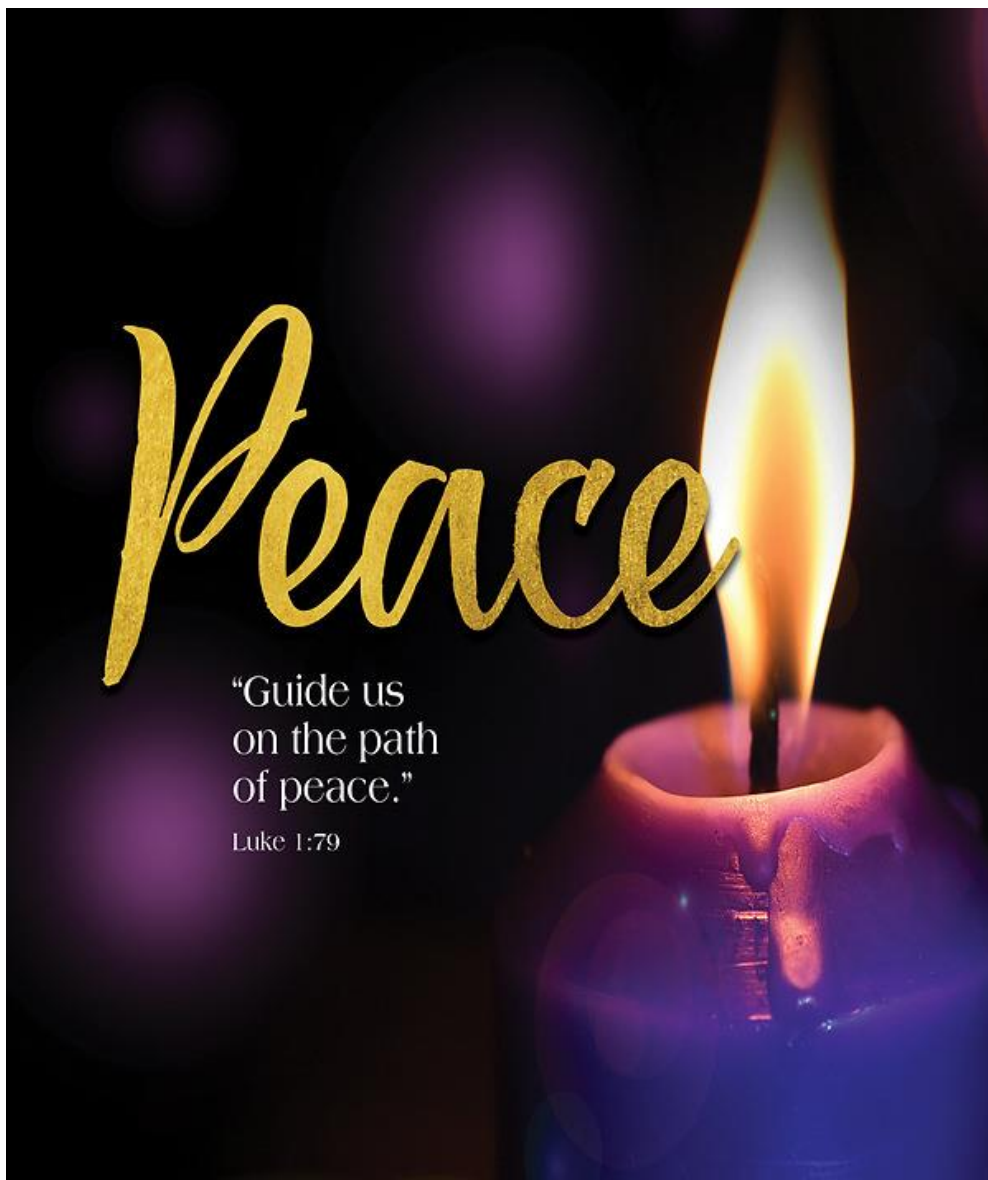




ORDER OF SERVICE

4 December 2022

ST ANDREW'S DAY ADVENT 2



WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***, and stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer. We usually sing the hymns without announcement. To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

Today's service is led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all worlds, let this be our peace:

the ceaseless wash of a quiet sea on an untroubled shore – not the surge of warships.

