

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2012

APPROACHING GOD

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky No. 592

Call to Worship (I Samuel 3)

Leader: Listen in the stillness of the morning,
in the hush of this moment.

People: We listen for the Spirit of God.

Leader: God searches to find you and calls you by name.

People: Speak, O God, for your servant is listening.

Leader: God hems you in and lays His hand of blessing
upon you.

People: Here I am, Lord, willing to serve.

Leader: Christ calls to you now,: "Follow me."

People: Here I am, Lord, lead me.

Praise Song: In Christ Alone see screen

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Wonderful God of all knowledge, share your wisdom with us in this time of quiet reflection. Open our ears to hear your call. Widen our vision to see your presence. Broaden our thoughts to know your ways. Speak to us now. In hope and trust we pray, Our Father...(debts & debtors)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Song Time: God is a Surprise see screen

Story Time: "Hearing From God" Megan
(Children ages 2 to grade 8 go to Sunday School)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:25-40 Page 833

Responsive: Psalm # 139, vs. 1-6 & 13-18 Refrain # 3

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Helen Cowan

Choir Anthem: You are the New Day J. David

Hymn of Illumination: Come My Way No. 565

Sermon: "A Light of Revelation" Rev. Ian K. Johnston

Prayers of the People

Organ Offertory

The Dedication of the Offering:

Joyful, joyful, Lord we bring you

Gifts that you can use today.

Take them bless them may your kingdom

Spread through all the world we pray;

We are here, our time, our talents;

We would dedicate as well.

May we show Christ's love within us,

By our lives, our faith to tell.

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus No. 671

Benediction

Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"

(Inside Cover of the Book of Praise and on the screen)

Organ Postlude

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Hearing assisted devices are available for you to borrow each Sunday morning. They are a small earphone with a volume control. Ask any of the ushers and they will show you how to use it.

Large Print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

Welcome to this service of worship at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound: we are happy to have you with us. If you are a visitor, or a newcomer to Owen Sound, you are welcome to use the Visitor Envelope found in the pew. Come for a time of fellowship in the C.E. Hall (anyone can direct you).

Ushers: Kathleen Barker, Donna Sintzel, Gladys Pennacchiotti, Ray & Marg Walter

Sunday School Teachers: Penny Fenwick, Nancy Robinson and Megan Purdy

Nursery: Mary Gillies and Sylvia Neerhof

Head Counter: Chuck Rossel

Prayer Requests: For extra support during difficult times. If you have prayer requests you may phone these people who are on the prayer chain: Pat Edwards 376-0451, Sandra Barker 371-7552, Sheila Lamb 376-0702, Marie Herbert (evenings only) 372-1290, the church office 376-7886.

Sermons: you may pick up a copy of Sunday's sermon – on the church office counter after church each week. CDs of the service are also available. Please phone the church office at 519-376-7886.

These Days is a daily devotional for living by faith. If you would like to subscribe for a yearly subscription, call the church office at 519-376-7886 by January 23rd. Cost is \$13 for regular print and \$14 for large print. You should make your cheque payable to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and either leave it on the offering plate, mail it to St. Andrew's or bring it into the church office. Past copies of this booklet are on the small table by the church office.

Your gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** help Toronto's Boarding Homes Ministry connect teams of congregational visitors with residents of local, privately owned boarding homes. Team members enter the boarding home humbly as part of the body of Christ, setting aside their own agendas and expectations of "fixing" things. One team member shares, "Through the years, our friendships have strengthened and we have built traditions together. Trust has grown, as we share joys and sorrows in the way that good friends do. My life is richer for having made these new friends." Let us pray for Boarding Ministry as they help nurture these Christian communities.

St. Andrew's uses **Fair Trade coffee**. There is a donation can by the coffeepot to help offset the cost. This is a very worthwhile outreach.

A group of about 12 **CGIT** girls meet every Tuesday after school. Snacks are a welcome addition to their program. If you like to bake, please sign up for a Tuesday that is convenient to you.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Living Life to the Full!

