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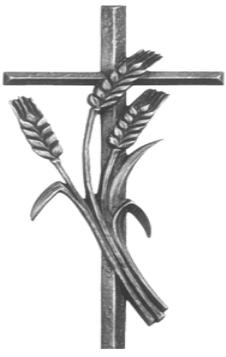
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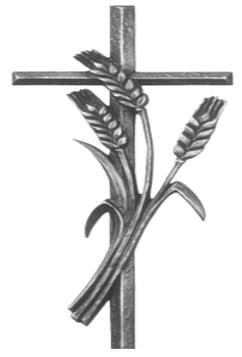
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Welcome



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. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at revmichelledown@fsaunited.com or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand, if able.

Music to Enter into God's Presence: Fantasie and Fugue in a minor

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:

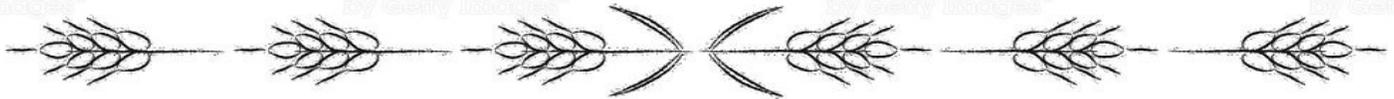
One: Please join our voices and our Spirits together with those of our Ancestors and Elders as we acknowledge the traditional territories of our forbearers.

ALL: Long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here.

One: Many nations of people lived—and live—on the land we call Canada, given responsibility by the Creator to be stewards of this land and all that lives on it.

ALL: Today, as we remember what it means to live thankfully, let us give thanks for the First Nations of this land—and let us remember that we worship God on the historic territory of the Anishinaabe, Attawandaron, Huron and Wendat Peoples.

One: As Christ's people, let us be people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation.



Mason: A keeper of the Law walked up to Jesus and asked him,

ALL: "Teacher what is the greatest commandment?"

Mason: Jesus replied "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

ALL: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Mason: This Great Commandment shines on, and shines through all things: the writings of the law, the words of the prophets, and every moment of our lives!

ALL: In every moment, Christ's light shines within us and through us. Alleluia!

Mason: Let us receive the Light of Christ, and also this morning, we light a memorial candle in honour of Marjorie Wake. Her funeral service will be celebrated here on Wednesday at 2:00pm. Please hold Dave & Winnie in your prayers.

Lighting the Christ Candle and Memorial Candle:

Djavan Douthwright DeFigueiredo & Zach Watson

Music A Simple Song of Love - Joyful Singers

Jean Anne Shafferman

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a simple song of love for you and me;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll sing together in love and delight.
Sing, sing in perfect harmony, a simple song of love for you and for me.
To sing, sing will be our delight, 'til by singing, singing we come 'round right.
A simple song of love we sing!*

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Call to Worship:

Mason Robichaud

Mason: Children of the Creator, dancers with the Spirit, disciples of the Christ, let us journey down the road of faith together.

ALL: As neighbours, as siblings, as friends.

Mason: Living with respect for creation, carried into places of challenge and dream, called to love God, other, and self ...

ALL: Let us walk together as colleagues, comrades, and all my relations.

Mason: As people of Gratitude, let us give thanks for what we have been given.

ALL: As people of Grace, let us celebrate that all is a gift of God.

Mason: As people of Generosity, let us share it with all who have need.

ALL: Let us share together Faith, Hope and Love, with Gratitude, Grace, and Generosity.

Mason: Come, let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Mason Robichaud

***Hymn:** MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide
(Children gather for the singing of the hymn)

Music: Be Like Jesus - Junior Joyfuls

*Be like Jesus, kind and caring too.
Be like Jesus, show love in all you do.
Be like Jesus. Share his love.*

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MV #127 I Saw the Rich Ones - Joyful Singers

I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad and I wondered because she gave all that
she had.

*Refrain: But with God the world is turned upside down, the poor are embraced and the
lost they are found.
Let's work for a world where all people are free, where it's good to feel good about God
loving you and me.*

I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread,
and I knew something special had happened that day when Zacheus gave half of his riches
away. *R*

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day. I knew they weren't happy with what
they'd been paid,
for the ones who came later were paid just the same as the workers who greeted the dawn
when they came. *R*

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Scripture: Acts 11:19-30

David Pederson

Anthem: Come Unto Me

Bob Chilcott

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

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Sermon: Partners in the Gospel: Offering our Compassionate Witness, and Bold Faith.

***Hymn:** VU#713 I See a New Heaven - verses 1, 4 and 5

I SEE A NEW HEAVEN

Offering

Offertory Music: Meditation on "Simple Gifts"

Gilbert Martin

***Offertory Response:** VU#581 When We Are Living – verses 1 & 4

SOMOS DEL SENOR

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no
peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong
to God.

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Prayers of Dedication

***Hymn:** VU#512 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction Response:** VU#420 Go to the World - verse 3

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

A Festive Trumpet Tune

Douglas Wagner



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Jim & Jan Hendry, Gerry Meacham, Dorothy Cousins

Narthex Co-ordinator: Joan Bancroft

Coffee and Conversation: Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, Kerry Hill and Mason Robichaud

Service Support: George Jolink

Gift Card Sales: Linda Badke and Margo Christodoulou

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