

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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Week at a Glance

Open Church: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Meditation Hour: Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Activity Group: The Gathering Room
Thursdays at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service: Sanctuary
Sundays at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Music Notes



This week, guest musician **Steven Benson** will be playing the organ. You can learn more about Steven on his [website](#).



Our choral scholar, **Darby Howard**, will be directing St. Andrew's Presbyterian's choir.

Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arranged by Steven Benson

Choral Anthem: "This is the Day" by Jay Althouse

Musical Reflection: "Song of the Morning" by Edward Elgar

Postlude: "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar



The federal election will take place on

April 28, 2025.



#ItsOurVote

Justice and Hope for All: A 2025 Federal Election Resource


Canada's next federal election is scheduled for April 28. Democratic institutions rely on informed citizens' engagement. This resource contains questions about issues that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has spoken on. Grounded in our understanding that the church's role in society is to pursue love and justice for all of God's creation, this resource is intended to support personal reflection, conversation within congregations and advocacy with candidates.


What do we mean by love and justice for all of creation? Through Jesus Christ's ministry, we understand that love is the way of seeing others as God sees them and is compassion for creation. Love means seeking the best for others. Through Living Faith, we understand justice as standing with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect and demanding the exercise of power for the common good. We affirm that justice opposes prejudice in every form, rejects racism and relates to employment, education, health, rights and responsibilities. We know that God is at work when people recognize the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice.


You are invited to use these questions as you reflect on how best to respond to God's call for love and justice in this time and place. While this resource focuses on issues that are national in scope, local issues also have a place in our advocacy with candidates and elected officials. If there is a topic not included in this resource that you would like to learn more about, you may be able to find out more about it on the [Social Action Hub](#).

Download a printable version of the topics and questions [here](#). Please go [Elections Canada](#) for more information on how to vote, where to vote, and to check if you are registered to vote.

Announcements


 **BILLET:** Session is looking to see if anyone is able to host a graduating student from Vancouver School of Theology whilst he is doing pulpit supply at St Andrew's. The dates are for May 31st (for June 1st supply), July 12th, and August 9th. Please contact the Clerk at session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca or the Interim Moderator, Rev Kavanagh at ltknox@telus.net.


 **LANEWAY GARDEN:** The garden is now planted! If anyone would like extra seeds for their own gardens, please let the office know. Stop by on Thursdays at 10:30 in The Gathering Room to see the garden and chat!


 **PCC WEBINARS: "Every day is Earth Day"** Tuesday, April 23, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.. **"Making Space: Neurodiversity in the Church"** on April 30, 2025 1:00-2:00 p.m. Go [HERE](#) to register!


 **ZENTANGLE WORKSHOP:** On Thursday April 24th from 10:30am - 12:30pm in The Gathering Room for a special Activity Group event! Learn the art of Zentangle - an easy, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Paper and pencils provided for free! Please register with the church office.


 **VIP WOMEN'S RETREAT:** at Camp Imadene on Fri/Sat/Sun, April 25 - 27. Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Mona. Register before March 16 for \$230! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/29ndlyoy>. For more information please contact Camp Registrar at (250) 668 3299 or vipladiesretreat@gmail.com

 **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & MEETING :** You are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, April 27, after service. The meeting will commence after lunch. Rev Dale Woods from the Presbytery of Westminster, will be conducting a session in search of vitalities of the congregation, with the members of the Congregation, in preparation for the completion of the Church Profile document. This document, when completed and approved by the Presbytery, will enable the congregation to call a minister. It is Session's hope and prayer, that as many as could attend, will do so and that we as a Congregation can move forward in search of a Minister in tune with our vision and mission.

 **THE LINK:** May's deadline is Sunday, April 27. Please send your submission to theLink@shaw.ca


 **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY:** All are welcome to attend the annual remembrance of *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day), which will take place on Sunday, April 27th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, at the Victoria Jewish Cemetery on Cedar Hill Road (south from Hillside Ave.). This year's theme is "Survivor Stories from Victoria's Jewish Cemetery". E-mail: victoriashoahproject@gmail.com for more information.


 **ELECTION DAY POLLING STATION:** From 7 am to 7pm on Monday, April 28th, is election day polling in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall **AND** in The Gathering Room.


 **SPECIAL SUNDAY COFFEE:** Join us on Sunday, May 4th, after the service to celebrate the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day.


 **TRINITY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** The 111th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in the Gorge-Tillicum neighbourhood is this month! Gorge Presbyterian Church first opened on May 3, 1914. It later amalgamated with Erskin and St. Paul's to form Trinity Presbyterian Church in 1966 - that means Trinity will be 60 years old next year! Our Sunday service on May 4th from 10:30-11:00 am includes a special hymn sing to mark the occasion. Afterwards, we will gather in the upper hall for a community lunch and conversation. **Friends, family and neighbours are invited to celebrate with us!**


 **FAIRY PROCESSION & PICNIC:** Sunday, May 4, from 10:30am - 1pm at Gorge Park Community Gardens. Don your best fairy wings for a fun fairy procession and scavenger hunt at the Gorge Park Community Gardens. See if you can find the fairy doors hidden in our neighbourhood's resplendent community garden. Bring a picnic lunch and stay for gigantic bubbles, music and community connection. This event is open to all ages and we encourage all of our neighbours to join in and enjoy a picnic in the park. Let's make magic in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood together! For more info, email info@gorgetillicum.ca


 **Monday, May 5 is Red Dress Day.** This National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is a day to remember the thousands of missing and murdered Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit persons in Canada, and to raise awareness about the root causes of this violence. Wear something red to express your solidarity.


