

Sunday Sept 29, 2024 10:30am
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Prelude/Announcement video

Greetings

May the Loving Creator be with you
And also with you.

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement- Orange Shirt Day

Community Update

Moment to Gather Ourselves:

Stewardship Celebration- Heart Work

Lighting The Christ Candle

Our calling is simple: take care of each other and strive for peace.

We gather today for that reminder, remembering we are not alone:

God loves us, calls us, and accompanies us.

We hear the call with human ears, recognizing we don't always understand.

As a church we have justified harmful systems in God's name,

confusing culture with creed, our way, with God's way.

We light this candle now so its glow can help us focus on God's Word.

We light this candle humbly,

trusting that God's fires of justice will also burn in our hearts.

In its glow we raise our voices in song, our hearts in prayer, and our souls in surrender.

Let us worship our God now.

Hymn: MV 120, My Soul Cries Out

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shames, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.R

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears, ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.R
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.R

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Holy Wondering: Where do you belong?

Ukulele Song: His Eye Is On The Sparrow

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

refrain:

I sing because I'm happy—
I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

2, "Let not your heart be troubled." His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

refrain:

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I sing because I'm free—
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Scripture: James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Getting distracted

Offering Our Gifts

We recognize all the gifts donated to help Christ's ministry here in Brighton, and this offering is one way we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet here in Brighton. As we pass the plate, we are also honouring gifts of ministry and love for Christ's work expressed in other ways.

Offering Hymn: VU 619, Healer Of Our Every Ill

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love. R
- 3 Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R

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Blessing The Offerings:

**Loving God of peace, you are always working within us;
heal us, strengthen us and guide us we pray,
as we strive to do your ministry here in Brighton.
And for all that we have given this week,
bless our generosity of time, money and energy...
and may our work in turn bless the world. Amen.**

Prayers Of The People

Prayers are lifted for others today as we remember especially:
The family of Doreen Thompson, Keith Stainton;
Bob and Joanne Hoekstra and the family of Doug Phelan; family of Eric deVos.

Please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

Laurraine; Rebecca; Chris; Betty; The McArthur family; Bill; Alda; Nancy; Larry; Philippa;
Ken; Mike; Suzanne; Richard; Henry; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb;
Chyvette.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 232, Joyful, Joyful

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Extinguishing the Candle

The candle flame is about to be doused, but Christ's light within you can never be extinguished!

We live in the joy of Christ, letting light shine before us, trusting the path it reveals.

We carry shame, mistakes and confusion in our hearts as we travel, but we continue to trust and follow, even as we blow out the candle and leave this gathering behind.

Let's leave here now knowing that we are not alone, that our journey matters, and the blessings continue.

Choral Amen: Amen Amen Amen.

Postlude

Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Sept 29, 2024 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$8 per nametag.

Scent Free Environment – Some of you may have forgotten that Trinity-St. Andrew's is a scent free environment. Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

Upcoming

Sun Sept 29	10:30am Worship – Orange Shirt Day 4pm, Migrant Workers Dinner
Mon Sept 30	11am, Waapake film screening, offsite at the Brighton Library -Orange Shirt Day
Tues Oct 1	1pm, Music mtg, offsite, Rev. Wanda's. (choir, Joyful Strummers, Drummers) 6pm, LGBTQ Family Support Group
Wed Oct 2	10am Bible Study 5pm Supper's Ready
Thurs Oct 3	9am Joyful Strummers 9am, Homelessness Drop In 9:30am Choir
Sun Oct 6	9am, Sunday Breakfast 10:30am, Worship (Communion)

...and mark your calendars for Community Breakfast on Sunday Oct. 6, 9am and Roast Beef Dinner on October 25th, 5pm!

Treasurer Report

	YTD August 2024	YTD August 2023
TOTAL INCOME	\$154,526	\$126,581
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$169,602	\$159,411
VARIANCE	(\$15,076)	(\$32,830)
General Fund BALANCE	\$39,038	
CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE	\$43,841	

Orange Shirt Day...Monday Sept 30, 11am, Brighton Public Library. A film screening in honour of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation of 'Waapake (tomorrow)'.

Bible Study is starting again, every Wednesday morning at 10am, in the Quiet Room, a group of us meet to discuss the upcoming scripture readings or sometimes a book. You are invited to join us. Reach out to Rev. Wanda at minister@trinitystandrews.ca if you need more information

Fundraising.....It is that time of year once again! Please return your Loonie/Twoonie boxes to Sharon McMullen or the church office. Thank you for your support.

