

Worship Notes

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgement of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

In our prayers Frank, Susan, Dolly, Judy and Bernice.

The Guides to Worship today are presented to the Glory of God by the Treusch families, in memory of Esther Wolfhard (2009), Bill Wolfhard (2002), Bill Treusch (1984), Bob Treusch (1972), Rita Treusch (1956) and Reg Huddle (1956), who were called to the church triumphant.

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Due to the pandemic, all services, gatherings and meals at the church are cancelled. The office is closed to the public and the building locked 24/7. Even though the government of Ontario has allowed for churches to re-open on June 12th, the St. Matthews Board has determined it is still not safe to do so, and thus the church building will remain closed until October. A task force has been working to establish guidelines for us to reopen safely.

Our focus has shifted towards meetings online and via phone. Above all, we pray for each other and trust in God, whose mercy endures forever.

You can follow updates on our Friday email blast, website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, by listening to the Golden Hour on FaithFM or by contacting us or Leanne (see last page).

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Holy Communion Today: Holy Communion will be celebrated during the Golden Hour this morning.

Re-Opening Communication: A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks with an update on the re-opening date and what to expect when you come to church. Stay tuned!

Back to School Blessing: During worship this morning, there will be a back to school blessing. Whether you are a student going back to school in person or via distance learning, a teacher, educational assistant, administrator or principal, a bus driver, crossing guard or janitor, join us for a moment to acknowledge this time of year and to give us courage.

Refugee support good news, part 2! The Refugee Committee has received news that Tsgereda and her son Raei are cleared to arrive in Canada on October 22nd! Along with our partners at CLWR and St. Paul's Bridgeport we are excited that these 3 years of waiting are coming to an end, and Tsgereda will soon be in safety and reunited with her extended family in KW. Tsgereda and her son is the first family that we are supporting through direct financial support (other families we have supported with funds held in trust).

Many thanks to all of you who supported our refugee fund through donations of time, money and furnishings. At this point, we do not need any help or donations, but we will let you know if any other needs arise.

Due to COVID-19 she will need to self-quarantine for 14 days after her arrival, which will complicate matters a little, but we are working on some temporary arrangements before she is cleared from quarantine. Many thanks to Kim, Steve, David and others for their active work on Tsgereda's case.

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