

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Romans 1: 20-21 (in Unison)

**For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

Special Music

"Just Friends"

Prayer of Approach

Special Music

"Just Friends"

Children's Hymn

My God is So Big

Time with Children

*\*Children ages 3-Grade 5\**

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1: 1-3, 26 – 2: 1

**Series: The Story: God Forms A People**

**Sermon: "The Beginning of Life As We Know It"**

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings ~ **"Give Regularly. We grow in generosity when we develop the habit of regular giving." – 1 Cor. 16: 2.**

Offertory

"Just Friends"

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Benediction

Closing Praise

"Just Friends"

Postlude

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**Welcome to Rally Day Sunday!** After worship, join us in the Atrium for refreshments! Learn about the various church activities and ministries. Sign up for a small group Bible study.

# *Where Faith Comes to Life*

## **Welcome!**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

### **To Our Guests**

We invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the atrium for more information. View our website at [www.standrewsmoncton.net](http://www.standrewsmoncton.net)

### **Nursery**

Caring nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

### **After the Time with Children\*\***

\*\***Young Children and Worship** is for children age 3 to grade 2 where they will hear God's word in a multisensory format geared for their level. All are welcome, including parents. **Older Children and Worship** is for children in grade 3 to grade 5. We will be doing "The Story" curriculum.

### **For Your Comfort & Convenience**

Coat racks are available in the atrium.

We strive to be scent free and peanut free church.

*Please remember to turn on your cell phone after the service.*

### **Spiritual Care**

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to our pastor or use one of the prayer cards in the seat rack. Our church elders are also available to speak with you.

**To greet you this Sunday:** David Eagles

**Distributing Bulletins this Sunday:** Elizabeth Eagles

**Attending Elder:** Dale Hicks

**Coordinator:** Joan MacKay

*We would like to welcome and thank **Just Friends** for joining us today at St. Andrew's.*

*Know... Grow... Show... Christ*

*Here at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church we believe  
the quality and the significance of people's lives  
are transformed by Jesus Christ.*

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**"VISION STATEMENT"**

*inspired by Psalm 78:4*

*"We will pass the faith we have received from our ancestors to  
the **NEXT** generation so they can be enthusiastically engaged  
in Christ's mission."*

*Nurturing*

*Engaged*

*Christian (XP, the Greek letters Chi Rho stand for Christ)*

*Transformation*

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Custodian

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church is seeking a person for the part-time position of **Church Administrative Assistant**.

Applicant must be a devout Christian, should possess strong administrative skills, be able to work independently, good at multi-tasking and prioritizing projects. Strong computer skills are imperative. Experience with Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Outlook, and Simply Accounting programs is required.

Familiarity with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or other social media an asset. Critical qualifications for anyone seeking this position are discretion, a positive attitude, strong problem-solving abilities and excellent interpersonal skills.

Interested parties can apply by dropping off a resume at 77 Hildegarde Drive, Moncton, NB, to the attention of Gerald Morton, Administrative Team Chair.

*Church offering envelopes are available. Also if anyone would like to contribute through PAD (pre-authorized debit) it can be set up. Contact Jean Morton*

## Food Offering Sept. 30

The Last Sunday of every month we will be accepting offerings of *non-perishable food items*. This food supports our food bank. Offerings can be left outside the doors of the sanctuary by the Welcome Centre.

*Anytime you can contribute  
please feel to do so!!*



***Everyone's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect, and Anything's Possible!***

# *Into the Word...*

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**Series: The Story: God Forms A People**

**The Beginning Of Life As We Know It**

**Genesis 1: 1-3, 26 – 2: 1**

## **Introduction:**

- First part of the Bible sets up all that follows.

### **1) The Bible Opens With Creation**

- First five words of the Bible are *very* significant. It grabs our attention, introducing the main character: God.
- God is pre-existent, without beginning or end. As The Creator, the truth contradicts evolutionary theory, which is scientifically so improbable it is laughable.
- Creation story tells us we were made on purpose with purpose.
- Creation reflects the Creator's glory. YOU were created purposefully, as God's crowning achievement!

### **2) The Story Continues With The Fall**

- Hebrew word for "Eden" means "delight." God provided a perfect environment, and gave the power to choose.
- Adam and Eve chose to disobey in rebellion, which is sin, rooted in selfishness. It hence became part of the DNA of all humans.
- God has no choice but to banish sin from the garden as selfishness has no place in perfect communion.
- All are sinful by nature – even Noah was! Sin cannot be wiped out through a flood.

## **Conclusion:**

- God doesn't give up on us no matter how much we have rebelled. God still wants to be with you. (See Jeremiah 24:6-7). God still invites us into the garden of 'delight.'

*You may want to join others in prayer before the service.  
Please go to the Ministers' Meeting Room at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.*

## **Time with Children: The New City Catechism**

Matthew 28: 19



### **What is baptism?**

**Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;** it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

***NEW TODAY for youth in grades 6 to 8:*** A class for you, located in the room outside the Pastor's office. You are welcome to join us for a discussion on "The Story" when the younger children leave to go to their classes.

### ***St.And Youth* kicks off tonight, September 16 at the church!!**

St.And is our youth group which takes place on Sunday nights from 6:15 – 8:15 pm and is for youth in grades 6-12. Our evenings include games, food, group discussions/study & worship. Contact Melissa Steen for more information.

### **Pioneer Club kicks off this Wednesday, September 19 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the church!**

Pioneer Club is a Wednesday evening fun program that seeks to help children follow Christ in every aspect of life.

The program includes Bible stories, Bible memory, gym time, crafts or other activities, and songs. It is a program designed for children Age 4 through Grade 6. Parents!! Be there, too, so that we can share some ideas for Faith at Home with you!





**THE STORY** Get your hard copy of "The Story"  
**TODAY in the Atrium!**

A \$7 donation is appreciated.  
Consider paying it forward for  
another to get a free copy.

In your copy of The Story, please read Chapter 2 for next Sunday.

**"Adopt an International" : Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm**

We will be hosting an "International Meet and Greet" – a great opportunity to build relationships with new international students in the community. Please consider coming, getting to know others from different parts of the world, and perhaps offering some hospitality to them yourself. Stay tuned for more information.

*SUNDAY, SEPT. 23:* Ladies, you are invited to join in our ladies impromptu choir next Sunday! We will sing something familiar and we will meet at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room to practice. Hope to see you there!

*Choir rehearsals begin Wed., Sept. 26 at 7:30 pm.  
Contact Laurie Kammermann for more information.*



*Save the date: The children's Christmas musical will start practices on Sunday, Oct. 14.*

*thanks*

A BIG thank you to the Ray and Jeannie Williston, Organizers of the Camp Wildwood Christian Fellowship Weekend, and their helpers for organizing this event for our congregation.

**Every Other Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Starting Sept. 18, 2018 in the Church Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and study the book of Isaiah with us. Group leaders: Mary Anne Hill , Walter Leaman , Eddie Fitzgerald.