

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

September 10, 2017

Sundae Sunday, Rally Sunday

Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue #4—J. S. Bach  
Hyfrydol—Eugene Hill

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

By coming into this place O God, we seek to give visibility to a belief that You are present in the world.

**From our darkness, we come to You for Light.**

From our sorrows, we come to You for joy;

**From our partial knowledge, we come to You for truth made complete in Jesus Christ.**

O Lord, satisfy the hunger of our minds to understand that which draws our hearts to You.

**Accept our worship and confirm our faith through Your Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Opening Hymn

God is here! As we Your people meet 799

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer (A Community Litany)

O God, our Father, in our worship today, we seek to highlight the role of education in the church, for that process through which we receive the Good News of Your love.

**We give thanks to You, O God.**

Throughout the centuries You have acted in unique and moving ways.

For those who have recorded their experiences of Your presence,

**We give thanks to You, O God.**

For all those who through the ages who have not been afraid to proclaim your Good News in Christ, even in the face of opposition, ridicule and death.

**We give thanks to You, O God.**

Though we confess that Christian education is important in our

churches, we must also confess that it often does not receive the priority it should have. For our failure to match words with deeds,

**We seek Your forgiveness, O God.**

We lift up before You Lord, all teachers, leaders, professors, administrators and writers who give leadership in Christian education, especially those within our church family.

**Inspire and sustain them in their respective gifts of ministry, O God.**

**ALL: Help us to recover the significance of this aspect of ministry, remove the prejudice that narrows our vision and hinders Your Spirit; fill all Your people with enthusiasm and together we will discover Your will and purpose for us in today's changing world.**

**Through Christ and in His name, we now pray together,  
Our Father ... (debts) ... Amen.**

\*Praise Song

We are marching

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### Act of Commitment

#### Minister to the Congregation

Education is a serious responsibility of the church. It is carried out in a variety of ways by a partnership involving God, parents, sessions, ministers, teachers, leaders and helpers. All should share in a concern for all members of the church.

#### Minister to the Leaders

You have been Called to serve in specific roles of leadership in the educational ministry of our congregation. In you we see discerned gifts of teaching and helping. This is confirmed as we commission you today. In accepting your responsibilities, I trust you will begin with prayer for guidance, and with a commitment to Christ which will help you to see your role as part of His ministry in the world.

#### The Vows

Leaders: I accept my office as a Call from God and this congregation. I will do my best to understand and fulfill its responsibilities.

Congregation: We will support, to the best of our ability, and we will provide you with the tools to help and encourage, that we may fulfill our task as a congregation.

Minister: On behalf of the session and this congregation, I appoint you to your respective positions. Let us pray together:

**ALL: O God we pray that You will place Your benediction upon our**

act of commitment. Confirm in Heaven what we affirm on earth. Support all who are engaged in our task of education in the church and especially bless those who stand before us and You now. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Report from our YAR**

Young Adult Representative to the 2017 General Assembly--Lauren Thomas

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scriptures**

Read by: Angela Matthews

**Responsive Psalm 149  
2 Timothy 2: 1 -1 9**

**OT pg. 595  
NT pg. 203**

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**Sermon**

*"Seeking God's Truth"*

**Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts**

**Offertory**

Morning has Broken—Neil Maxey

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

*Be Thou my vision*

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**Commissioning (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

**Benediction**

## **Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

**We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore him.  
Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.  
Send us to serve in our Master's name,  
and to glorify Him.  
Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever.**

**EVERYONE is invited to the Caldwell Hall  
for a time of fellowship and a Sundaе.**

*A donation may be made!*

## **News for the Pews**

### **Help Needed**

St. John's is in need of people to run the sound system on Sunday's. We are also in need of Ushers, Door Attendants, and Scripture Readers. If you could spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **St. John's Choir**

Hi congregation! The choir will begin practising on Sundays again, and we would love to see some new members join us.

We typically do three anthems per month, and we hope to renew our hymn/song of the month program; a part of the worship service in which the choir has shown good leadership.

**Our practices are after church, 11:30 - 12:30.  
Consider yourselves welcomed to give it a try!**

Gary Postma, Music Director.

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

**Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's!**

**A PCC Mission Moment  
for September 10, 2017**

### **Making Presbyterian Connections**

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## **CONFIRMATION WEEKEND & OTTAWA FURIES**

Please book September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup> for your child to attend Gracefield Camp for a Confirmation Weekend and then to attend the Ottawa Furies game on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The weekend retreat is open to all children, including ones who have become full members of St. John's Church. It is a weekend of nature, learning, fun and friendship. We have Beaver Lodge to ourselves which is the original building to the Billings property.

Limited to 13 participants.

Weekend cost for travel, accommodation & food is \$ 100.00.

The Ottawa Furies are having a special event October 1<sup>st</sup> at TD Place.

It is an afternoon of faith, the game, and music.

The post game event includes a concert by the group "My Church Music", who has a number hit on CHRI.

Q & A from the Furies, autograph session  
and CHRI on scene.

**Tickets are \$ 15.00 for this part of the weekend and must be booked with Debbie, so we can have a discount cost of \$ 10.00 per person.**

Any questions about this weekend, please contact Debbie at 613 936 3454 or email to [deb-stjohnyouth@cogeco.ca](mailto:deb-stjohnyouth@cogeco.ca)

"Hear Your Heart"