This Week At St. Andrew's

Parable of the Pastor



Christine Purvis and Alberta Brown

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2023 were powerful examples of what God intended when the church was created.

40 days of Lent began on Wednesday, February 22 at the Ash Wednesday service. From that time we have had opportunity to study, pray, reflect by using the Lenten reader that members of St. Andrew graciously created.

The Lenten study in-person and virtually gave 3 congregations an opportunity to study together and learn how much we have in common as we renewed existing relationships and formed new ones through our prayer and conversations.

Most significantly, the music of Lent has been powerful and amazing, especially on Easter. Christine has created, led and empowered the remarkable talent around her to impact our Easter worship.



Bella Kershaw



David Barss

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)

Thanks to Christine Purvis, Alberta Brown, David Barss and Bella Kershaw especially for their gifts on organ, piano, flute, trumpet and vocal performance lifted our hearts and spirits. The bell choir impacted our Easter worship significantly and allowed us to rise above ourselves to sense God's Presence! And throughout Lent the choir's hours of practice should not go unnoticed for the beautiful music that made our worship meaningful and complete.

Before we turn the page on Easter, make sure to say "Thank you" to those who added significantly to our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

With love, Pastor Mitch



REMINDER:

Survey about the role of elders.

Hopefully you have already received a copy of the survey about the role of your elder.

Additional copies of the questions available at the church, or you can complete this short survey on the church website.

We value your feedback; please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Deadline for completion is 28 April.



Call for Donations!

The jewelry stall at the Spring Market on Friday, May 12 and Saturday May 13 is looking for donations in good condition.

JEWELRY

Scarves

Purses

Please bring donations to the church office or coffee hour. Thank you!



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 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.
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.
SPRING CONCERT	April 27 Thursday 12:00 pm	Spring recital in the sanctuary. Featuring two flutes and the organ. Presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Music Program in the Sanctuary. Music by Bach, Pachelbel, Berloiz and more. Entrance by donation.
KNOX CAFE	April 20 Thursday 7:00 pm	Exploring some of the sounds of New York's Greenwich Village in the 1960s. Artists, poets, writers and musicians exchanged ideas that influenced a new generation. Join us while we explore the interconnections between them and today's singer/songwriters - \$10 for music, dessert and coffee/tea.
SPRING MARKET	May 12 & 13 Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm & Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	It's time for a Spring Market so mark your calendars! It will be held in the Lecture Room and there will be jewelry, crafts, attic treasures and a silent auction. Lunch will be for sale in the Hall. All proceeds go to the Lecture Hall renovations.