Diaconal Sunday



Diaconal Sunday Sunday, February 23, 2025

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*Peace

Prelude	"Chaconne"	J. Pachelbel		
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements				
*Hymn 742		"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"		
Children's Message				
Baptism		p. 227		
*Profession of Faith		p. 229		
Baptismal Acclamation		p. 230		
Welcome		p. 231		
*Baptismal Hymn 453		"Baptized and Set Free"		
*Greeting				
*Prayer of the Day				
Anthem	"Reach Down to Me"	J.L. Moses		
Word				
Reading		1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50		
*Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	p. 124		
*Gospel Reading		Luke 6:27-38		
Sermon				
*Hymn 991 (see page 3)		"Go to the World"		
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer		

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*Offering Hymn 307	"Light Shone in Darkness"
*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table	
*Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art in heaven)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymn 715	"Christ Be Our Light"

^{*}Table Blessing

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 711 "O Day of Peace"

*Dismissal

Postlude "Little Tarantella" S. Heller

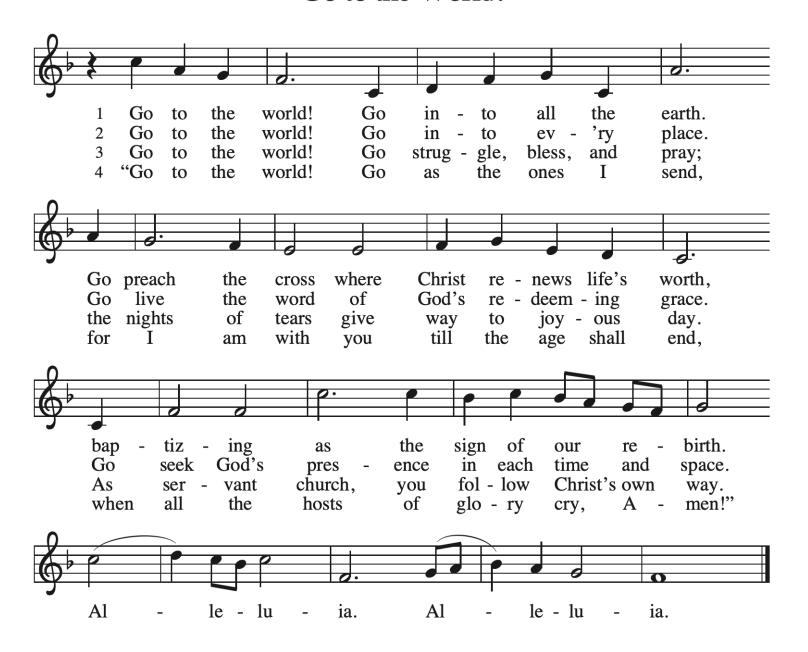
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Today's gospel tells us to speak compassion and mercy into the world God loves.

Through our baptism we are reconciled and forgiven to be a blessing to others. The life -giving Spirit guides us into merciful living as a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ. As we serve our neighbours we bring God's love to our community in tangible ways.

^{*}Prayer after Communion

Go to the World!



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Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Leading Worship Today

Diaconal Minister of Music & Preacher: Deacon Scott Knarr

Presider: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Communion Server: Jeanette Harrop

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Nick Maldona-

do, Drew Aarssen

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

Baptized today is Madelyn Elizabeth Seegmiller born July 21, 2024, of parents Edward Alexander Seegmiller and Sarah Catherine Madison Seegmiller. Madelyn's baptismal sponsors are Austin Seegmiller and Melissa Campbell-Dyson.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Important Information for today's worship

• Offering: Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Al-

tar during the service.

- The Peace: We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- Exiting: At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- Please join us for Fellowship Time after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- Downstairs Washrooms can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one
 wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left
 of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

General Announcements

The St. Matthews Centre, our community hub, has a website which links all upcoming events, especially concerts of the KW Symphony and the Grand Philharmonic Choir. Scroll down to "Upcoming Events" at https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca. The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can "follow" to get updates.

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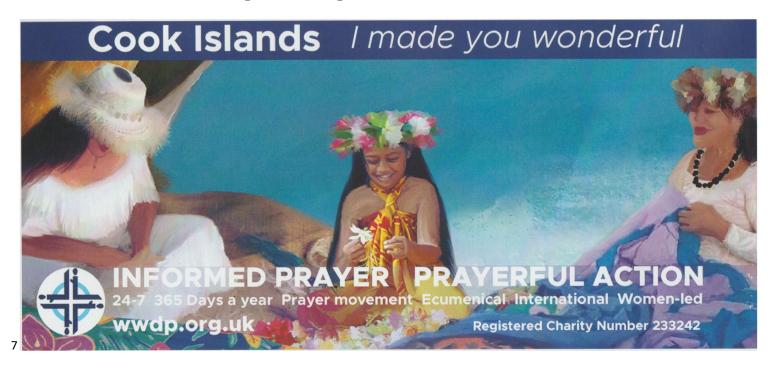
2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Your St. Matthews Women of Faith invites all to attend the upcoming 2025 World Day of Prayer, to be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church at 10am on Friday, March 7th. This year's service has been prepared by the WDP Committee from the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean, with the theme "I Made You Wonderful".

For almost a century, the World Day of Prayer ecumenical movement has been led by women in 150 countries. Each year we stand in solidarity with each other through our prayers and actions, as a part of our common vision to improve the lives of women and children throughout the world.

This unique and moving service affords the chance to experience worship as practiced in many different societies and cultures. For example, this year we will be utilizing Maori chants, breathing & visualization exercises, and hymns specific to Polynesia, all in the effort to build bridges to each other, and to our Lord.

St. Matthews will be hosting the 2026 edition of the World Day of Prayer, so please consider taking the opportunity to attend this year's service to gain an fuller appreciation of the positive impact of this world-wide event.



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