God of all worlds, let this be our peace:

people free to be free, to speak, to laugh, to dance, and sing of your glory and your grace – not the concrete walls of difference or the self-sacrifice of bomb-clad bodies.

God of all worlds, let respect and love from our inner being to all your world become the currency of our peace.

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Star-child, earth-child
go-between of God,
love child, Christ child,
heaven's lightning rod:

*This year, this year,
let the day arrive,
when Christmas comes
for everyone,
everyone alive!*

COC40(ii) 'Star child, earth-Child'

2. Street child, beat child
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know:

3. Grown child, old child,
mem'ry full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears:

4. Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child
knowing joy in store:

5. Hope-for-peace child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth child,
star of stars that shine:

WELCOME

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava.

Talofa.

GATHERING

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE PARTNERS:



Omar worries about having enough water for her family and animals. The Israeli authorities only allow her community to take limited water from their wells on the West Bank, in the Occupied Palestine Territories. Like other Palestinian communities they have to purchase water because these authorities will not let them dig new wells, install rainwater tanks, repair leaky pipes or extend water infrastructure to other homes.

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees has had some success in negotiating water improvements with funds donated from overseas partners including CWS. In Gaza the water poverty is much worse. In this climate crisis, we stand with people in need of water justice. **Together we join with others to make peace.**

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

When light is passed around we see that all is not diminished. When justice and righteousness are shared, all are enriched. For those who work to reconcile and heal we light this Advent candle, a sign of the peace we long to share.

**Come, O God of all the earth,
come to save your people.**

SING:

Tune: Away in a manger alternate tune.

**A candle is burning a flame warm and bright
a candle which brings PEACE and offers delight.
While we await our expectations are high
our hearts rejoice gladly for Jesus is nigh.**

PRAYER

We pray for Peace not just as in the absence of war, but peace which enables us to sleep at night without worrying about disruption, crime, violence, hunger and poverty. Give us a peace which does not discriminate, a peace that gives women a voice to stand for what is just, a peace where justice prevails and will not sleep, a peace that stands for what is right and empowering. Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

*Eternal Spirit
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.*

***From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.***

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE: We light the rainbow candle for inclusiveness and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Dawn Cowdry

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you." Now that COVID-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Harper

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Contemporary reading: PEACE

From "Drawn to the Wonder"

by John Johansen-berg

Peace is in the heart of God
but how shall we find peace between people?
There can be no flower of peace
from the seeds of discourse;
there can be no fruit of peace
from the root of injustice;
there can be no reaping of peace
from the sowing of oppression.
But when in our thoughts
we honour God and our neighbours,
when in our words
we encourage those who are lonely or depressed,
when in our actions
we seek justice and freedom for all,
then peace breaks out with happiness
in all the places where people meet

and women and men, young and old,
join in the tongues of all the nations
to praise the Prince of Peace
Jesus, Emmanuel, God alongside us.

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks.

HYMN:

'Now the star of Christmas', (HIOS 105)

tune Noel Nouvelet CH417,

Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,
points a new direction: change is on the way –
there's another landscape to be travelled through,
there's a new-born spirit broadening our view.

When the Christ of Christmas speaks to hearts and minds,
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather, drawn towards the light,
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.

If we choose to follow, we may yet be wise.
Where the three kings travel, three great faiths arise:
Jesus Christ for Christians, Jesus, Judah's son,
Prophet for the Muslim, wisdom in each one.

Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground:
peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

REFLECTION

“Are we preparing the way? 'Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

OFFERING HYMN

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.
Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

Amen.

