



# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

Holy Week is here. We remember that Holy Week began on Sunday with recognition that Jesus rode into Jerusalem for the final time before his crucifixion and death. We know that Holy Week continues with Maundy Thursday as we recall the Last Supper when Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden where he had led the disciples for prayer. And finally Good Friday is the agonizing day of Jesus' crucifixion and death where he hung on the cross between two thieves.

Why call Holy Week "holy" when with such catastrophic themes? Because Holy Week ends with the Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morning when we hear again, "He is not here. He is risen." But first, before we can celebrate, we must experience the mourning and the darkness of betrayal and death. Methodist minister, artist and poet, Jan Richardson spoke of the grief that each of us must carry before we truly understand that Jesus did what He did for us!

*"Time to Grieve"*

*We gather here  
In Sabbath preparation  
and to grieve  
with his disciples and friends*

*We are all grieving something  
Or have been  
Or will be*

*Loss of family member...  
Spouse...child...parent...  
Friend...broken trust...betrayal  
Mobility...stability...disease  
Or...even ... God*

*Reflect with us on this week...  
a microcosm  
of whatever time  
we need in our grief*

*We can't rush our feelings  
During these days  
Between our Hosannas  
and what...  
as 21st century Followers of the Way...  
we know...or presume to know...*

- Jan Richardson

This week ... Holy Week...each of us has an opportunity to mix our own grief with the awareness that Jesus has walked where we walk and felt what we feel. Come and see for yourself.

**Thursday, March 28 ... 7:00 PM .... Maundy Thursday Service at Knox Presbyterian.** Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you." Come and experience the depth of Jesus' love through scripture, song and communion.

**Friday, March 29 ... 10:30 AM ... Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian.** On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. This is when the depth of grief hits home as we come to better understand the agony of Jesus sacrifice, suffering and death. We cannot...we will not...we must not try to understand the celebration of Easter resurrection until and unless we experience the agony of Good Friday. Come and worship on this significant day.

Finally....**Easter Worship...St. Andrew's Presbyterian at 10:30 AM.** Celebrate with communion.

Christ arose. Hallelujah, Christ arose. See you Thursday...and Friday...and Sunday.

- Pastor Mitch

# ACTIVITY GROUP

## New Name! New Projects! New Requests!

The Thursday "Meet up" will now be the "Activity Group" and will meet on **Thursday mornings at 10:30am**. All are welcome! Young, Old and "In Between".

We are beginning two new projects which you will hear more about, and we very much welcome your help. To begin, we are looking for donations of clean flannelette sheets, any size. The sheets do not need to be "perfect" they can have some holes. Out of these, much needed and very useful supplies can be created. Bring donations on a Sunday, drop off at the office or bring when you come on a Thursday morning.

Drop in and see what is being created and stay to help or just visit, and share a cup of tea and a treat. If you would like to come, but don't have a ride, call Sheelagh 250-385-5157 and let's see if we can arrange a ride.

## SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

**MARCH 10**  
& APRIL 7  
AT 2:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN AT  
1:30 PM



St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
Church's Sanctuary  
924 Douglas Street

The March 10th performance features students of Pam Highbrow-Aloni of UVic's School of Music.

The April 7th performance features students of Anne Elliott-Goldschmidt at UVic's School of Music.

Accessibility entrance is available on Broughton Street.

Free parking on Sundays and holidays at the Library Parkade at 745 Broughton Street.

Admission is by donation.

CONTACT:  
250-384-5734  
office@standrewsvictoria.ca



## ♪ SUNDAY'S MUSIC ♪

### Prelude

"O Filii et filae" (O sons and daughters, let us sing) by Jean-Francois Dandrieu

### Choral Anthem

Choral Anthem: (with bells); Christ is risen indeed! By Stewart Harris

### Musical Reflection

"Jesu, joy of man's desiring" by J S Bach

### Postlude

"Toccata" from Symphony #5  
by Charles-Marie Widor

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 OR Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

### EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31

Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 OR Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 OR Mark 16:1-8



## UPCOMING WEBINAR

Forest fires, floods, droughts, severe storms, deforestation, pollution. Across Canada, people face the terrible impacts of ecological destruction and climate crises. No matter how different people are impacted by environmental destruction or the climate crisis, these experiences can cause high levels of anxiety for everyone. What are faithful responses to eco-anxiety?

