ST. ANDREW'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN STUDY & LECTIO - KNOX CHURCH

March 19, & 26 Tuesdays at 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Each Tuesday until March 26th we will use the ancient spiritual practice of lectio divina to listen to each of the Lenten passages for the coming Sunday. Bring a bag lunch and engage in spiritual listening to scripture as we prepare for the Sundays in Lent.

SESSION MEETING - SANCTUARY & ONLINE

March 19, Tuesday at 7- 9 pm Reports are due March 15th.

KNOX CAFE - KNOX CHURCH

March 21, Thursday at 7:00 pm

Join 'The Cafe Trio' for an evening of Songs of Hearth and Home! Admission is \$10 which includes light refreshments. Donations are accepted to support the work of PWS&D.

THURSDAY MEETUP - LECTURE ROOM

Starts March 21 - Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Begins March 21 and occurs every Thursday thereafter. Come for a visit and a snack in our newly renovated Lecture Room! Let's talk about our plans and projects for 2024 - bring your ideas!

VIP WOMEN'S RETREAT - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

March 22

Register early for the retreat on April 26-28 at Camp Imadene! Contact Meredith Reems, Camp Registrar at 250-668-3299 or meredithreems@gmail.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY - KNOX CHURCH

March 28 at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew's and Trinity Church members are invited to attend the Maundy Thursday service at Knox Church. Led by Rev. Mitch Coggin.

GOOD FRIDAY - SANCTUARY

March 29 at 10:30 am

Knox and Trinity Church members are invited to attend Good Friday service at St. Andrew's Church. Led by Rev. Laura Kavanagh.



SERVICE BULLETIN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

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TRANSITIONAL MINISTER: Pastor Mitch Coggin INTERIM MODERATOR: Rev. Wayne Stretch DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Christine Purvis WORSHIP READER: Jean Marcellus

WORSHIP SERVICE: Sundays at 10:30 am OPEN CHURCH: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm MEDITATION HOUR: Wednesdays at 4:30 pm

MARCH 24 LECTIONARY READINGS

Liturgy of the Palms
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 OR John 12:12-16

Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 OR Mark 15:1-29, (40-47)

WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Two Lenten Preludes" by Neil Harmon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

HYMN # 275 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (verses 1, 2,3 & 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, You know how often we travel down the bumpy roads of anger and discord. We hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give a passing glance to those in need. We could share Your blessings with the world but would rather hide it away for safe-keeping. Rescue us Benevolent God and meet us wherever we are. Break open our rock-hard willpower, so we might be made flexible, first in Your grace and then in our relationships with others. In Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: in Christ, we have been forgiven and are made new. Now in that forgiveness, we are charged and challenged, renewed and restored to live lives of compassion, forgiveness, hope, with all that we encounter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN # 33 According to thy steadfast love (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:27-34 [pg. 735 OT]

CHORAL ANTHEM: "O for a closer walk with God" by Charles Stanford

SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-36 (pg. 106-107 NT)

MEDITATION: An Inconvenient Obedience

MUSICAL REFLECTION: "Sursum Corda" (Lift up your hearts) by John Ireland

INVITATION TO OFFERING

HYMN #80 Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

DOXOLOGY #830

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 353 Hail our once-rejected Jesus

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

AMEN # 780 Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in d minor" by Johann Jakob Froberger

Join us after the service for Coffee & Conversation in the Kirk Hall!