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the church's account.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak **briefly** from the lectern.*

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tuvalu and the Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for the 111 refugees still detained in Nauru. We give thanks for progress that has been made and pray that their calls for justice might yet find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Dr Shane Reti (List) and Angela Roberts (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Stratford - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

***Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.***

***Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.***

***Bless the city in which we live
that it may be a place
where honest dealing,***

*good government,
the desire for beauty,
and the care for others flourish.*

*Bless this church
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe
the strong impulse
of our worship and work.*

Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

COC 8 'Child of Christmas story'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Hope Publishing Company
Music © 1992 Richard Madden

1. Child of Christmas story,
stable straw and star,
small and sweet and gentle,
tell us who you are.

3. Child of Jew and gentile,
child of white and black,
teach us how to love you,
teach us what we lack.

2. Child whose baby finger
round our own is curled,
come to melt our hearts,
and come to change the world.

4. Child of Mary's courage,
birthed in human pain,
tell us what your name is,
be our hope again.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Into our ordinary world you came to dwell, and in the small things, Jesus Christ lived righteously healing, teaching, preaching, gathering a community to live together challenging injustice through acceptance and affirmation. Your Spirit has blown across our globe, creating worldwide transformation that your love may be shown in word, deed, and intent so that no one will be in need, and all humanity may be united as Children of God.

We gather at this table set with ordinary things
common bread,
a common cup,
symbols of our ordinary lives,
to celebrate the extraordinary covenant you have given us
that makes us your people:
a people with different skin colours,
different languages,
different lifestyles,
different life experiences,
different abilities and limitations,
different ways to respond to your love in our lives.

While this bread and this cup
may be small because they are familiar,
they are also exceptional
because of your love.

Guide us, we pray,
so that the ways we live our everyday lives
in all the small things we do and say
may be transformed to be exceptional ways
that your love and grace may be known
in all the places of the world.

Under your reign,
may there be peace upon the earth
within and throughout all creation.

THE INSTITUTION:

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Eat this in memory of me." In the same manner also after they had eaten, Jesus took the cup and lifted it and said, "This is the new covenant sealed by my blood, drink this all of you in memory of me."

PRAYER

O God, by your Word and Spirit
sanctify these gifts of grain and vine;
that they may be for us
the communion of the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ:
Your death we show forth
Your resurrection we proclaim
Your coming we await:
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Host,
Thank you for showing us again
that we are invited to live and work in your reign
as honoured guests. Bless us and those who will continue to serve others in our
community who are unwell and frail. Strengthen them and may our faith grow
to bear the full measure of your grace, bringing a lightness to our labours, and a
wonder to our work. Amen.

HYMN

COC29 'Light of lights beholden'

Indigo II—Words & music by Jenny McLeod ©1983

1. Light of lights beholden
we from days of olden
sang this song
for to understand
that peace upon this planet
was pledged to come.
Each to other, sister, brother,
born for life and song,

2. Darkness all around us,
light has always found us,
light will come
where the dark is deepest,
greater light will keep us
safe from harm.
Troubled times will always find
a voice of trouble doom,

*(Chorus) Look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

BLESSING

Go forth to straighten the pathways of life for the child who is to come, even
Jesus the Christ – that the healing power of God's love may rush without
impediment into every wounded heart.

All: May we be nothing other than channels of God's truth and grace.

Sing: May the God of new beginnings, start with you and me

**May the God of continuing story, speak through you and me,
May the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me
May the God of safe homecomings, welcome you and me.**

BENEDICTION:

Go out into the world with Peace.

We go knowing that the God of peace goes with us this day and in the days to come. Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
our musician today

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acknowledged.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time. If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends.

If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrew's on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

LET HOPE FLOW THIS CHRISTMAS-CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In this year's Christmas Appeal we share stories from communities living with the climate disaster. They are building rainwater tanks, learning new growing techniques and preparing for disaster. People living on the frontline of climate

change need new skills and resources to adapt to rising temperatures and more intense disasters. For those unable to adapt, they will need help to find new homes and support to carve out new ways of living. Together we can share in this life-giving task, giving hope in practical ways to people who face a dangerous and uncertain future. Please support this year's Christmas Appeal with generosity and love.

Donations can be made with the CWS Christmas appeal envelopes available at the back of the church or via <https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/christmas-appeal/>

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUNDRAISER

Christmas eats will be available after church in the Hall on Sunday 11th December.

Bakers wanted - please COOK A BATCH as well as Booking a Bach!

When you are baking for your family, double the recipe and bring some for the sale. Ideas include, small Christmas cakes (I have baking tins), Christmas puds, special meringues, gingerbread, truffles etc. If some are gf, or dairy free, wonderful - please label. \$2 shops have cellophane bags in different sizes..

