

ROBERT BURNS MEMORIAL CONCERT



The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir - Larry Scott



Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society - Larry Scott



Scottish Highland Dancers - Larry Scott

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: "Prelude"
from 1st cello suite by
J S Bach

Choral Anthem: "Lord in
Thy mercy" Felix
Mendelssohn

Musical Reflection: "The
Swan" by Camille
Saint-Saens

Postlude: "Gigue" from
1st cello suite by J S
Bach

Tau Vannophat
Kaploykeo is our guest
soloist, You will
remember his beautiful
cello playing at The Gift
of Christmas Music in
December.



LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11. 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:21-28

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"The session is responsible for providing for the program of Christian education for persons of all ages in order that they may be confronted by the gospel, may grow in faith, participate in the life of the Christian community, and be active witnesses to Christ in the world." - Book of Forms

Will you be part of children's Christian Education at St. Andrew's? Do you feel joy for Christ and a desire to share it with children? Each week, in order to staff the Nursery and Sunday School we need a total of 6 people. Ideally, we need 2 teams of 6 so that those providing Christian Education for children do not do it every week without attending Sunday services. Sunday School and nursery will not happen if we do not have a full compliment of teachers and helpers. All that is required of you is an enthusiasm for Christ, a firm commitment of your time and attendance at a Leading with Care course and an up-to-date Police Record Check (requirements of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and our insurance). Email Sabine Teetzel at steetzel@telus.net if you are willing to be part of spreading God's word.

PWS&D SUNDAY

On PWS&D Sunday, February 4th, 2024 we recognize the work that Presbyterian World Service & Development is doing to serve vulnerable communities. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D aims to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world. We pray for our global brothers and sisters, worldwide, who are often struggling with basic access to adequate food and shelter.

Donations can be made to PWS&D by cheque or cash in your church envelopes indicating PWS&D. For those who wish to donate we are encouraging donations to 'where most needed'. We will be sharing stories of the humanitarian work of Presbyterian World Service & Development during the month of February.

More information can be found @ <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>

Patti Jackson, Mission & Outreach

Come SING Your Heart Out! (or just listen)

TUESDAYS, 12:15 p.m.
at the OUR PLACE
Community Centre
919 Pandora Ave



ALL WELCOME...**NO CHARGE**

Connect through songs with your self
and with others (from all walks of life).

Options to perform at special community events
if you're interested.

Check us out Tuesdays, 12:15 -1:00 p.m. restarting
Jan. 16th, Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd floor at Our Place.

For more information tel. 250-882-4339 or
email westcoastreach@gmail.com



Linn Tonstad

Associate Professor of Theology, Religion,
and Sexuality at Yale Divinity School

In Conversation with Christine Conkin on Dance and Theology



Wednesday, February 7, 2024
At the Multifaith Center, UVic
Communion Service: 5pm
Conversation with Linn: 7pm

Join the UVic Inclusive Christians
after the weekly worship service for a
conversation about theology, dance
and embodiment.

The service is led by Ruth Dantzer, spiritual care provider at UVic.
If you wish to attend the worship service, please email her at
ruthdantzer@uvic.ca.

Linn Marie Tonstad is associate professor of theology, religion,
and sexuality at Yale Divinity School, and is the author of two
books, *God and Difference: Theology, Sexuality, and the
Transformation of Finitude* (Routledge, 2016) and *Queer
Theology: Beyond Apologetics* (Cascade, 2018).



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LENTEN READER

Two brave souls have sent in a submission for the Lenten Reader. One person wrote about the impact of a particular hymn and one wrote about a scripture that came at an important time in life. Perhaps, you have considered something you might share to encourage others.

I, too, have thought about what I would write and then I have moments of doubt and even fear that what I have to share isn't good enough or wouldn't be encouraging to other people. I believe that God asks us to be "Christ to one another," to share the everydayness of our lives.

Frederick Buechner writes that "my story and your story are all part of each other too if only because we have sung together and prayed together and seen each other's faces...all our stories are in the end one story, one vast story about being human, being together, being here."