St. Andrew's exists to bring people to a full life in God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. This life is lived through worship and fellowship and in mission to God's world.



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, Ontario
Established 1925**

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Minister: Rev. Ian K. Johnston, Th.M., C.D.

Interim Moderator: Rev. Jim Johnson, B.A., M. Div.

Min. Emeritus: Rev. Kenneth Barker, B.A., B.D., M.Th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Week of January 15th at St. Andrew's

Today	11:45 a.m.	Making Disciples
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Cubs
	7:00 p.m.	C.E. Meeting
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Sandwich Makers
	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	CGIT
	6:30 p.m.	Beavers
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Managers
Thurs.	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Sundays @ 9 with Praise Songs, Message, Muffins & Coffee
	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship with hymns, Bible readings, choir & sermon

Send-a-Card-Club: It's the little things in life that count. Sometimes it doesn't take much effort on our part, but it means so much to others. Sending a card or note can help brighten the day for any of us. Why not try it, see how good it makes you feel too. Please send a Get Well/Praying for you card to Jessie Vanwyck who is in hospital. 670 7th Ave. E., N4K 2X8

Please return Christmas books and DVDs as quickly as possible to your church library. We would like to get an inventory done early in the new year of all our Christmas items. Thanks!

St. Andrew's Financial Report

General Operating Fund as of Jan. 8, 2012

	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Jan. 8</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Offering Env. Income	\$4,388	\$6,439	\$10,827
Expenses per week in 2011 were	\$7,335.		

Many **thanks** for cards sent on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary. It was a real joy to receive these. Bill & Sarah Currie

Written reports and financial reports are due Friday February 3rd for St. Andrew's **Annual Report**.

Please send these by email, if possible.

general@standrewsowensound.org

Parking: Extra parking at Breckenridge. Do **NOT** park at Prettie Photography.

Session Synopsis

-The Session held a regular meeting Tues. Jan. 3/12.
- Terms of reference for The Good Samaritan Fund still have to be established.
-The special committee to listen to the congregation's comments regarding the music format for the 10:30am worship will be: Aird McCombie; Bryan Barbour; Marianne Ford; Heather Mutch and Julie Davenport. (See note below).
-The 87th Anniversary speaker has not yet been confirmed - for May 6.
-Session will meet in a special meeting January 17 at 7 pm to establish Goal Setting for St. Andrew's. This is part of the work for the Congregation Profile.
-The membership of St. Andrew's currently is 438.
-The Roll Review Committee feels that the roll will be about 250 when the review is completed.
-There are 2 requests for membership forthcoming – one awaiting transfer.
-Re-stated: The Presbyterian Church does not dedicate infants but practices infant baptism.
-Lent services will begin Wed. Feb. 22. Lunch will be held following the worship in the traditional way (soup and refreshment provided) bring own sandwiches.
A Stewardship Workshop will be hosted by St. Andrew's PC, March 24 (all day).
Pastor Neil Orchard, the workshop leaders, will preach at the 10:30 service, March 25.

January 15: Educating Girls in Afghanistan

Many girls in Afghanistan will never have the chance to attend school. With youth comprising 50% of the population and the female literacy rate below 18%, investing in the education of girls is more important than ever. PWS&D is working with our local partner to train teachers, provide girls with textbooks and supplies, repair schools, and raise awareness and support for female education. Shanaz, leader of a parent-teacher committee, says, "Before this program, we did not allow our girls to get an education. But now with the program we see the need for education and we send our girls to school." For the 2011-2012 school year, PWS&D aims to increase enrolment from 1,350 to 1,800 girls. Together with your support, we are creating opportunities for girls and helping them realize their dreams.

www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd

Lost: St. Andrew's 2 wheel dolly. Did you borrow it? Do you know where it is? Please contact the church office with any information.

A good example is the best sermon.

