

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2007

Perspective

*Thank you,
Lord!*



Can the Bible be Trusted?

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

--Psalm 119:105

A big question isn't it? Can the Bible be trusted. I think it is a very live question for most of us. I've seen it overtly in conversations with some of you and a multitude of others who question biblical language that seems to codify ancient and unequal social structures. Note, for example, the language of "Kingdom", speech that endlessly privileges the masculine over the feminine, and embedded assumptions rooted in ancient societies that displaced women and others who were marginalized in some form. These are big questions that we should continue to examine and explore. Indeed they are central to the way we live together and in the world.

I've also seen indirect, and frankly more alarming evidence that we doubt the Bible's trustworthiness—we just don't read the thing. We don't spend time getting to know it and allowing it to shape our lives. This is of greater concern in this pastor's mind because it suggests the question of biblical authority along with the Bible itself has been taken off the table (or is that the "pulpit"?), and this should especially alarm those of us in the Reformed tradition who look to Word and Sacrament as the primary windows of our faith. So let's put it back on the table for a moment, and get some things out of the way. First this: We misplace our trust if we treat the Bible as a textbook of *science* or a *history*.

We have simply to attend to the variety of literary genres or types to see this. While it may be a big issue for some fundamental churches, it is not for us. If you'd like more background here, take a look at a May 2003 article in *Presbyterians Today* entitled ["What Presbyterians Don't Believe"](#) for a very basic look at this issue.

In scripture we find poetry, story, ethical instruction. Harold W. Attridge, dean of Yale Divinity School and New Testament professor in a 2005 article ("Can We Trust the Bible?" in *Reflections*, Spring, 2005) says the Bible is both a narrative and an ethical code as well as a fount of poetry: "If the Bible is not strictly history, it is story and it does what stories do: shapes imagination, inspires hope, hones sensibilities, wrestles with ambiguity. The Bible tells a large story, within which it tells many short stories, and all contribute to shaping a world of meaning. Or better put: The Bible provides a script from which communities tell stories..."

Ah, now that is provocative and exciting to me. How about you? The Bible provides a script from which our stories are told. Our stories are brought into conversation with the stories of the Bible. These stories become ours; we become the characters that are encountered in the Bible—the disciples grabbing for courage in the stormy boat as the waters are calmed by hand of Jesus, the woman at the well who will never again be thirsty, the humble tax collector whose wholeness is encountered in the humility of his prayer.

Can the Bible be trusted? Yes. Attridge continues: "[The Bible] reaches out to the minds and hearts of its readers urging them to participate in life to the fullest. It preaches, exhorts, admonishes... Scripture is a moral guide, not as a compendium of unchanging particular moral judgments, but as the framework provided for a community of moral discourse, a framework that in its stories highlights fundamental values and that in its particular conversations invites its readers into reflective moral action."

These are helpful words, I think for those who struggle with the dated language and assumptions of the bible. It is not a rule book, but a conversation. Not a single book, but a library, filled with the writings of authors who themselves have wrestled with a life of authenticity, faith and wholeness (salvation, after all!) in the shadow of an encountered God. So Elie Wiesel says "Poets exist so that the dead may vote." Or we might say, so that they may add their testimony to our life in God.

But wait there's more, particularly for those who don't read the Bible, whether out of boredom or a concern that you don't know enough to read it well: "In addition to narrating and stimulating dialogue, the Bible also sings a song, engaging not only the mind but also the heart. It appeals not simply, as Aristotle would say, through 'logos' or reason, but also through 'pathos' or emotion, and by the language of poetic imagery."

So maybe it needs to be read with a "choir" not just as a solo! Have you sat in on a few sessions of the Sunday morning Lectio Divina class? If you are one of those who have found private reading rather dry you might find that this gentle process of reading the scripture together and listening for the voice of God together a vehicle for rich blessing, for faith and fullness of life. Give it a try.

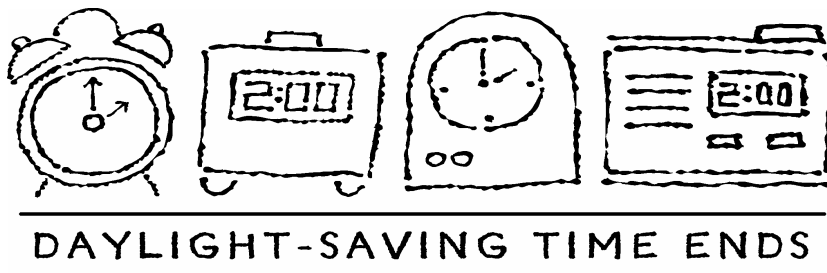
This business of "pathos" is a point where my own story intersects with this story and our (St. Andrew) story. In my own upbringing and in every church I have served I have encountered those who say "Scott, I just couldn't go to church on Sunday. I was so overwhelmed by [this death or distraction or tragedy] that I was afraid I couldn't keep it together." I have known the secrets of others that they cannot tell for fear of being rejected by the community. And this should break our hearts.

