

Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God. Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.

Prelude

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

L: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

P: Raise a shout of joy to the God of our ancestors!

L: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

P: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

L: Let us worship the Lord our God,

P: For God has done great things for us and so we bring God praise.

Introit: Over my head I hear music in the air

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.*

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "We praise you, O God"

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Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: Generous God, we confess we often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus. You have blessed us in so many ways and yet we want more. You have welcomed us like guests to a banquet, yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church. You have shown us what matters most in life, but we are distracted by our worries, busy with things that do not matter. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to honour you in all that we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

L: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

P: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

L: "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

P: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

L: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

P: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

L: Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

P: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

*Hymn: "I'm gonna live so God can use me"

#648

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 1-8 p. 227
Luke 14: 1, 7-14 p. 56

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "May the mind of Christ my Saviour"

#644

Sermon: Lifestyles

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Loving, giving God, we bring to you these gifts because we know that our life and everything we have, we hold in trust from you. Accept our offerings, together with the re-commitment of our lives, and bless them, for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of the world for which he gave his life, Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "One more step along the world I go"

#641

*Sending

*Benediction: "Come sing, O church, in joy!" v.3
*Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

#757

September 1: Learning and Healing

For students in Central India, higher education is too often a distant dream. Many nurses who aspire to enhance their skills cannot afford the tuition. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore offers partial scholarships which help to make advanced education accessible. This Christian school offers a Post-Basic Bachelor of Nursing degree, equipping men and women to become educators, administrators and leaders in nursing. It even attracts students from other faiths, as they appreciate the emphasis on academic excellence, learning in a collegial environment and compassion in health care. As anyone who has been ill knows, compassion and competence are essential skills to care for the whole person. *Presbyterians Sharing supports leadership development.*



Your help is needed! On Wednesday, September 4th, from 10am to Noon, we will be cleaning and organizing the 2nd floor (just in time for all of our Sunday School classes to start) and the old kitchen. If you can lend a hand your help would be appreciated. Jobs that need to be done on the 2nd floor include



many jobs that can be done while sitting down; testing markers, sharpening pencils, sorting craft supplies, organizing stories, etc. We will end by enjoying a light lunch together. If you can help out, please speak with Joni Smith. *note: this clean up time could count as one of the items on your Summer Challenge list!

Commissioning Sunday, September 8: This is the Sunday that we lift up all of our volunteers in prayer for the coming year. If you are an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School/Preschool leader or assistant, usher, greeter, soundboard operator, Choir member, Youth Band member, Thursday Night Supper volunteer, Food Bank volunteer, Hope Clothing volunteer, bulletin folder, Worship Assistant, Prayer Chain member, (any) committee member, and more, please plan to attend so that your ministry and service within St. Andrew's can be lifted up in prayer.

The **Deacons** will meet on Monday, September 9 @ 7:30 – 9:00 pm. We will begin our time together participating in the "Me & My Big Mouth" study. All sustaining deacons are also invited to attend. Elders are also welcome to join us for this study.

The new **Breathing Room study** [for women] will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a 4 part study, done on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September – December. If you would like to participate, please speak with Joni Smith. The books that accompany the study have arrived. The Christian Education Committee is asking that participants help off-set the cost of these books by \$20. If you can not afford this fee, but would like to participate, please speak with Joni in confidence. There is a maximum of 9 participants for this study.

The regular **Session Meeting** for September will be held on Thursday, September 12 and will start at 6 pm in the Foyer. Bring some food to share! We will spend some time dreaming together about the future.

Sunday School Kick-off will be held on September 15th.

On this Sunday we will divide into our formal Sunday School groups. After worship we will have treats & games for everyone. Your St. Andrew's Amazing Summer Challenge scorecards and sheets, etc. will be due on this Sunday. For all children, please also bring in a signed registration form, for an extra treat. Please note: there will be Sunday School on September 8th. We will be doing a couple of activities as one group and will receive registration forms for the following week.



Rev. Scott is away until September 7th. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time. If there is an urgent pastoral need this week, please contact Mark Gaskin (519-621-3630) or Bill Bynum (519-653-6691).