So, each of our stories do matter. When we share from our experience, we strengthen the body of Christ. We aren't asking for your perfection, we are asking you to take a risk and share a bit of your unique life as a person of faith.

Describe your experience in any way that you choose: a description, an example, a story, a song, poem, or artwork (photo or drawing). There is not a specific format, just a few guidelines:

- Suggested length for the submission is ½ to 1 typed page (handwritten is accepted!)
- PLEASE SUBMIT by **Sunday, February 4, 2024**
- Send by email to lindacoggin@gmail.com or office@standrewsvictoria.ca with "for Lenten Reader" or bring your submission to your church.

If you have a question or just want to think out-loud about what you might share, Linda Coggin will be honoured to help in any way by email or phone.

CURIOUS ABOUT JOY

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. - Psalm 126:6

By now most of us are familiar with Jan Richardson, one of Reverend Coggin's favourite devotional authors. Each year she offers a Women's Christmas Retreat rooted in the Irish custom of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas.

Women's Christmas offers an opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept us busy and hurried in the past weeks or months. This is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and to spend time in reflection before diving into what this new year will hold. This year's retreat is entitled, Curious About Joy.

Jan asks, "In a time when the anguish of the world can flatten it right out of us, how might we become intent on joy instead of giving up on it? How might it be to approach joy as a practice—one that does not hinge on ignorance of circumstances but staying present in the midst of them?"

Through this retreat Jan invites us to contemplate how joy shows up for us or might want to find its way into our life. This year we will "retreat" in our own homes and come together to share our experience. Are you interested? Go to <https://sanctuaryofwomen.com/WomensChristmasRetreat2024.pdf>. When reading the retreat refer to the questions she asks throughout, what sections spoke to you?

On Monday February 5th at 7:00 pm we will meet via Zoom and discuss and reflect on the retreat. Stay tuned for more details. Any questions email Sabine at steetzel@telus.net

Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85219246364>

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 12:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

AROUND THE TABLE	UVIC MULTIFAITH January 31 Wednesday 5:00 pm	Presented by UVic's Inclusive Christians, Knox, St. Andrew's, and other local churches. A simple service centered on students but all are welcome to attend. After worship everyone is invited to enjoy a simple meal together. Contact ltknox@telus.net if you can volunteer to help with meal prep for March 13 & 27.
2023 TAX RECEIPT PICK UP	SANCTUARY Sunday February 4	Tax receipts are ready to pick up at the next service! If you are not able to pick them up in person, they will be mailed out later in February.
LENTEN READER	DEADLINE Sunday, February 4	Send by email to lindacoggin@gmail.com or office@standrewsvictoria.ca with "for Lenten Reader" or bring your submission to your church.
CURIOUS ABOUT JOY	ZOOM February 5 Monday 7:00 pm	Jan Richardson offers a Women's Christmas Retreat rooted in the Irish custom of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas. Celebrate with friends and to spend time in reflection before diving into what this new year will hold. Email questions to steetzel@telus.net . Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85219246364
SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER	KNOX CHURCH February 14 Sunday 5:00-7:30 pm	This is an opportunity for participants from St. Andrew's, Trinity, and Knox congregations to cook and eat together with students from UVic Multifaith. Plan to be part of this community experience in the Knox kitchen and lounge!
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	SANCTUARY February 25 Sunday 12:00 pm	We will meet immediately following Worship on Sunday, 25 February. Please set aside time to participate in this important meeting. The Annual Report will be circulated in the first week of February
CUORE PIANO TRIO	SANCTUARY February 27 Tuesday 2:30 pm	Presented by the St. Andrew's Music Outreach program, Cuore Piano Trio is one of the leading Polish chamber music groups of the young generation. Admission by donation and everyone is welcome!
THE LINK	DEADLINE February 25 Sunday	Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca .
TEA FOR TUTU	KIRK HALL March 5 - 7 2:00 pm	Ballet Victoria presents highlights of 'Dracula' followed by light refreshments. To reserve your free seat tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the ləkʷəŋən People – WSÁNEĆ, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.