



July 12, 2022



Parable of the Pastor

We celebrated in worship yesterday. We smiled when Sophia and Rob were baptized. When the question was asked, “Do you, as members of this congregation, promise to uphold and support Rob and Serena and promise to guide and nurture Sophia with love and prayer?” As a congregation we answered with enthusiasm, “We will, with God’s help!”

We participated as members and friends of this congregation and the day was an opportunity to remember the significance of our own baptism. In baptism, God claims us and names us to show that we belong to God. We are tempted to forget that God has claimed all people as beloved children. It is the sacrament not of what we do but of what God has done for us in Christ.

God’s grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of Baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life...
Baptism assures us that we belong to God
in life and in death.

Our greatest comfort is that we belong
to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
(Living Faith, 7.6 Baptism, pg 20)

Baptism is a sacrament of community. In the children’s book, *Today is a Baptism Day* by Anne Ostenso Moore, we read that as a congregation we will be a community that will worship and wonder with this young family and nudge Sophia toward God.

I appreciate the ways the book continued to describe how we will live out our baptismal promise to one another.

We will learn, eat, and pray with others.
We will turn back to God when we’ve turned away.
We will share our story and our Christian stories in what we do and say.
We will look for and name the holy in everyone we meet.
We will respect every living thing. We will do all of this with God’s help.

In Celebration...Pastor Mitch

Music for Sunday, July 17th

Serena Jack will be our guest soloist.
The music is by Bach, Vivaldi and Seitz

-Christine



On Sunday, following worship there was an important
Congregational Meeting to:

- Approve our trustees
- Approve the Declaration of Trust document
- Request the trustees to sign the document.

If you did not attend the meeting in person, or were not ready to vote, please [click here](#) to vote on the 3 motions. You may wish to refer to the attached documents (documents attached to the TWASA email) for the background and purpose for this process. You can read the written summary of the discussion at the meeting and/or watch the Livestreamed meeting on YouTube.

The deadline to submit votes is Saturday 16 July.
Colina Titus, Session Clerk.

The Presbyterian Connection Newspaper is Ready to Read

[Click Here](#) to access our national church paper and find:

- A feature story on supporting Ukraine
- Details on the 2022 General Assembly
- Information on Trustees and Trust Deeds
- Part two of a feature on important points to consider if you're live streaming your worship service
- An article on the service of apology to Darryl Macdonald and the former congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lachine, Que.
- Photos of the 2022 graduates of the theological colleges
- An article discussing systemic racism
- Photos from congregations, book reviews, reflections, and so much more!

Announcements:

Remember to join your St. Andrew's friends in the Laneway on Thursday at 2:00 pm for refreshments and visiting!

The owner of a small downtown business is reaching out to see if anyone knows of temporary (month to month) housing available for a refugee family they are sponsoring who has come from Syria. The private sponsorship group is able to pay market rent. Email the church office if you know of somewhere suitable.

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!



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 8:1-12
- Psalm 52
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Luke 10:38-42

