

Shared Values

AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

These shared values are the soul of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church reflecting our Christian faith. These values are the cornerstone of our journey as a church community. They express that which we wish to become and how we go about becoming them. All our decisions and collective actions are measured by how such activities embody and bring life to our shared values by God's grace.

Living Faith

We believe that faith is a journey not a destination. We embrace change and meet its challenges with creativity and playfulness. We expect that the Holy Spirit will change us in the process.

"And Abram journeyed on by stages..."
Genesis 12:9

Welcoming

We work hard to make our community feel like a place to call home. We see the image of God in all people, everywhere. Differences are valued and safe and open dialogue is honoured.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."
Hebrews 13:2

Joy

Following Jesus is something to celebrate. We believe it is the best way to live. We rejoice that we can express with gratitude and worship our acceptance of God's invitation to this way of life. We happily affirm that God is making everything new and we are a valued part of it.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

Love

We believe that we were created to live deeply with one another, to carry each other's burdens, to share our possessions, to pray for and confess our sins to each other, to suffer and to celebrate together. It's in these honest, loving relationships that God transforms us into the people we were meant to be.

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."
1 John 4:12

Hope

We believe that to be a part of God's work in restoring the world we are to offer hope in whatever way we can. Hope is created when our passion and compassion meets the needs and hurts of those we encounter. We are an oasis of hope in a world that desperately needs to drink deeply of its waters.

"Where then is my hope? Who will see my hope?"
Job 17:15

Partnership

Jesus modelled that we are not on this journey alone. We believe that we do our best when we work together. We seek to build lasting relationships of mutual respect and trust throughout God's creation.

"He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two..."
Mark 6:7