

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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Worship This Week Oct. 16, 2022

WELCOME -- Cindy

PRAISE SONGS: 146 Angels from the Realms of Glory, 434 For the Beauty of the earth

YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART -- Rita

SONG: All night, all day
(children are dismissed for Sunday School)

ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Cindy

GOD IS MY WITNESS -- Cindy

PRAYER REQUESTS -- Cindy

PRAYER -- Cindy

SCRIPTURE – Revelation 22:8-16 – Mary Pat

MESSAGE -- Mary Pat

HYMN: 375 Fairest Lord Jesus

BENEDICTION – Mary Pat

WHAT'S UP:

Sunday Oct. 16 -- Dresden Ministerial Celebration of Praise 6:30 p.m. at Dresden Community Church. Show up early for pie and coffee fundraiser.

Sunday Oct. 16 -- Rotary Club of Dresden invites us to "Welcome to the Wheelhouse"- the Grand Opening of their new home at 547 North Street between 1- 3. Drop by anytime, brief formal agenda at 1:30.

Oct. 18 – Board of Managers 7 p.m.

Sunday Oct . 30 – Deadline for elder nominations. See details below.

Pop can fundraiser – Bring your pop cans to church! Leave them in the bin behind Rutherford Hall. They're worth money!

NEW BOOK STUDY – every Thursday until Nov. 3

"You were made for this moment" – the new book by Max Lucado based on the Old Testament story of Esther. **Meeting at 7 p.m. at Evangel Pentecostal.** Co-lead by Pastors Andy Cornell and Rob Elka. It's OK if you missed 1-2 sessions – all are welcome.

PRAYER POINTS

Frontlines – Pray for the families and colleagues of the two police officers killed this week. Pray for first-responders everywhere as this is the second such tragedy in less than a month. Father, encourage them and grant them strength and peace.

Health and healing – CONTINUE TO PRAY!

1. Ross Fuchs, transition to Memory Care at Oaks Retirement Resort.
2. Tom O’Neill – Home from hospital, continued care and treatment.
3. Bonnie Lozon – Healing from fractured ribs, adjusting to life at Park Street Place with Bill.
4. In general – those who are wrestling with mental health and depression – God knows who they and their needs.
5. Rev. Mary Templer – restoration of binocular vision. Her husband Andrew says she continues to heal but vision is her primary issue. Mary sustained a concussion after being hit by a vehicle while crossing the street on Christmas Day 2021.
6. In general – for people who have been newly diagnosed and are awaiting treatment options.
7. Specifically – Jennie Atherton, Gary Carroll, Becky Desjardine, Margaret Follows, Bette Northcott, Cherie Pegg, Dianne Richards, Sandra Whitson.
8. Anyone seeking or undergoing treatment for addictions
9. Those who are addicted but not seeking treatment
10. Anyone wrestling with anxiety and depression

There are many whose names are not listed here – God know who they are and what they need.

LIFE! – Love in Faith Everywhere! is our Wednesday after-school program on hold since COVID hit.

Pray for every child who took part in this ministry since it started in September 2016. May Christ dwell in them and come alive.

Thanks

1. For family who take care of us
2. For safe/secure places to reside if we’re unable to live on our own

Seniors – Joyce MacTavish at Park Street Place, along with staff. Norma Latimer at Riverview Gardens and Jim Lusk and Ross Fuchs at Oaks Wallaceburg.

Harvest –

1. Local processors, especially Conagra Brands and Laprise Farms
2. Soybeans

Session -- Mark Labadie (clerk and representative elder), Cindy Brewer, Sheila Eves, Mark Richards and Julie Shaw.

Board of managers – Wendy Weston (chair), Paul Vandenbogaerde (treasurer), Will Brewer, Ross Fuchs, Linda Malott, Jenn Mason, Von Parking, Mark Richards, Jodie Rich, Dan Shaw and Mike Wicks.

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 19 – Dave & Wendy Weston

Oct. 19 – Lucas and Kristen (Malott) Chambers

Oct. 20 – Ron & Jenn Mason

ELDER ELECTION

For the first time in many years, Session is inviting nominations for the office of elder.

Elders are the spiritual leaders of the congregation. Everything that happens in the congregation comes under their supervision. Through membership on Session, they work closely with the minister in:

- supervision and oversight of the congregation
- membership and pastoral care
- worship, including participation in the sacraments
- Christian education
- stewardship and mission
- relating to (and taking turns to serve on) Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

With the minister, who acts as the moderator (chair) of Session, elders lead the congregation in its fellowship (its ministry to one another) and in its mission (its ministry to the world). Elders seek the will of God for the congregation so they can lead it in the direction they believe Jesus would have it go. They seek to model themselves after Jesus as they listen to people and serve the church.

Qualifications of elder – See 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9:

- a committed Christian whose faith is central to their life
- regularly participate in the life of the congregation
- show a personal concern for others, inside and outside the church
- have sound judgment for decision making
- can collaborate as a team member
- are able to give time and effort to this role
- live an honest and respectable life that can be an example to others
- are willing to learn about serving and leading others in faithful living
- are knowledgeable about church governance or willing to learn about it

If someone comes to mind, approach them first and ask if they would be willing to stand. Names can be submitted anytime during the Oct. 9-30 nomination period. Nominations must be in writing and signed by two members of the congregation. Bring them on Sunday or drop them off during the week in the church mailbox.

Session, acting as the nomination committee, will review the names on Nov. 1, conduct interviews and discern whether the nominees are qualified. An important factor is divine calling: the existing session and the nominee will discern whether God is truly calling them to serve. Once session has nominees, they are presented to the congregation for final approval. (This elder election process follows PCC guidelines.)

Questions or comments? Talk to Pastor Andy or any of the existing members of Session: Cindy Brewer, Sheila Eves, Mark Labadie, Mark Richards or Julie Shaw.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the PCC, a congregation's financial and building management is delegated by Session to a Board of Managers, whose members have a somewhat different set of skills. Members of the Board are elected by the congregation for specific terms, which is done during the annual meeting. Both Session and the Board play a vital role in the health and management of the congregation.