

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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October is Stewardship Month

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Love in Action

October 18, 2020 Stewardship Sunday 10:30 am



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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*We invite you to stand in body or in spirit during the Opening and Closing hymns

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Music to Enter into God's Presence:

"Dorian" Toccata in d-minor, BWV 538

Owen Spicer, FSA Organ Scholar, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

This piece has the nickname "Dorian" because it is written without a key signature in the Dorian mode. This masterwork is absolute "ear candy" because it is essentially a pattern of sixteenth notes that continues from beginning to end for a full-five minutes (including extended acrobatic pedal passages!)



Announcements – The Life and Work of the Church

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

***Hymn:** VU #256 "O God beyond All Praising" stanzas 1 and 3

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Lighting the Christ Candle



Anthem: "Pilgrim's Prayer"

FSA Chamber Choir

arr. Erich L. Knapp

(Sung in English and Norwegian)

Lord let me know Your ways and courses, and give me faith to follow them.
I know that what I own are borrowed goods, and everything belongs to You.
But if Your strong hand is on my shoulder, I will never see the wrong goal.
And for every hope that dies down here I will receive a greater hope in heaven.

But most of all I wish to measure the width and depth of all Your love.
Of what I lost You make a treasure and light ten-thousand stars above!
You wipe away the tears life brings us. You heal the wounds and scars we wear.
Through trials You have bent to teach us and made us richer than before.

This text was written around 1910 by a pastor returning from a pilgrimage, to find his house had burned down and his wife and children were killed in the fire. Every earthly possession of his was gone. Instead of cursing God, he wrote these words of hope and faith. The melody line is based upon a folk tune from Åseral, Norway. Erich composed this anthem in 2011. As we prayerfully consider the topic of our own stewardship this Sunday, this anthem is a reminder that all that we have is a gift from God.

**Call to Worship:**

Kerry Hill

One: Sing your Thanksgivings, for God is Good!

All: We Sing our Thanksgivings, for God's love endures forever!

One: God is creative and self-giving ...

ALL: Generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe.

One: Nothing exists that does not first find its source in God.

All: Our first response to God's providence is Gratitude and Thanksgiving.

One: Yet, we choose to turn away from God...

ALL: so, we sometimes sing our lament and repentance.

One: God forgives ...

ALL: and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility.

One: God transforms ...

ALL: and calls all of us to protect the vulnerable, be stewards of creation, and seek both truth and reconciliation.

One: Come, gather in this place, to be inspired to be a Steward of Love, Compassion and Grace.

Opening Prayer:

Kerry Hill

Gracious and Holy One we give you thanks for the legacy of nature, for the legacy of faith, for all the acts of human love, the legacy of grace. For the legacy of sharing all our talents, wealth and love and for the gift of Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate from above. For this and so much more we give you thanks. Amen.

Anthem: "Alleluia"
FSA Chamber Choir

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

This beautiful and emotional setting of the single word, "alleluia" is nearly six-minutes long; it was composed in July, 1940. The composer wrote this right after the fall of France in WW II. He described this piece by saying:

"This is a very sad piece. The word "Alleluia" has so many possible interpretations. The music in my particular Alleluia cannot be made to sound joyous, It is a slow, sad piece, and... here it is comparable to the Book of Job, where it is written, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed by the name of the Lord."



Word of God Proclaimed

Stewardship Message

Kerry Hill

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us and within us,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: List Making!

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Hymn of the Day: VU #509 I, The Lord, of Sea and Sky" stanzas 1 and 3

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
our humble, thankful hearts.

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

We Respond and Go Forth

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Response: VU #537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" KILMARNOCK

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

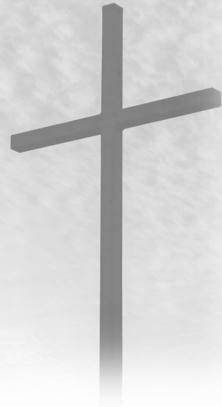
Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** VU #580 "Faith of Our Fathers" stanzas 2 and 3

ST CATHERINE

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.



Blessing and Benediction

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

"Improvisation *on FAITH OF OUR FATHERS*"

Erich L. Knapp, organist

Erich L. Knapp



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Mike Bancroft, Gerry Meacham, Lynda and Bob Kennedy

Narthex Co-ordinator: Joan Bancroft

Service Support: George Jolink

Videographers: Ron Bradley, Merran Neville, and Kathryn Skelly

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.



On **Sunday, October 25th**, the organ prelude will be the complete performance of "Toccata and Fugue in d-minor" by J.S. Bach. You will want to arrive a few minutes early to hear the 10-minute masterpiece!

Sunday, November 1st is **All Saints Sunday**, and the FSA Chamber Choir has several special anthems prepared.

Join us **Sunday, November 8th** for our **Remembrance Day Service**. There will be a special dramatic performance which honours some of our own FSA fallen heroes, and we will give thanks to all those who serve with music of bagpipe and trumpet.

Sunday, November 15th - This service will be our annual **Blessing of the Red Scarves for HIV/AIDS** and The FSA Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform the entire "**Requiem**" by Gabriel Fauré in memory of Terry Head on the one year anniversary of his death.

Connect with us in person, or by watching our YouTube recording online.

Stewardship Sunday

Thank you for all you do for First-St. Andrew's. Your time, talent and treasure are truly a blessing. With your support, the missional foundation of our congregation – Faith, Service and the Arts – has remained strong during this past, very difficult, year. With your support in 2021, we will continue to serve our members and the global community in which we live. In so-doing, we will answer the call to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and [to love] your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).



Our little FSA pin calls us to rejoice, renew and reach out!
Your financial support of FSA enables
our several ministries to do exactly that.

In this time of the pandemic we rely on you to keep us strong and proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks!