

This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor

Sunday, April 9 is not a normal Sunday. Certainly, we will gather for worship at 10:30 AM. The choir, reader and minister will process from the Lecture Room. The Lenten cross will be lit for the last time, and the hymns sung by choir and congregation. We will celebrate communion, receive the offering, and participate in the Prayers of the People. The worship on Sunday, April 9 may seem remarkably similar to the worship of every worship throughout the year, but in no way should Sunday be confused with other Sundays.

Easter Sunday is the most significant worship service on the Christian calendar! We must gather to worship not as the same people we were the week before. We come to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and for this reason alone, our spirits are lifted above mere worship which can often seem routine and rather ordinary. We and the choir sing...

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

But first, experiencing the miracle of Easter is not automatic. You may be lulled into entering St. Andrew's, being handed an order of worship, picking up a hymnal and beginning the regular habit of normal worship. How might you prepare yourself to celebrate Easter Sunday as the most significant worship service on the Christian calendar? There are several avenues for preparing your heart and mind for Easter.

Hopefully you have engaged in the Lenten opportunities of using the Lenten Reader and of attending one of the Lenten studies we have offered over these last several weeks. The Ash Wednesday service that began the 40-day Lenten journey to Easter was for several an opportunity to commit these weeks to self-examination, study and to prayer.

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.

Parable of the Paster (Continued)

There remain two other possibilities to prepare your heart and mind for Easter. Maundy Thursday on April 6 at 3:00 PM at Knox Presbyterian Church will be a service of lessons and hymns trekking the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem for the last time and Good Friday on April 7 at 10:30 at Trinity Presbyterian Church remain the two most significant preparatory possibilities remaining left that will help prepare us for Easter. Please consider attending one of both.

Finally, come on Sunday, April 9 prepared not for our normal service of worship or else you may miss the most significant celebration at St. Andrew's since Sunday, April 17, 2022 when Easter was celebrated last year. Come and worship, worship Christ who is not here, He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Expectantly,
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

As we walk through Holy Week we can look forward to our Sunday Easter celebration. We will have flute, trumpet and handbells. Alberta will play the Alleluia from Mozart's Exultate Jubilate accompanied by piano. David Barss will be with us playing his trumpet for the hymns and also Handel's Hallelujah, accompanied by organ. Our amazing choir will ring handbells and sing at the same time in "Sing a joyous alleluia". There will also be solos from choral scholars Bella and Jorge.



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.

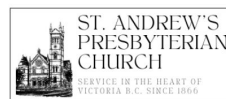
April 2 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Corner of Broughton and Douglas
Broughton Street Accessibility Entrance
Free Parking at Library Parkade
Doors at 1:30pm / Concert at 2:00pm
Donation Boxes

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

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!



PROCEEDS TOWARDS LECTURE HALL RENOVATIONS!



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

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING MARKET

CURIOSITIES FOR SALE

JEWELRY
HANDICRAFTS
ATTIC TREASURES

REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE

COFFEE AND TEA
MUFFINS AND BARS
SOUP AND A BUN



**BROUGHTON STREET ENTRANCE
AT THE LECTURE HALL**



Announcements

THE TE'MEXW TREATY

GRACE LORE, MLA
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THE TE'MEXW TREATY ASSOCIATION

- Te'mexw (Tah-Muk) is made of 5 Coast Salish Nations - Beecher Bay, Malahat, Snaw-Naw-As, Songhees, and T'Souke
- Nations are supporting one another and working together to negotiate five Nation-specific modern treaties
- Te'mexw Nations have been in negotiation since 1995 and are now in Stage 5, the second last stage before implementation

EACH TREATY WILL:

- Address important matters of language, culture, and heritage
- Recognize the pre-existing rights of each Nation & establish self-government and law-making power

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- 2 provincial crown lands being used as parking lots are under consideration
 - ▶ Q Lot, on the corner of Superior and Menzies Street and Enterprise Wharf are being proposed as an TSL for the Songhees Nation.
- The Treaty Association and prov/fed governments are holding engagement opportunities in-person and virtually



WHERE TO LEARN MORE:

Virtual presentations Wednesday April 5th from 2:30-4pm and Thursday April 13th from 6-7:30pm or visit www.temexw.org

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT OUR COMMUNITY OFFICE:

250-952-4211 OR
GRACE.LORE.MLA@LEG.BC.CA

JOIN US APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10:30 AM



At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
with Communion



IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMING!
MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED



Church Calendar

OPEN CHURCH & MEDITATION HOUR	Every Wednesday	Please join us on Wednesday in the Sanctuary for Open Church (12pm - 1pm) followed by Meditation Hour (4:30pm - 5:30pm)
RUBIDOUX HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT	April 16 Sunday 12:00 pm	The Rubidoux High School Choir is visiting Victoria from Riverside California 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 22 Saturday 7:30 pm (In The Sanctuary)	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.
CHANGING COURSE: A RIVER'S JOURNEY OF RECONNECTION	April 22 Saturday 7:30 pm (In The Kirk Hall)	Earth Day film premiere, from Nelson-based filmmaker Bohdan Doval, debuting with a special performance from the Lafayette String Quartet and Ballet Victoria Dance. Sponsored by Creative United.
TEA FOR TUTU	April 25, 26 & 27 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 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.
THE PANDORA CHORUS IN CONCERT	May 13 Saturday 7:30 pm	The Pandora Chorus is a non-auditioned indie-pop-rock community choir, directed by Glenna Garramone and accompanied by Brooke Maxwell. They will be singing songs from their Winter-Spring repertoire.