence during "our time to be born" and "our time to mourn."  
Prayerfully, Mitch



Did you know? The shell has been an emblem of baptism since the twelfth century. Once pouring water was the accepted mode for baptizing, the shell became a handy accessory to carry and pour water over the person being baptized. Also a symbol for the pilgrim and also the emblem for St. Augustine, who had a vision of a child (believed to be Christ) who told him that he could sooner empty the ocean with a shell than understand the Trinity.

## Music for Sunday, July 10th

The American composer Paul Manz wrote the lovely Aria in a minor which I am playing as a prelude this Sunday. The postlude is his neo-baroque improvisation on our final hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.

The musical reflection is from Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations. I am playing the aria and variation #4. The variations were named after Johann Gottlieb Goldberg who may have been the first performer of this music.

The story is that Bach wrote the variations for the Count of Saxony who had terrible insomnia. Golberg played it on the harpsichord for him on his sleepless nights. Although this is a charming story, it is probably not true. However the music is lovely and worth listening to on youtube where you will find all 30 variations performed.

Glen Gould recorded it on piano as did Angela Hewitt and Lang Lang. Search and you may find a performance on harpsichord too.

-Christine



## The Church Calendar and Events Page

The St. Andrew's calendar is now available on our website. There is also a new "events" page that will list events happening at St. Andrew's or at sister churches. If you know of something happening at St. Andrew's or another church and you don't see it on the calendar, please contact the office.

**Remember:** meetings, events and other building use still needs to be booked through the office (and a planning form might be required). But we hope this helps everyone who wants to keep up to date with what goes on in our space!

## Continuing Safe Worship

We continue to transition from a "rules-based" approach to "trust" that people will keep others safe from COVID by behaviours that reflect their love for those around them. Starting Sunday July 10th, ribbons will be removed from the south and central sections of pews, and people can freely choose where to sit, while maintaining social distancing. (Alternate pews on the north side will continue to be marked, for those who wish more defined spacing between worshipers.) Secondly, the "family pews" in the gallery will remain reserved for them, but others may sit in them, too, on the understanding that they will move and give way to families who come expecting to use the space.

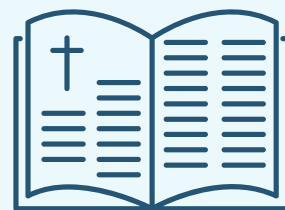
The church office will be closed from July 12th through 15th while Whitney takes a working holiday helping out at Comox Valley Presbyterian. Whitney will be sure to say "hi" to Rev. Jenn for you!



**A Reminder:** parking passes are available in the Narthex and can be used for the Robbins parkade by our Broughton Street door, and under the Sussex Building.

## Read From Your Bible This Week

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82 OR
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37



**Congregational Meeting July 10**  
**Time: Immediately following worship**  
**Where: In the sanctuary and Livestreamed.**

If you are joining by Livestream, please log back in using the same link as for the worship service.

**Purpose of the meeting**

This meeting is important. All steps must be completed by 30 November, with heavy financial penalty if the deadline is not met. This meeting is urgent to allow time for the completion of all subsequent steps (outlined in the document emailed to everyone)

The BC government changed the Landowner Transfer Act and now all Declarations of Trust must be registered. To meet the BC requirements and those of Presbytery (as set out in the Book of Forms). It is required that every Presbyterian Congregation in BC, who own property must hold a congregational meeting at which the congregation will, by motion of session:

- Approve the Declaration of Trust Document (outlines the tasks and responsibilities of trustees. See below for text)
- Affirm the appointment of Trustees for the congregation (Jack Reimer, David McLean, Arthur Marcellus. Dirk Ryneveld, Moira Bernard)
- Direct the trustees to register the Declaration of Trust

As with all congregational meetings, the meeting minutes will be recorded.

**Voting on Motions**

To accommodate everyone, including those not able to attend in person, and those without email access, everyone is asked to vote by one of the following

- a) If you are present in the sanctuary, by raising your hand when the question is called
- b) Respond to the link that will be included in TWASA on Monday July 11 (early issue that week). Minutes of the meeting will be included in TWASA
- c) Call the office to record your vote (778 587 1227) or ask an elder or friend to email your vote

**If you have questions**

- Ask them at the meeting
- Ask an elder or submit your question to [sessionclerk@standrewsvictoria.ca](mailto:sessionclerk@standrewsvictoria.ca)

**Next steps (congregation)**

Following the meeting and approval of the motions:

- The Declaration of Trust will be signed and dated by 3 of the Trustees, the Interim Moderator and the Clerk of Session
- The signed Declaration of Trust and the Minutes of the July 10 meeting will be forwarded to Presbytery on July 18.

That completes tasks for the congregation.

**Final Steps (Trustees)**

- The commissioners review the document to ensure that it is complete and in order
- The commissioners, through “power to issue” granted by presbytery, informs the clerk of session that St. Andrew’s trustees have permission from presbytery to work with a lawyer to register the document (and the minutes of the congregational meeting) with the government on behalf of the congregation
- Trustees complete the registration process with the province by 30 Nov. 2022.