As a result, I think we often operate in our local church gatherings with this dangerous myth that our minds are always welcome, but only a limited set of emotions may pass through our sanctuary doors. And so we come wearing lies, hiding parts of ourselves that we fear do not belong with the community of faith to which we belong, forgetting that in Baptism we are claimed fully, our whole selves, warts and all before we could do anything to deserve it. So let's hear Attridge once more:

"Poetry is most obvious in the psalms, the record of Israel at prayer that became the fundamental Christian prayer book... The Bible's poetry invites its readers to join a chorus expressing hopes and fears, from the quiet trust of Psalm 23 to the joyous celebration of the ascent psalms such as Psalm 108. In these and many other texts, the Bible sings and invites its readers to trust by joining in the song, joining a choir that has been singing since a people of God was formed... As a prayer the Bible expresses trust not in itself but in the God who loves, forgives, restores, sustains, and guides. The Bible's poetry invites its readers to participate in such a communal prayer, to focus trust where trust belongs, not in ourselves, not in a book, not in an institution, but alongside our brothers and sisters of faith, in the One who alone is trustworthy. If the Bible is to be trusted, it is above all in this capacity, as the hymnal or prayer book that helps us where we need it most.

"In sum, the Bible may be many things, and as the product of human hearts and minds it has its faults. Can it be trusted? Insofar as it is a story about God envisioned in the psalms and in Romans, insofar as it is a debate about what it means to be related to that God, and insofar as it is a poetic expression of our longing for and confidence in that relationship, it is most surely to be trusted."

Grace and Peace,



St. Andrew Prayers

The Deacons are asking for help in finding someone to continue "St Andrew Prayers", recording prayer concerns of the members and friends of SAPC. Maggie McAdams can no longer continue that responsibility in view of the demands of new responsibilities within the life of the Church. Lord, hear our prayers.

Have Prayer requests? Please fill out a Green Prayer Request form and place it in the offering tray or leave it on your chair following worship. Feel free to call upon your Deacons any time during the day or night.

Joining the Church Triumphant

Frank Ward, brother of Helene Krasko, has been an unexpected death; please pray for Helene and members of her family.

Please Pray for:

Continued prayers for the recovery of Teresa Platin from laprosopic surgery for the removal of a gallbladder. Let there be prayer for the caregivers and family.

Karen Lutz and Friend, Bob Let there be prayers for strength and comfort for Bob recovering from gallbladder surgery.

The swift recovery of Bryan Jeffrey Carter, Jr., oldest grandson of Elder Alma-jean Marion. Bryan sustained two broken bones in his left arm while playing football.

The sick and shut-ins unable to voice their needs, the lonely and frightened, military personnel in Iraq and all over the world and their families, the hungry, homeless, the mentally and physically challenged, and disasters of all dimensions regionally throughout these United States and globally. Let us pray for the thousands of men, women, and youth that God has sent into devastated areas to help those in need. Pray for the agencies and organizations that are trying to make a difference many under limited conditions.

As we enter this Season of Thanksgiving my we give thanks to our God for all of our many blessings. We pray for those who will be traveling to see and to be with family and friends during this Season of Thanksgiving.

We thank you, Dear Lord, for all of the many blessings bestowed upon St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Is Your Light Growing Dim?

Albert Schweitzer, the gifted physician, scientist, musician and missionary, said that at times our own light seems to go out. Sometimes we feel rather dim or washed out. Know the experience?

Schweitzer suggested that our light can be rekindled by another person whose light is still strong and whose presence can increase the power of our own light.

Our light can be increased as we live in relationship with the "light of the world."

In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness" (NRSV). In Jesus' light, we find that the light in our own life is increased.

St. Paul told how Christ's light should affect us: "In the Lord you are light. Live as children of light" (Eph. 5:9, NRSV).

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



"May we enter the Lord's presence with joy and gratitude, for it is God who has made us and will sustain us forever. All praise be yours, O Lord."