During the summer there will not be regular Sunday School classes. This is a much needed time of rest for our leaders and assistants. There are **busy boxes** at the back of the sanctuary filled with quiet activities for your children to do while in worship. Please help yourself to the items inside and return the materials when finished.



St. Andrew's **Amazing Summer Challenge** instruction sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary for adults to participate. The Amazing Summer Challenge packs have been delivered to our children. Check Joni's door for updates!



Race to Erase is fast approaching - Saturday, October 5th! Hope Clothing uses this race as their main fundraiser. So far we have 2 teams entered into the race. Who can get the most pledges? If you would like to help out either Rob Hodgson's or Karen Kincaid's team, please speak with them. We are very thankful for Dr. Kherani for his generous donation to kick-start our fundraising. Help us reach our goal of \$5000.00. If you need more information on the race or you would like to enter a team on behalf of Hope Clothing, please speak with Rob, Karen, or Joni Smith.



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Potato Harvest Sunday will be held on September 29 this year. If you grew potatoes this summer please bring them in. All potatoes will be donated to Thursday Night Supper & Social (TNSS). We will also accept all donations of non-perishable food items; dry pasta, soup broths, soup, salad dressings, canned vegetables, coffee, tea, sugar, spices for TNSS. Also, this will be the day when the children compete in the **Grand Gardener** competition. Come out to see who grew the biggest - by weight - potato this summer. Who will wear the hat this year?!



Do you have gold or silver jewelry, coins or flatware that you no longer use or want? You may be surprised at how much YOU can earn by selling the metal!



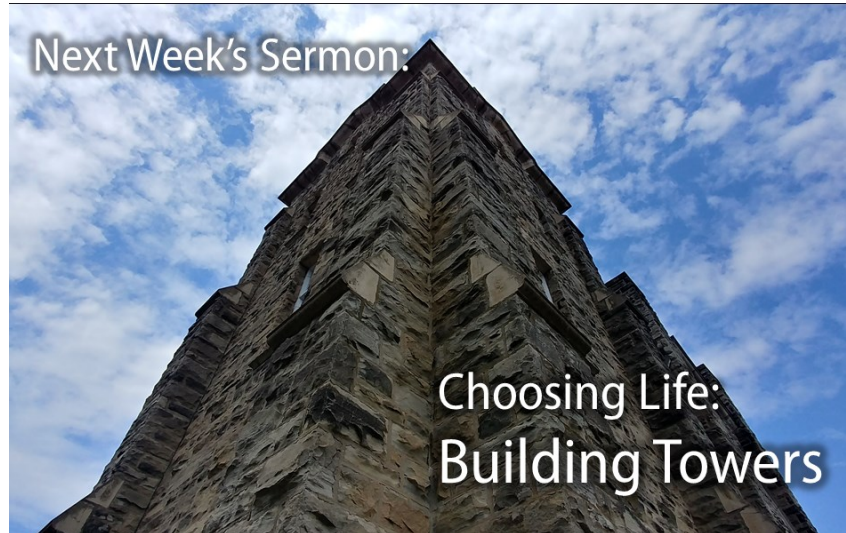
The Athalie Read Group is having a **Gold Sale**, September 26th from 6-8 p.m. Bring your items and see how much they are worth, then decide if you want to sell them. Not able to be here that night? Talk to any member of the group to pick up your items and act as your personal representative. For more information call Carol Jones at 519-658-4394.

Please check the bulletin boards by the elevator for upcoming community events!

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10am-Noon	Fall Preparation Clean Up
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	12:00 pm	Self-help Food Bank & Lunch
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



It is a great honour to welcome the Rev. Dr. Linda Bell today. Rev. Bell retired after 35 years of ministry while she was at Gale Presbyterian Church in 2013. She had a long and distinguished career in the church and continues to be a blessing to this day. In 1992, she was elected the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and was the first woman to hold that position of leadership in the church.

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. The readings for next week are: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33.



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Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:
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