Migrant Workers requests...the migrant workers are in need of some items. If you are able to help, speak with Elizabeth Scriven or call the church office. 613-475-1311

Work boots many sizes, Work pants and lined pants 32-40, Rain coat, Floor fan, Blender

One of the men is interested in taking back: Bowties, Waistcoats, Induction cooktop, Pressure cooker, Cycling shorts, Dolly, Food dehydrator

We Have a Place For You!

As fall approaches, we look forward to some new beginnings. Maybe it's time for YOU to consider a new beginning. How about joining the team of folks who read the scriptures during the service for us, or those who welcome us when we arrive before the service, or even become part of the team who count our weekly offerings after the service? We'll provide the "How To's" if you'll provide the "Here I am!". Start by speaking to Ellen Goodeve at church or by calling 613-475-5732, or speak to Pamela in the office.

Affirm Terminology for September. What Does Being Non-Binary Mean?

For the most part, people typically fall into two categories: male or female - that idea is known as a gender binary. But not everyone fits so perfectly into the man-or-woman categories. That's where the term "non-binary" comes into play.

The Human Rights Campaign defines non-binary as "an adjective describing a person who does not identify exclusively as a man or a woman."

Additionally, while some non-binary people also identify as transgender, not all non-binary people identify that way. Essentially, non-binary—sometimes shortened to NB or enby—is a type of gender identity. Some folks have an identity that fluctuates over time. Some individuals do not identify as male or female, but as a mixture of the two—something other than male or female or with no gender at all.

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to join a group of the same to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct 1, 2024. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, contact Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqfamilyspportgrp@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed for a research study of online support group use for Queer & Trans People with cancer. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the hall by washrooms for more information if you are interested. Thank you.

Hate Crimes Against 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Surge

An alarming trend of escalating hate crimes targeting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community has been brought to light in a recent Statistics Canada report. The data shows a staggering 225% increase in hate crimes based on sexual orientation over the past five years. The United Church of Canada has also seen a concerning rise in hate-related incidents directed at its affirming communities. These senseless acts, including vandalism, harassment, and online abuse, highlight the urgent need for increased awareness and support. Read the [full news story](#) and be an ally for LGBTQIA+ people in your community!

175th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale. To celebrate Trinity-St. Andrew's 175th anniversary, a commemorative t-shirt is available for purchase. Featuring original artwork by our very own Sandra Candeloro, the shirt has a beautiful dove flying over a colourful rainbow with the words "Welcoming All Since 1848". Shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of

\$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

Quinte Transit is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

This Week In Property: Last week Flynn Forestry removed the huge Tamarack tree, trimmed the Butternut tree and removed 2 stumps. They did an excellent job. Now the threat of the tree falling has been eliminated.

Sharing Stand... Returning for its 2nd season, **Grandmother's Advocacy Network Northumberland (GRAN)** will be hosting the Sharing Stand on the front lawn of Trinity-St. Andrew' United Church, Mondays & Wednesdays 10am to 7pm until Oct 9. The stand provides fresh produce to anyone looking to stretch their food budget. When planning your gardens, please consider planting extra for the stand. "Share what you can, take what you need." Thank you for your support.

Save the date.....October 20, 2-5pm, a Thanksgiving season drop in at John and Rev. Wanda's home. Please reach out to the office for more information.

Please note the new office hours.

This is a trial and will be reassessed in the new year.

The church office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm

Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.



WELCOMING ALL SINCE 1848

TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BRIGHTON, ON

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Please join us for a Sunday morning breakfast including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, home fries and more. You can even stay for the worship service - if you'd like!

\$15 per person at the door
\$5 for Children under 12 years
Free for those over 100 years

When?
Sunday October 6th
Sunday November 3rd
Sunday December 1st
Serving from 9:00am to 10:00am

56 Prince Edward Street - Brighton ON




**WELCOMING ALL
SINCE 1848**
**TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S
UNITED CHURCH
BRIGHTON, ON**

Roast Beef Dinner

Please join us for a
 roast beef dinner with all the fixings
 including roast beef, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls, salads,
 and yes - DESSERTS!

\$20 per person
 \$10 for Children under 12 years
 Free for those over 100 years
 Tickets available at the church office & Lighthouse Books

When?
Friday October 25th
Friday November 22nd
Serving from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
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