Join the Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 1:00-2:30PM as we consider how we can intentionally cultivate habits of hope while facing the climate crisis.

**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00-2:30PM (EDT)

**Presenter:** Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll is Vice Principal and Jane and Geoffrey Chair of Practical Theology at Emmanuel College. She is an ordained minister in the PCC, registered with the CRPO and recognized by CASC. Her primary research focus includes climate trauma, eco-anxiety and re-imagining theology through earth-centered practices.

This event is organized by The Presbyterian Church in Canada and in support of the work of the faith-based climate-justice coalition For the Love of Creation.

The webinar will be recorded. You can register below to attend or receive the recording.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2024/03/12/upcoming-webinar-climate-change-eco-anxiety-and-habits-of-hope/>



## CAMP VIP 2024

Camp Vancouver Island Presbytery is a program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. For a registration form, or for more information about this year's camps, please visit <https://vipresbytery.net/>

### LITTLE QUALICUM FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

*June 10 - 14*

Please book your own campsite through BC Parks near sites U50 - U51. A senior rate is available if applicable! A \$25 donation towards the program and for supplies is appreciated!

BC PARKS: <https://camping.bcparks.ca>.

### GOLDSTREAM PROVINCIAL PARK

*July 4 - 8*

WEEKEND RATE: \$140 (2 adults 2 children)  
DAY RATE: \$40 (2 adults 2 children)  
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER 16: \$2 (per night)  
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN OVER 16: \$5 (per night)  
E-TRANSFER: [campvipa975@gmail.com](mailto:campvipa975@gmail.com)  
CONTACT: [andrewmccowan@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewmccowan@hotmail.com)

### RATHREVOR PROVINCIAL PARK

*August 5 - 12*

Book early! Limited site availability!  
WEEKEND RATE: \$250 (2 adults 2 children)  
DAY RATE: \$40 (2 adults 2 children)  
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER 16: \$2 (per night)  
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN OVER 16: \$5 (per night)  
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# ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

**OPEN CHURCH**  
WED. AT 12:00 PM

**MEDITATION HOUR**  
WED. AT 4:30 PM

**ACTIVITY GROUP**  
THU. AT 10:30 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN. AT 10:30 AM

ACTIVITY GROUP	LECTURE ROOM March 28 Thursday 10:30 AM	Formerly 'Thursday Meetup'. Drop in and see what projects we're working, visit, and share a cup of tea and a treat. Everyone is welcome and rides are available. Contact Sheelagh at 250-385-5157 for more information.
MAUNDY THURSDAY	KNOX CHURCH March 28 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	ST. ANDREW'S March 29 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.
JOHN PRINE TRIBUTE CONCERT	SANCTUARY March 30 Saturday 7:30 pm	Presented by Beacon Ridge Productions. For more information and tickets please go to <a href="https://beaconridgeproductions.com/2023/11/in-spite-of-ourselves-john-prine-tribute/">https://beaconridgeproductions.com/2023/11/in-spite-of-ourselves-john-prine-tribute/</a>
EASTER SUNDAY	KNOX OR ST. ANDREW'S March 31	Everyone is invited to attend Easter Sunday service! The service at Knox begins at 10 am and is led by Rev. Kavanagh. The service at St. Andrew's begins at 10:30 am and is led by Rev. Coggin.
THE LINK	DEADLINE March 31 Sunday	Please send your submission to <a href="mailto:theLink@shaw.ca">theLink@shaw.ca</a> .
SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES	SANCTUARY April 7 Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and The University of Victoria's Music Department. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an afternoon of classical music! Free parking Sundays at 745 Broughton library parkade and admission is by donation!
SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER	KNOX CHURCH April 14, Sunday 5:00-7:30 pm	We are thinking of making some delicious Indian food! Plan to be part of this community experience in the lovely Knox kitchen and lounge on the second Sunday of each month. Bring a friend.
UPLIFT 2024	REGISTER April 15 - May 31	Register here: <a href="https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lift-2024/">https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lift-2024/</a>

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