Music Committee: We would like to hear your feelings regarding the music format for the 10:30 service. You can make your comments known by speaking to any one of the committee members (Aird McCombie; Bryan Barbour; Marianne Ford; Heather Mutch and Julie Davenport), or writing to the church marked "Attention: Music Committee" or sending an email to bdbarbour@sympatico.ca with "Music" in the subject line. All comments will be kept strictly confidential and no names will be included in the presentation to Session.

Would you like to be a **hospital visitor** on behalf of St. Andrew's? A training and orientation time will take place on Tuesday January 24th at the hospital. Please let the church office know if you are interested so your name can be on the list.

Search Committee Update:

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, I wanted to give you an update, and a brief time frame so that you can hopefully understand a bit better where we are in the search process.

The guidelines for calling a minister set out by General Assembly require us to complete a profile of the church. The profile is a document that gives an in depth look at the congregation, its goals and objectives, the town or city that the church is located in, and the qualities and abilities that are desired in a minister. When you have a congregation as large and diverse as St. Andrew's this exercise is not as easy as it may first appear.

The profile should be complete by the end of January, or early February. The Session will review it to make sure that it is an accurate reflection of St. Andrew's and will then pass it on to Presbytery in March. Presbytery must also review the profile and then will give us permission to publicize the vacancy.

It is my hope that by late March, early April we will begin the process of looking at potential candidates. Rev. Jim Johnson, Interim Moderator

Members of St. Andrew's Search Team are:

Rev. Jim Johnson, Interim Moderator; Ann Fahrur, Chair; Tricia Morris; Ken Robinson, Laura Ufimtseff, Bob Ray, Clerk of Session; Lyle Love, Christopher Olesen, Kay Thorfinnson, Laurie James and Doug Cumming.

Daily Devotional: The Presbyterian Church in Canada sends out a daily devotional each morning. You can subscribe to this free email by going to <http://daily.presbycan.ca/email/subscribe.html>. Over 6000 subscribers from around the world

enjoy these devotionals. Tomorrow's devotional (Jan. 16) was written by our very own Pat Bell.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS DELIGHT NIGHT

Fri. February 10th at 7 p.m.

Chocolate Desserts

Chocolate Talk

Cost: by Donation to the Outreach Fund of St. Andrew's

Do you like chocolate? Come and taste one of many chocolate desserts.

Have you ever wondered how chocolate was grown? Where? What makes good chocolate? Don Armstrong is a chocolatier and will speak on the wonders of chocolate. Bring your questions. If you can help with this evening, please sign the list on the office counter for a variety of jobs.

DIAMOND JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA:

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Come on Tues. Feb. 7th at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate this event. Afternoon tea will be served and a presentation of the Queen's life will be given by Margaret Brown. Royal Family memorabilia from Margaret's collection will also be on display.

Please call Margaret Brown at 519 371 2260 or email margaret.brown@bmts.com to reserve a seat.

No admission charge but donations will be gladly accepted for the Good Samaritan Outreach Fund of St Andrew's Church.

Fellowship Lunch: Once a month St. Andrew's holds a fellowship lunch where we meet and greet each other. Our next lunch is Sunday January 29th. Please bring a loaf of sandwiches or a dessert to share and leave them in the kitchen before the worship service. Join us after church to meet someone you haven't talked to or to catch up on the activities of an old acquaintance. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch Soup Makers: During Lent St. Andrew's offers a Wednesday noonhour Lenten service with guest pastors from a variety of denominations. Soup is served afterwards. Please sign the list on the church office counter if you can help out by making a pot of soup one week. Two people are needed each week. The dates are from Wed. Feb. 22nd to Wed. Apr. 4th.

Church Library: New to St. Andrew's Library is the DVD: The Prodigal. "He walked away from his family...their lifestyle...their God." You may borrow this one or one of many other good DVDs that Dee, our Librarian, has purchased. Check them out - in our Library in the Chapel.

