

This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor

Tommy Dorsey was the Music Director of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago for 50 years. He wrote and performed beautiful music that is loved today. Two of his most well-known songs are *Peace in the Valley* and *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*.

Tommy Dorsey was a young man of 33 whose wife and child died in childbirth when he wrote *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. How can peaceful resolve emerge from such devastating pain? Certainly, Dorsey believed in Jesus's words about a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Recently, I have found myself lying awake in the middle of the night unable to sleep and reflecting on the challenges of the day. Certainly, my midnight angst in no way arises to the level of loss as that like Dorsey experienced, but when it seems that God is silent, no amount of rational thought is enough to calm the troubled heart. This is when I sing (silently to myself) Dorsey's words...

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

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

May your midnight angst and your crippling grief be calmed as well in knowing that God hears.

Lenten Blessings
Pastor Mitch

Holy Week Services

We are again collaborating with our sister congregations to make these Holy Week services extra meaningful. Maundy Thursday Communion will be hosted by **Knox at 3:00pm on Thursday 06 April** (we are interested to see if this earlier time slot is preferred. **Trinity Church** will host Good Friday Worship at **10:30am on Friday 07 April**. At the combined services there will be participants from Knox, Trinity and St. Andrew's. For Easter Sunday Services each congregation will worship in their own sanctuary. **10:30am at St. Andrew's on Sunday 09 April**.



Music Notes

This Sunday the organ meditation is the "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure which is originally written for piano. It is better known in Faure's version for orchestra and optional chorus and was first performed in Paris in 1888. It has become one of the composer's most popular works.

The organ postlude is also not an original organ piece. Bach's "Fantasie and Fugue in a minor", is originally a harpsichord piece and was written around 1725 while Bach was in Leipzig. I am playing an arrangement for organ.

The choir will be singing "Footsteps" by Craig Courtney. This is a beautiful setting of the text which the composer tells us is "the image of the footsteps of the Saviour leading us onward providing a foundation for our testimony of trust."

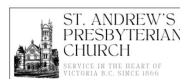


**SUNDAY
CLASSICAL
MUSIC**

STRINGS STUDENTS FROM THE CLASSES OF THE LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA WILL PRESENT A CONCERT OF BELOVED WORKS FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO.

April 2 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Corner of Broughton and Douglas
Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
Free Parking at Library Parkade
Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
Donation Boxes

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
PHONE: 250-384-5734
EMAIL: OFFICE@STANDREWSVICTORIA.CA



Requesting Nomination of Elders - Last Call

A number of Elders have retired over the past couple of years. It is important that we plan for succession; so that when Elders retire, resign or take a leave of absence we have Elders prepared to move into leadership roles as they become vacant.

The Session is inviting members of the congregation to prayerfully consider who they might nominate to be an Elder, and to submit nominations for consideration.

An Elder must be a professing member of the congregation and must be “an example to the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

Submissions to be made in writing, addressed to Clerk of Session and delivered to the church office, or submitted by email to session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca

Submissions must be received **no later than Sunday March 26, 2023**

Only nominees who received two or more nominations will be considered

Rev Coggin and an elder will meet with nominees to determine suitability, discuss with them the role of elders and enquire whether they are willing to be ordained as an elder.

The names of all those deemed suitable and willing to serve are placed on the ballot and presented to the congregation.

For more details of the roles and responsibilities of an elder, please refer to Articles 105 through 134 in the Book of Forms, downloadable at <https://presbyterian.ca/gao/>

Even if you do not know anyone to nominate, please pray for this important process that is essential if we are to grow the leadership within our congregation. Pray for wisdom for the session in the nomination process and pray for those who are nominated; that God will prepare them to accept the call to eldership.

If you have any questions about the election of elders, please speak with an elder or Pastor Mitch.


Online Lenten Bible Study

Not able to attend the sessions at Knox? We invite you to join the online study (via Zoom). Rev Cathy Victor, Rev Laura Kavanagh and Pastor Mitch Coggin will in turn, participate in the Zoom sessions.

When: Mondays @ 7pm: February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, April 3

What you need to do:

- Watch the movie 'Chocolat' (available free on Prime, copy in GVP library)
- Read the study book: 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' by Hilary Brand (eBook available on Amazon \$4.25)



WATCH 'CHOCOLAT'
AT KNOX CHURCH
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 23
AT 3:00 PM!

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!

CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE

Sponsored by Knox, Trinity and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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AT KNOX CHURCH 2964 RICHMOND RD
THURSDAYS 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 30

Purchase 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' by Hilary Brand in paperback or Kindle, or call the office to order a copy.

Based on 'Chocolat', the 1999 novel by Joanne Harris, and 2000 movie directed by Lasse Hallström.



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SILENT AUCTION!

SPRING MARKET

PROCEEDS TOWARDS LECTURE HALL RENOVATIONS!

MAY 12 FRIDAY 11- 4 PM
MAY 13 SATURDAY 10 - 4 PM

CURIOSITIES FOR SALE	REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE
JEWELRY	COFFEE AND TEA
HANDICRAFTS	MUFFINS AND BARS
ATTIC TREASURES	SOUP AND A BUN

 **BROUGHTON STREET ENTRANCE AT THE LECTURE HALL** 

Call for Donations

Do you have some small "Treasurers" hidden away in the back of a drawer or cupboard that you do not know what to do with? Our "Treasure Table" would love to them. Please leave any donations in the Coat Room in the Kirk Hall, with a note indicating that it is to be donated.

Thank you!



THURSDAY SOCIAL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

2:00 TO 4:00 PM

Drop by the Lecture Hall
Tea and Coffee Served

A TIME TO MEET NEW PEOPLE
AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS!

Coffee Hour

Your coffee hour team enjoys the fellowship we all share each Sunday after Worship.

Each team would be responsible for coffee every other week. Thank you very much to all our hard working volunteers.

For more information chat with any of us at coffee hour or contact Dorothy Reimer @ 250-592-5051 or the church office @ 250-384-5734.

Thursday Social Update

March 30th will be the last Thursday Coffee in the Lecture Room, for a few weeks.

April will be a busy month for many, and our Spring Market on May 12th & 13th will add more busyness so we're going to take a break. As we move into warmer weather we'll look at how, and where, to meet. Maybe we can meet again in the laneway or maybe there is a park near you that we can meet to enjoy the outside and the company. If you have an idea let us know.

We'll keep you posted when we start again.

PRESENTED BY THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Spring Recital

THURSDAY APRIL 27 AT 12 NOON

FEATURING:

Antonia Mahon, flute
Christine Constabel, flute
Christine Purvis, organ

MUSIC BY BACH, PACHELBEL, BERLIOZ, AND MORE!

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 924 Douglas Street
 Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
 Admission by donation in support of the Church's Music Program!

Church Calendar

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	February 23 to March 30 Weekly on Thursdays 3 - 4:30 pm	Based on the movie 'Chocolat', and the book, 'Christ and the Chocolaterie': A Lent Course Paperback by Hilary Brand. Co-sponsored, led and taught by Rev. Cathy Victor, Rev. Laura Kavanagh, Rev. Mitch Coggin. Held at Knox Presbyterian Church at 2964 Richmond Rd. Purchase the book via Amazon Kindle version for \$4.27! Call the church office to let us know that you are coming.
ZOOM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY	March 6 to April 3 Weekly on Mondays 7:00 pm	An online Zoom class for those unable to attend the 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' bible study in person. Call or email the church office to let us know that you would like to sign up! For online readers, you can join the zoom meeting here
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC	April 2 Sunday 2:00 pm	Strings students from the classes of the Lafayette String Quartet at the University of Victoria will present a concert of beloved works for violin, viola and cello. Entrance by donation.
CALIFORNIA CHOIR CONCERT	April 16 Sunday 12:00 pm	The choir is visiting Victoria and will be performing at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 16th, at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary, after regular service is held.
CONCERT OF THE BIRDS	April 23 Sunday 7:30 pm	Presented by The Early Music Society. Composers have long been inspired by the beauties of birdsong, among them Caix d'Hervlois, Couperin, Rameau and Purcell. Performing on recorders, flageolets, flutes with viola da gamba and theorbo one of France's leading early music ensembles brings to life this charming music.
TEA FOR TUTU	April 25, & 26 Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00 pm	Join Ballet Victoria In the Kirk Hall for afternoon tea and entertainment! See what Ballet Victoria is working on and meet the dancers. Call to reserve a free seat at 250-380-6063.
SPRING CONCERT	April 27 Thursday 12:00 pm	Entrance by Donation. Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Music Program in the Sanctuary. Featuring two flutes and the organ. Music Bach, Pachelbel, Berloiz and more.