

Farringdon Church

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BELIEVE

that *he exists* and that *he rewards*
those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Announcement:

The province of Ontario is currently under strict lockdown restrictions for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Farrington Advisory Board has made the decision that we will be unable to conduct our Annual General Meeting as usual. Restrictions will not allow us to meet for in person meetings, even in small numbers. Therefore, we have decided that the Annual Report will be prepared as usual, with committee reports and other pertinent information. The Annual Report will then be printed and sent out by mail or email to all members. The Advisory Board is approving an interim budget being prepared by our treasurer, based on current financial reports. After receiving the Annual Report, members may direct any questions to the appropriate committee member. We hope to have the committee reports submitted by the end of February, so that the Annual Report can be compiled and printed as soon as possible thereafter. If the need arises for a congregational meeting when it is again safe to meet, arrangements will be made to do so. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to navigate through these times to the best of our ability. ~ *Cyndy Kirk*, Senior Elder

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Sunday, January 24, 2021

"God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

Pray:

**We lift up our eyes asking, 'Where does our help come from?'
Our help comes from you Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
You protect us from falling 24-7, 365 days a year.
You watch over us in love all day and all night so no evil can harm us.
You care for every detail of our lives now and forevermore.
We praise you as the only One who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.
Your power at work in us is more than enough for our every trial.
Extend your power through all who are caring for the sick, the bereaved, and protecting our lives.
To you, Father, be all the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, Amen.**

Bible: Hebrews 11:1-12

- 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**
- 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.**
- 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**

- 4 **By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.**
- 5 **By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.**
- 6 **And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**
- 7 **By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.**
- 8 **By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed, and went, even though he did not know where he was going.**
- 9 **By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.**
- 10 **For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**
- 11 **And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.**
- 12 **And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.**

Listen to: ‘Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (by David Evans) by clicking the url link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5S_zhHfDA or read the lyrics below:

1. *Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

2. *Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire; with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*
3. *Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

Sermon: **‘Proving God’** by Rev. Mike Rattee

Listen to: ‘What a Difference You’ve Made (by Archie Jordan) by clicking the url link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RRVPUuoan8> or read the lyrics below:

1. *What a difference you've made in my life (repeat).
You're my sunshine day and night.
O, what a difference you've made in my life.*
2. *What a change you have made in my heart (repeat)
You replaced all the broken parts
Oh, what a change you have made in my heart.*

Chorus: *Love to me was just a word in a song
that had been way overused
But now I've joined in the singing 'cause you've shown me
love's true meaning
That's why I want to spread the news.*

Pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

News and Announcements

- ❖ Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday January 24, 2021
- ❖ Meetings and events this week – January 24 - 30, 2021

❖ *All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.*

Kid's Club meets online

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Youth Group meets online

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Katelyn can be contacted for further information regarding ages, content and zoom links and passwords!

ANNUAL REPORTS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS TO MARGOT NO LATER THAN FEB. 26 FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT. SUBMISSIONS BY EMAIL ARE PREFERRED. IF YOU REQUIRE MARGOT TO PRINT YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE SUBMIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE REALIZE THAT MANY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE THIS YEAR, SO A BRIEF OR NIL REPORT IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE.

By now you have probably noticed that Rev. Mike is currently recording the service video from his home instead of from the church. With the recent provincial stay at home order which took effect January 14, we felt it was important to keep everyone home if possible, in order to comply with the order and to keep everyone safe. Therefore, the sermon is currently recorded from Rev. Mike's home, then emailed to Wyatt for editing and is then posted to the You Tube page. This arrangement will be temporary until restrictions are eased. We appreciate your understanding as we endeavour to keep everyone as safe as possible.



DIMES FOR ETHAN – For the past few years, our congregation has been collecting dimes to contribute to Ethan Golden, a young man who is raising funds for Juvenile Arthritis Awareness. We normally invite Ethan in the spring to present our donations. Due to the church closure, we were unable to do so this year. We hope to set up a date in the spring to bring Ethan back. This is a reminder to please continue to collect your dimes until then!

Church Offerings

Offering Envelopes for 2021 have arrived but in light of recent Covid restrictions from the Ontario Government, they will be available to be picked up when the "Stay at home" restrictions have been lifted. You are welcome to send your Offering in a regular envelope for now or by E-transfer and I will ensure it is attributed to the correct envelope number.

Please Do Not use last years' envelopes.

If you have been thinking about providing your Church offering by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) but would like more information about how it works, please let Margot in the Church office know and she can provide information about how to provide your offering in this convenient way

Celebrating Anniversaries in January



23 - Rebecca & John Dumais

Happy Birthday !



Celebrating Birthdays in January

23 - James Locke

29 - Khloe Jackson

31 - Karen Thompson

Birthdays and Anniversaries - Do we Have Yours?

If your birthday, family members' birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in our newsletters or bulletin and you would like them to be, please make sure we have them. We know from the list we have that many are missing. We don't print the year

☺ Please provide the dates to Margot in the Church Office.

Farringdon Next Week

- ❖ Virtual, on-line Worship Service for Sunday January 31, 2021
- ❖ Meetings and events next week – January 31 – February 6, 2021

All midweek children and youth programming is online once again.

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Tuesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.

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Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Farringdon Church regular office hours

During the Government restrictions for Covid, please do not come to the Church. You are welcome to call during office hours.

Monday

~ Closed ~

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office: 519 759-2495

If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at 1-226-339-4340

Website Address and Social Media

Check out the Farringdon website and Facebook page for all updates and information. Our website address is www.farringdonchurch.ca. To access Member's content, you need to register at the new site. You will receive a temporary password via email which can be changed when you log in.

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Margot at the Church Office by *Thursday mornings* at: secretary@farringdonchurch.com or 519 759-2495