November 04	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Christian & Citizen; Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Commitment
November 18	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Care Giver
November 25	Christ the King/Reign of Christ

**NEEDED:**

Voices – Voices – Voices—

Be a choir member – Join the ministry of music!

What We Have

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

HELP NEEDED

Vacant positions at St. Andrew: Music Coordinator, Nursery Attendant, Wednesday Night babysitter, St. Andrew Prayers Coordinator. Please contact the Personnel Committee Co-Chairs, Susie Patteron or Alma-jean Marion if you are interested or know of prospective candidates for these vacancies.

READY, GET SET, SHOP

Circle the date—Saturday, November 17 from 9AM-3 PM—**St. Andy's Gals Bazaar!**

It's a festive event in true St. Andrew tradition. Barbara Glasscock has already completed a handsome cross stitched piece, Joyce Walker a wonderful watercolor and this year Doc Thuline has donated a photograph of Mt. Rainier among others for this year's raffle. Tickets are still \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Crafters are already busy and the gourmet cooks are hard at work preparing the grand array of goodies. We will be supporting the Ten Thousand Villages again the year with their array of hand crafted items. Proceeds will go to support women and youth programs.

Can you smell that luscious chicken soup and yummy hot cinnamon rolls? It will be quite a spread. Questions call Karen Mullen 425 255-2580 or Trulene Glenn 253 735-4735.

Deacon's Corner

The Deacons wholeheartedly support Wednesdays at St. Andrew and cordially invite everyone for fellowship, hospitality and enrichment. It is one night set aside for the St. Andrew family to enjoy one another and to grow closer in Christian fellowship.

Deacons are the communicators that "get the word out" and the organizers who hold "The List" of those who sign up for meals or other tasks. As we all know, the biggest challenge is having a simple meal each week.

If you can participate in any way, big or small, please tell your Deacon. From bringing apples to cleaning up, anything you can do will make this a success. (Food can be brought on Sunday.) Your Deacon will have plenty of suggestions! But best of all, come and be with your St. Andrew family.

Prayer Chain

Prayer is a central activity of the church. Maggie McAdams has faithfully lead St. Andrew’s prayer chain for some time but now she has to step down to focus on her new job as Youth Director. At this time we do not have a replacement. We invite you to consider this ministry. Please pray for discernment and for an answer to this call.

The Deacons continue to pray for those in our congregation who are ill, isolated, bereaved or challenged by difficulties in their life. Your Deacon is always ready to listen and assist if you but call.

St. Andrew Board of Deacons: Polly Niblock, Maggie McAdams, Craig Johnson, Judy Paulsen, Karen Lutz, Mary Jaslowski, Laura Clawson, Pat Sharpe, Diane Schott.



Youth and Family Ministries

Something very special is happening on Wednesday nights, something that is making concrete for me the idea that youth and family ministry takes places in the midst of our community. Something that also helps me understand that as we care for our children we are also, through those children, held and shaped by our gracious and loving God.

So what is this thing that is happening? Well, on Wednesday evenings the St Andrew family come together to do the everyday things a family does. We do homework, have dinner, sing, make music, play, visit, talk over stories from our past, seek each other’s thoughts on what’s going on in the world and in our lives and explore new ideas.

In these very ordinary family activities I have, these past few weeks, seen a group of people modeling baptismal living: encouraging each other to grow in faith and love. This time together has helped me realize that while classes and instruction have their part to play in the nurturing of our faith it is the act of being together, listening and caring for each other that is so important in demonstrating to each other what it means to be part of a family of faith, a community that cares for each other and for the world.

During our time together the kids have witnessed a circle of adults wider than their own family who choose to become invested in them and want to take time to care for them. These are adults who also **struggle** with 8th grade math; who can play and relax; who want to listen to their questions and take them seriously; who also have questions, big and small, over how to live well in the world; who understand that our children are capable of much and call them to their live to their potential.

The adults for their part are supported by other adults who want to walk with them in caring for their children. As adults we are encouraged by our kids to remember how to play, to laugh and to relax; to think carefully about the example we set and the answers we give. We see kids trying new things and are encouraged to do the same (two weeks ago Myra and Molly encouraged each other to try Lasagna for the first time and agreed they liked it!), we hear wisdom coming from the mouths of our kids and are reminded to listen carefully and take them seriously.

In learning together the stories and music of our faith, we are given the chance to appreciate and learn from our common history and to build a common identity. In being together in our questions we are given the chance to work out together how God calls us to be in the world.