And of course bring cash on the 11th and acquire some delicious treats that other people have baked. Contact Maxine Cunningham on jimax117@gmail.com.

Thanks, Maxine

THE GLAMAPHONES FRIENDS AND WHANAU YEAR END KNEES UP

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022 FROM 18:30-20:00

Wellington's LGBTQI community choir invite you to join us for our end of year wrap up as we sing through our best of from 2022. Think more open rehearsal than polished performance. Free entry (koha always appreciated).

LIVING WAGE CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Give your Christmas shopping a Living Wage theme this year. Explore the Living Wage Christmas Catalogue https://www.livingwage.org.nz/christmas_catalogue that shows the amazing range of 361 accredited Living Wage Employers and includes links to special offers and online shopping.

BID FOR A BACH 2022

How about a Spring or Summer break away from Wellington?

As a fundraiser for St Andrew's on the Terrace to help boost finances affected by Covid-19 cancellations for the St Andrew's Centre, we have 3 holiday homes

on offer for a short holiday. The owners of these 3 holiday homes have generously agreed to donate all rent received to St Andrews.

Bid for a date at:

- 1) A classic cottage in Greytown at \$90 per night;
- 2) A house in Whanganui, with a view over the city and all mod cons including Sky TV, for \$100 per night;
- 3) A holiday home at Whatamango Bay, nestled in native bush in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

The Cottage in Greytown sleeps up to 4 people (2 bedrooms: one queen, two singles). A separate sleep out has 2 single beds for a larger group.

The house in Whanganui and the house near Picton both sleep up to 6 people. You need to provide your own towels and sheets.

For the houses in Greytown and Whanganui, you are responsible to leave the property as you found it.

For the holiday home at Whatamango Bay there is a \$50 end cleaning fee. Send me an email to see if the property you would like to rent is available.

Weekends tend to be at a premium so book early.

If your requested dates are available, you will be sent confirmation and detailed information about the holiday home and how to reach it, how to get in, instructions about water and power, and you will be sent bank account details for you to pay for your stay.

Contact me, Andrew Matthews at: wa.matthews@gmail.com

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every Monday by a DCM worker.

Suggested items:

Tinned – soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit / pasta and curry sauces / Jam, honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter / porridge, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and tooth brushes.

(Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to “focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness.”

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

Brian Burrell

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The 10th December each year is designated as World Human Rights Day. It is the same day that Amnesty International promote their Write for Rights campaign – encouraging people to write letters on behalf of people detained or persecuted for standing up for a just cause.

This year Amnesty will focus on 10 cases. These include:

- human rights lawyer Chow Hang-Tung detained for commemorating Tiananmen Square crackdown;
- Environmental activist Shahnewaz facing imprisonment for raising concerns about the possible environmental damage of a new coal-fired power plant;
- Iran's Vahid Afkari, who comes from an activist family who challenge inequality and political repression;
- Congolese mum and hairdresser Dorgelesse sentenced to 5 years in prison while undertaking her first protest.

For every single one of our 10 cases you'll be able to easily take action online, including solidarity actions. And there's also a link to help amplify our campaigns via your social media feeds.

In case you would like to do something on behalf of any of these cases, to get to the case information for each person you can go to the following link:

Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand or

<https://amnesty.org.nz/write-for-rights> (That can be letter writing or online action.) I will also put the new cases on the display board at the back of the church above the Library Cabinet – when they arrive.

Unfortunately I will be away this year through December so I will not be able to organise an actual letter writing event as John Morgan and I have done in the past. I would note as well that last year Graham Howell was my letter writing star – he completed something like 12 letters. Thank you Graham!

Mike Wespel-Rose

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Jeni Bryant
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Katrina Harper
Coffee/Tea	David Douglas, Sally Gray, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Paul Barber, Doug Lendrum, Janet Martin, Pam Fuller
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 11 December

Welcoming	Trish McBride, Pat McGivern
Sound/Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/Tea	Johan van der Merwe, Andre, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Cameron Smart
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 4 December 10am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday 7 December

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - RNZAF Wind Quintet "The Spitfires"

Sunday 11 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice Education Group / 5th Sunday (if one) - nothing planned

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson.
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Caitlin Thomas
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
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Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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