 **PACIFIC RIM POTTERY SHOW:** at Knox on Saturday, May 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free! You'll find colourful garden art, rustic wood-fired pieces, elegant ikebana vases, unique items for the kitchen, and of course the humble and not so humble coffee mug. Shoppers, browsers, old friends and new are all welcome. We love to talk about clay and you might even find inspiration for your next pottery class! 100% of door prize proceeds are donated to charity.


 **HEALTHY AGING:** "Before, with, and beyond Cancer". The Eldercare Foundation is proud to present this panel discussion in partnership with the UBC School of Nursing and BC Cancer. On Wednesday, May 7 from 2 - 4 pm at Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse. This is an in-person event only so please register [HERE](#) for this free event!


 **SESSION MEETING:** Next meeting is Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm!

 **Saturday, May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.** We pray that communities, elected officials and religious leaders will contribute to the safety and well-being of LGBTQI2+ people in Canada and around the world.

 **Sunday, May 25 is Healing & Reconciliation Sunday.** We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both inside and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other forms of colonial violence. We ask God to guide the church in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

 **CHOIR SUMMER BREAK:** St. Andrew's Choir practice and Sunday performances will continue as usual until the end of June. From July to August, our choral scholars will lead congregational singing. Choir will resume in September.

 **KNOX CAFE:** Mark June 5 on your calendars for the next cafe!

 **CAMP VIP:** This year's VIP camp dates are as follows: Little Qualicum Falls June 9 - 13, Goldstream July 3-7, Rathtrevor August 11 - 18. For more information go [HERE](#) or contact the Camp Registrar at jermareng@outlook.com.

Hike for Hospice 2025

Join us for our annual in-person walk **on Sunday, May 4** at [Willows Park](#) on Beach Drive! Join us to help raise critical funds and awareness for Victoria Hospice while enjoying a beautiful morning walk with your community.

Form a Team or Join Solo

Gather your friends and family, rally your co-workers or take part individually to support compassionate end-of-life care in our community.

Once you register, your supporters will be able to pledge/donate to your fundraising page to help you raise funds for Victoria Hospice. You can also hold fundraisers such as bottle drives, bake sales, jeans day and more, all in support of hospice care. Need more ideas? Visit to our [Fundraising Tips](#) page for ways to fundraise before the event.

Bring Your Four-Legged Friend!

Don't forget your furry companion for a chance to win our **"Best Dressed Dog"** award.

Workplace Challenge

Encourage your workplace to join the [Workplace Challenge](#) and make a collective impact!

Event Details

- 9:00 a.m. : check in, pledge drop-off & entertainment
- 9:45 a.m. : Opening ceremonies
- 10:00 a.m. : The walk begins!
- 11:00 a.m. : Closing ceremonies & top fundraising awards

The scenic 3.5 km loop starts and ends at Willows Park, taking you along stunning Beach Drive to the Oak Bay Marina and back. This family friendly route is the perfect way to come together in support of hospice care.

Why Your Support Matters

Funds raised through Victoria Hike for Hospice help provide care and comfort for patients, and bereavement counselling for their families through our Community Support Centre.

We can't wait to see you there - together, we can make a difference!



Earth Week Repurposing Campaign

Got extra hygiene products? Don't throw them away! Together we can turn what's hiding under your sink into hope and dignity for someone in need. Starting on Earth Day, April 22, to May 22 join our [Repurposing Campaign](#) and donate new or gently used hygiene products. Your small act can make a big impact—protecting the planet and helping end hygiene poverty in our community.

Donate your extra hygiene products:

New or Unused: **deodorants, toothpaste toothbrushes, incontinence products, (most needed items!)** razors, feminine products, and lip balm.

New or Gently Used: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and body lotion.

Drop off your donations at:

- Soap for Hope Canada Warehouse (426B William St.)
- Saje Wellness at Mayfair Mall
- Canadian Tire at Hillside Mall
- Tillicum Centre (lower level at the bottom of the escalator)

Every donation helps build a healthier community and a cleaner planet! This campaign is sponsored by Capital Regional District BC. Thank you.

For more information: www.soapforhopecanada.ca

Concerts

RCCO International Organ Day Event

Presented by The Royal Canadian College of Organists
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, April 26 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Drop by and try the pipe organ to help Victoria become the Pipe Organ Capital of Canada! Your friendly organist or RCCO host will share their knowledge and raise awareness of the pipe organ, its music and the Royal Canadian College of Organists training programs and scholarships. This is a FREE event, so bring your kids or grandkids to create some awesome sounds! For more information, please visit www.rcco-victoria.org.

Spring Concert

Presented by The Pandora Chorus
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

The Pandora Chorus is a fun and welcoming non-auditioned community choir. We will be singing songs from our Winter-Spring repertoire, including songs by Chappell Roan, Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, Bill Withers, The Magnetic Fields, and more! Advance tickets are available [online for \\$20](#). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$25 (cash only). Children under 12 are free!

Tea for Tutu: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Presented by Ballet Victoria
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Kirk Hall
Tue/Wed/Thu, May 6, 7, 8 at 2:00 pm

To reserve your free seats email tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca or call 250-380-6063

Wings

Presented by Ensemble Laude
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary
Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Ensemble Laude takes flight with Wings, a curated selection of breathtaking pieces from around the world. For more info and tickets please go [HERE](#).

Seattle Children's Choir Concert

Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach Program
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary
Sunday, May 25, 12:00 pm

The Seattle Children's Chorus, a performance and educational choral music organization, performs the finest choral music with a unique commitment to sacred literature. Forty young choristers in grades six to twelve will be performing. Donations are appreciated and support both our music outreach program and musicians!