

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### Announcements

#### Gathering Song: VU#237

Let us praise the God of truth,  
Let us praise the God of peace,  
Let us praise the God of love. Amen  
Rendons grâce au Dieu saint,  
Rendons grâce au Dieu juste,  
Rendons grâce au Dieu bon. Amen.  
Alléluia, Alléluia, Alléluia. Amen.

#### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One Who never forgets us.

#### People: We are embraced by the love of God.

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One Who calms our fears.

#### People: We find peace in the God Who draws us close.

Leader: we gather in the presence of the One Who is a rock of strength for us.

#### People: We find courage to live faithfully as children of the living God.

#### Singing: *We Praise You, O God*

G#59

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** Ever-creating God, You are seen in every aspect of our living and of our world. For those with eyes to see You, You are everywhere, for all creation is filled with Your love. In Jesus we see You face to face, and by Your Spirit, we experience Your ongoing presence and care. Gather us now to Yourself, that we might place ourselves and our world, our loved ones, our lives, our struggle within the warm embrace of Your presence. In Your holy name we ask this blessing, and pray as Jesus taught us...

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Yeah God!)

#### Anthem: *O Shout and Sing*

#### ~ Sacrament of Infant Baptism ~

Oisin Allan Paul Campbell

Son of Glenn Campbell & Melissa Spurrell

~ Godmother ~

Penny McGurty

#### Questions & Promises

#### Minister to the congregation:

Do you the members of this congregation receive this child and promise to help with the Christian training of all children under your care?

#### Congregation: Yes, we do.

#### *The Hebrew Benediction*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,  
And be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee  
And give thee peace.

#### *Lighting of Candle for New Life*

#### *Presentation of Candle, Book & Certificate*

#### Singing: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

VU#644

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### Scripture Readings: John 17: 1-11 p. 879

Acts 1: 6-14 p. 884

#### Reflections: What On Earth Is Going On?

#### Singing: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

VU#189

#### WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

#### Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

#### Choral Presentation: *Spirit of Heaven*

**Doxology:** Gracious God Who travels with us,  
Gracious Friend, Who knows our cares,  
Lord of all, eternal Maker,  
Loving Spirit, hear our prayers.  
May we be a light to others,  
Guide to those who've lost their way,  
Scout to those who blaze the future,  
Friend to all who live this day. (tune 559 VU)

**Offertory Prayer:** The needs around us are so great, O God, and our gifts are few. We offer them, trusting that by Your abundant blessings, they will make miracles happen. Perhaps through our giving, we ourselves may become one of Your miracles! Thank You for believing in us, loving God. Amen

#### We bring our prayers to God

#### Choral Prayer: *The Pilgrims' Prayers*

#### We bring our prayers to God

#### Singing: *All Praise to Thee*

VU#327

#### Benediction ~

*We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the United Church Women.*

**Please Pray For:** Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Marousia Bettez, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Elizabeth Edwards, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Kevin Fallon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Suzanne Ross, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Amber Tomlinson, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman

### Announcements:

- Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we recall the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit on believers. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. While it is not necessary, in keeping with tradition, you are invited to wear something red. (Flower, shirt, tie, sweater, scarf...). We will also be receiving a new member!
- We have received word that Janet Watson, a dear member of this congregation, living now in the Toronto area, passed away early Tuesday morning. As per her wishes, there will be a family service at Newington, Ontario later on. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.
- Elizabeth ( Beaman) Edwards is in the Montreal General Hospital with a mild stroke.
- Susanne (Laframboise) Ross is back in the Anna Laberge Hospital, Rm. 203
- Isabel Saccucci O'Connor is also in the hospital. (#213)
- Prayers are also appreciated for Amber, severely ill infant granddaughter of Larry and Pamela Tomlinson.
- The Quebec churches near the American-Canadian border are asking for help as they reach out to the "refugees" crossing into Canada from the USA. New or used crayons, pencils, colouring books, and children's books are needed. This is a gentle way of helping the children in

distress while the people are being processed. If these donations are brought to St. A's they will be delivered.

- We hope you join the campaign for the Chateauguay Options Crisis Pregnancy Center. If you would like to support this worthwhile ministry, please pick up a baby bottle and return it with your support on Father's Day.
- If you or a young person you know would like to participate in a ball hockey tournament at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 please speak to Elizabeth Bergeron or email her at [elizabethbergeron95@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbergeron95@gmail.com). Registration is free and the deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be snacks and lunch for sale.

### Reminders:

- The **Benevolent Fund** needs help. Baskets are placed at the Sanctuary exits. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please remember our **Food Cupboard** -- thank you for your support.
- Please save your nickels & dimes to support the **Sunday school**. Thank you for your generosity.
- To receive St. A's memos, please submit & update your e-mail address to:  
[office@saintandrews unitedchurch.org](mailto:office@saintandrews unitedchurch.org)

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Prayer Fellowship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>

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# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

*184th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017*

**May 28, 2017 ~ 10:30 am**



**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**

**Director of Music: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Audrey Bauer**

**Stewards: Norm Elkin & Cliff Henderson**