In the midst of the very ordinary activities of Wednesday night something very special is happening: we are coming together as a family of faith, to hold each other up when times are rough and to celebrate when time are good and we are trusting that God will help us, through each other, learn how to make our way as people who live well in the world. Who knew all that could happen over homework and some lasagna!!

Maggie MacAdams
Youth Director

Further information about WEDNESDAYS AT ST. ANDREW is available at www.standrewpc.org

BIBLE QUIZ

Do you believe that Christians who have died and inherited eternal life can know what’s happening on Earth? The following text indicates that these saints can indeed observe earthly events and see how we’re living the Christian life.

A New Testament letter contains this passage: “Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (NRSV).

Which letter from the New Testament contains the passage above?

- A. Romans 11:1
- B. Hebrews 12:1
- C. Ephesians 3:1



Answer: See Page 7, Bottom of First Column



Session Highlights October 8, 2007

by Susan Patterson, Clerk Pro-Tem

1. The Deacons continue to seek a volunteer to coordinate and report the weekly Prayers and Concerns.
2. Planning for the Deacons-sponsored Octoberfest on Wednesday, Oct. 31 is continuing.
3. The youth are involved in homework club, chimes, confirmation and choir on Wednesday nights.
4. 5 youth and 6 adults attended the confirmation retreat in Westport, Sept. 21 – 23. The first stage of confirmation, running until the beginning of Advent, involves Lectio Divina and exploration around the third article of the Apostle's creed. A number of different churches will be visited, also. The confirmation meetings are 6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings.
5. Maggie will attend one class this quarter at Seattle U. on Friday mornings, 9:00-12:00.
6. Andy Peck has requested that the elders list the jobs they accomplish in a year's span and email to Andy. He also asks for additions we would include for other elders' jobs. Paul and Andy will compile a list of jobs as they explore possibilities of restructuring the Session.
7. A second elder is needed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The second elder can be a current elder or have previously served.
8. St. Andy's Gals plans to hold a PartyLite Candles fundraiser on Saturday, October 27. The proceeds will be given to Friends of the Orphans.
9. Sheila is considering creating a task force to aid with the Mission Department's work.

10. A new copier has been purchased and is being used. Indru is continues to work on how to return the previous copier and finalize the contract.
11. The Presbytery nominating committee is seeking Elders to serve on Presbytery committees.
12. Upcoming training and speaker opportunities:
 - Oct. 24 (Wednesday) – Tony Compolo, speaking in Seattle, with a free event also offered in conjunction
 - Oct. 28 (Sunday) – Mark Hoglum for Elder/Deacon training: "A Systems Approach to Understanding Congregations"
13. Preliminary Finance Report as of September 31, 2007:

Income:	\$41,420 (89% of the budget)
Expenses:	\$ 41,038 (88% of the budget)
Net Income	\$ 382

Thoughts for Veterans Day

Abraham Lincoln gave his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865, as the Civil War was raging. He said, "Fondly do we hope –ferverently do we pray – that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away."

Lincoln's next paragraph is especially appropriate for Veteran's Day:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the night, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, anf for his widow and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

When President Lincoln finished his classic oration, he reportedly kissed the Bible and left the platform. He was assassinated the next month.

Lesser Known Proverbs

- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I just got lost in thought; it was unfamiliar territory.
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Seattle Art Hunt: Can you come? We're taking our cameras downtown on an Art Hunt. Two teams are planned, and therefore four adults are needed at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 10.

Nov. 17th, 5:30 p.m. – Youth Discussion Group
Nov. 24, 6:15 p.m. – Ice Skating
Needed: Adult companions

Questions: Maggie MacAdams: 425-226-8688.

Birthdays of the Month

- November 02 Suzanne Woodruff
- November 03 Kim Ellenberg
- November 04 Sharon Anderson
- Tony Lopez
- Sue Mitchell
- November 05 Don Patterson
- November 10 Dan Clawson
- November 11 Lori Parise
- November 14 Gretchen Morris
- November 17 Midge Lopez
- November 18 Wendi Lane
- November 19 Leilani Campbell
- November 25 Gary Glasscock
- November 29 Brianna Schott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND WISHING YOU MANY MORE!



- Ernest & Mary Scott November 07
- Norm & Lois Summers November 21

CONGRATULATIONS!

Holiday Candle

On Thanksgiving, we share a special meal with family and friends. Make this holiday candle as a festive centerpiece for your table.

