

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
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Call to Worship ~

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God is the source of our life.

People: He journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is the giver of all that is good.

People: He journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is the sower of grace and truth.

People: He journeys with us in love.

Leader: God is our strength and our hope.

People: He journeys with us in love.

***Singing: Be Thou My Vision VU# 642 vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5**

Prayer & Lord's Prayer: Wonderful God, you who send the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous and make the sun to rise upon the just and the unjust, we give you thanks and praise for the abundance of your love. Refresh us today with your Spirit. Pour out upon us your grace and your truth and help us to receive it with joy and to heed your instruction and obey your commandments so

that in us and through us there may be an abundant harvest. May your Word live and grow in us and bear much fruit, even as we praise your everlasting name through Christ Jesus your Son and our Lord, our brother, and our friend. And in the word's Jesus taught us, let us pray...

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!)

Children's Time ~

***Singing: Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU# 356**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings: Matthew 13:1-23 p.794

Reflections ~ "Get A Grip"

***Singing: Come to My Heart VU#661**

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

Doxology:

The church is wherever God's people are praising
Singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
Remember his story and walk in his way.

Offertory Prayer: O God, you have sown your seed in our lives and you have nurtured us and cared for us. We offer to you now the fruit of your labour within us. Use us and

the gifts we offer on these plates in the work of your kingdom, both here in this place, and in our community, and in the church around the world. Grant that through what we say and do a rich harvest of peace and praise may bring glory to your name. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

We come to prayer singing:

God, When I Stand VU#618 vs. 1-3 (tune 426)

We bring our prayers to God ~

***Singing: O Christ, in Thee My Soul VU#630**

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.

Please Pray For: Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Catherine Amy, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Sylvan Duguay Andrew Eccles, Lynn Edwards, Karen Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Mike G., Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Fern & Betty Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Janet Lyn, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Laura McLean, Kathy Meney, Mile, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Paige, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Gail Provencher, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Chester Ross, Lou & Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Joan Spurrell, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Anne, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Sandy Yarnell, Shirley Yarnell

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- **Rev. Alice** is on vacation and study leave until **Tuesday, August 9th**. In an emergency, please contact your **Session member** or the **Church Office**. Morning worship in **July** will be led by different committees of the church.
- **Our food pantry is almost depleted.** We need spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruit, coffee... anything would be appreciated. Thank you for your help.
- **Please remember the people of Ethiopia in your prayers.**

Parking Lot

Several members of the congregation have voiced what has been an on-going concern of all members of the St Andrew's family, and that is the deplorable condition of our church parking lot. In response to this situation, the Stewards Committee has been, over the past couple of months, looking into the options available to us, bearing in mind the financial constraints that we have faced in recent years, as we operate within a deficit budget.

That being said, we continue to explore all possible options and hope to have several concrete recommendations to present to the congregation at a short meeting following Sunday worship later this summer.

In the meantime, we would ask all able-bodied parishioners to park in the back of the parking lot and leave the spots nearer the entrance to those with reduced mobility.

Please rest assured that we are seriously trying to improve upon this situation while staying within our means.

The Stewards Committee

Reminders:

- Please remember our food cupboard. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels & dimes to support the **Sunday school**. Thank you for your generosity.
- To receive St. A's memos, please submit your e-mail address to: office@saintandrewsunitychurch.org
- We share pictures and articles of church events through our newsletter and web-presence. An opt-out form and information on our privacy policy are available from the church office.
- Follow us on Facebook at **Saint Andrew United-Chateauguay2**. We will be posting our events as they become available.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday 8:00 pm AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

183rd Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2016

~WORSHIP ~

July 10, 2016 ~ 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Bruce Snair

Stewards: Norm Elkin & Jim Meldrum