

Giving Thanks

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ferguson Family—Bev, Ken, Sandra and David for creating the beautiful fall theme that we are enjoying in our Sanctuary today. Their gifts of materials, time and talent, are truly appreciated this Thanksgiving weekend.

Trustees Gala

At this time of year, when the leaves start changing colour, and there is a nip in the air, does your mind not drift to the Caribbean? You can imagine a sweet steel band music playing, as you sip a beverage of your choice. Well, the trustees feel for you, and we have engaged the

**Nepean Pan Harmonics Steel Orchestra to help you celebrate fall.
On October 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
that steel band will be here at St John's to entertain us.**

Dinner includes soup, chicken stir fry, coffee, dessert and two drinks for \$25.00. This includes a \$15.00 tax receipt.

So, dress in bright colors and put on your dancing slippers to support the **3rd Trustees Gala**.

There will also be a silent auction and a 50:50 draw.
Tickets are available from the following trustees:

John Adams
Keppel Bharath
Doug Carpenter
Wes Libbey
Sue MacNeil
Heather Mc Cleary
or
The Church Office

St. John's Presbyterian Church
October 8, 2017 Thanksgiving Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Bourgon

Organ Prelude

Variations on the tune, In Babilone - Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name.

In perfect faithfulness, you have done marvelous things - things planned long ago.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress.

You are a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

Let us worship our ever-providing God!

Opening Hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come 803

Prayer of Approach

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience.

Indeed, we pray that You will pour out your Holy Spirit upon us - your Spirit of joy and laughter, of comfort and of strength, that we might celebrate with You, and You with us, as we offer our worship and ourselves to You this day.

Holy God, You have made us to be your own, to know and love You, enjoy and serve You, ever obedient to your will. But we have set up golden calves born of materialism, nationalism, secularism, and institutionalism. We confess our preference for commendations and comforts rather than for commandments. So, we make a god that suits us and imagine You as we want You to be: indulgent not demanding, soothing not discomfiting, a dispenser of good life with no surrender, suffering, or sacrifice on our part. In doing so, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. We confess that we want You to listen to us,

rather than we to You, to do our will and fulfill our expectations rather than we obeying and fulfilling yours.

Forgive us for interfering with your plan for us, for thwarting the potential that is your gift to us as your children, for denying You true praise from humble and loving hearts. And now we join our voices together in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father...Amen.

Praise Song: Can a little child like me 441

Time with our Children

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by: Keppel Bharath

Responsive Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	OT pg. 567
Philippians 4:1-9	NT. pg. 190
Matthew 22:1-14	NT. pg. 23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Hymn of the month: To bless the earth 806

Sermon

"Do You Know What You Have?"

Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Song of Praise - Richard A. Nichols

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn: Give thanks, my soul, for harvest 805

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.**

**Please join us for coffee hour
courtesy of John Adams**

News for the Pews

Introduction: Book of Forms, Section 132

Elders should be committed Christians,
in regular attendance at public worship,
persons of sound judgment, upright character,
either knowledgeable or prepared
to learn of the government of the church.

Meeting & Vote

On Sunday, October 15th, there will be a congregational meeting following Worship to vote for the new Elders.

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!

Lectionary Lessons for October 8, 2017

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19
Philippians 3: 4b-14	Matthew 21: 33-46

A PCC Mission Moment
for Sunday, October 8, 2017

Day of the Girl (October 11)

A major obstacle to development in many vulnerable countries is that too many women and girls are unable to pursue their hopes and goals, hindered by discrimination and inequality. In Afghanistan, sports are generally male-dominated, but Fahima had a talent for cricket and longed for the chance to play.

Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Program equips schools with sports equipment and leads awareness-raising sessions on the benefits of physical education for students' cognitive development. Fahima's school is participating in the program and now has sessions dedicated for girls to play sports.

The young athlete could not be more thrilled. "The school made a cricket team, and I was selected as captain," shares Fahima. "I plan on leading my team to victory!"

PWS&D empowers women and girls!

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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Today's Ushers: Steve Mullin, Clement Gwanyama

C.C.L.I. #68228



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