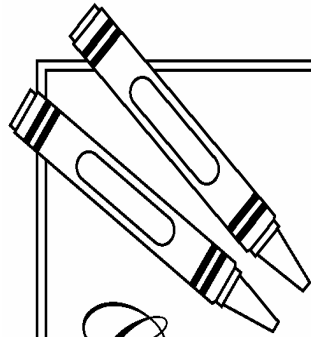
What you need:

- Paper towel
- One 8-oz. clear plastic cup
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
- Paper or plastic disposable bowl
- About 8 oz. of a variety of dried beans, peas, corn, etc.
- Bottle of white glue
- Plastic spoon
- An 8- to 10-inch taper or dinner candle
- Adult to help



What you do:

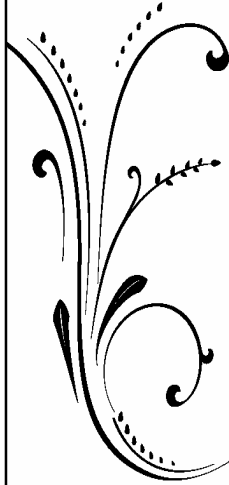
1. Using the paper towel, rub a generous amount of petroleum jelly on the inside of the cup (bottom and sides).
2. In a bowl, pour the dried-bean mixture.
3. Squeeze enough glue into the bean mixture to generously coat it. Stir the mixture with the spoon.
4. Spoon about half of the bean mixture into the greased cup. Then place the candle, with any plastic wrapping removed, into the center of the mixture. Next, fill the cup with the rest of the mixture. Smooth the top to make it flat, making sure the candle stays straight.
5. Squeeze extra glue around the hole made by the candle. Let the bean mixture dry completely, which could take a day or longer.
6. When the bean mixture is dry, gently pull the candle. Both the candle and beans should come out as one. (If they don't, pour more glue and wait another day.)
7. Place your candle on a small plate for a festive Thanksgiving centerpiece.



Just for KIDS

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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| 10 + 5 = ___ blessed | 12 - 6 = ___ and |
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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

HERE I AM, LORD

By Alma-jean Marion

"Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you need me, I will hold Your people in my heart."



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a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
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GREETINGS SISTERS & BROTHERS IN CHRIST!

As we enter into this Season of Thanksgiving, please allow me to join you in giving thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us. Considering all that one hears, reads, witnesses daily, I truly feel like I am "the chosen one". **Why me?** There is so much pain and suffering in the world, yet there are folks like me blessed with so much that is good in this life. It is a blessing to wake in the morning in good health. Over these past six weeks I have struggled with an illness associated with the respiratory ailments (such a variety) of the season. Usually, I get by unaffected. However, that has not been the case this year. **Why me?** There has been so much to get done, commitments to be honored. By the grace of God all of those needs have been met. The world continued while I rested and repaired. Thanks be to God (always in charge).

I do want to say, "thank you" to all of you who called, sent cards, visited me, and encouraged me. There is nothing quite like the love of your Church family. I want to thank you for picking up the pieces that I put down during my illness.

Aside from the needs here at SAPC, I have been deeply moved by some of the challenges right now across the world in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Somalia. Darfar, and those small endangered communities too frail and helpless to seek help. The needs are so deep that I do believe it will take more than our efforts here on earth. I know that we need to continue to do all that we can as we have pledged. Right here at home in our own neighborhoods there are many in need, and during this time of the year those in need are pronounced by the media. I see, however, a movement among our young adults to be out and among those in need actively trying to make a difference.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PCUSA announced opportunities for youth and youth and their fathers to travel to areas like Katrina, etc., providing much needed assistance in rebuilding communities and re-establishing hope among people who have lost their way through natural disaster. As you know our con-tributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) partially funds the needs of PDA. This agency gets out there; if you log onto the PCUSA Website and pull up the page for PDA, there are some informative interviews with pastors of churches that burned down in the California Wild Fires. What struck me most about these leaders is the continued faith and determination to get over all of the devastation sustained. The faith is strong; one knows that God is in charge!

There are former and current disaster areas nationally and internationally that this agency provides assistance. Just about every region has a disaster(s) that needs our help.

At SAPC there are many of you actively involved in OEC, Mental Health issues, Food Banks, Cropwalk, ARISE, Scouts, Environmental issues (Global Warmers) as well as mission opportunities abroad i.e. NPH. May God bless those efforts and provide the vision to do his work effectively.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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November


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**Presbyterian Church
through God's grace
is a loving, accepting
inclusive congregation
serving others
and fostering spiritual
and personal growth
for all ages**

**We rejoice in God's
presence and in the
abundant gifts we are
given. We strive to be
ambitious disciples
of Christ
and to provide
a safe supportive haven
to all.**
