



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR FEBRUARY

Never a Busy Signal!

"He will call on me, and I will answer him."

Psalm 91:15 NIV

To: The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

From: The Rev. John G. Paderson

Subject: Report for December 2015

Date: January 9, 2016

A. Service of the Lord's Day and Occasional Services

- Prepared and led worship all four Sundays in December.
- Prepared and led two worship services on Christmas Eve (7 pm and 11 pm).
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month and at the 11 pm Christmas Eve Service.
- Led a service of ordination and installation for the newly elected officers during the regular Sunday morning worship on December 29th.

B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)

- **Home Visits:** 2
- **Other:** Attended the Italian Buffet on the evening of December 5th and the Cookie Walk on December 11th

C. Administration

- Wrote a message for the January Beacon
- Conducted a New Officer Training Class on Saturday December 12th from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Moderated the December 13th session meeting.

D. Christian Education

- Participated in the Sunday Night program two Sundays in December.

E. Ecumenical Activities

- Hosted a meeting of the Lunch Bunch pastors group at Skipjack's on December 9th.
- Traveled to Baltimore for a Pastors' Support Group meeting on Thursday December 17th.

F. Denominational Activities

- Attended the Presbytery Meeting at Limestone Presbyterian Church on Saturday December 5th. It was a pleasure to be there to see Elder Winnie Wagner installed as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery. She will be a blessing to the presbytery.

G. Things to Think About

Thank You: Kathy and I thank you all for all the concern showed and support given during her hospitalization just before Christmas. It was a stressful time and you all were a blessing to us during that episode.

Presbytery's "5 Minute a Day" Bible Reading Program: I urge all the elders to participate in this program. The Rev. Bruce Gillette, our Presbytery Moderator is to be commended for initiating it. Hearing the Word of God unites Presbyterians and reading it together is an exercise in unity. Please participate and encourage others to participate with you.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John



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February 2016

This year the Lenten season begins on February 10th. That evening we will gather with Kingswood United Methodist Church at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church for an Ash Wednesday service. At the beginning of that service we will hear this invitation:

"Dear People of God: the first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer."

That wonderful invitation tells us background and purpose of the season of Lent. It also issues a call to renew our faith by engaging in a regimen of spiritual practice during this season.

That invitation comes from something called *The Book of Common Prayer*, which is the Episcopalian guidebook to corporate and personal worship. In that book are prayer liturgies for the daily hours of prayer: morning, noon, and night, and just before going to bed, along with liturgies for Sunday worship and worship on other occasions.

I deeply appreciate my Episcopalian brothers' and sisters' devotion to prayer and worship. Each Ash Wednesday reminds me that we in the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are part of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church that comes in many different flavors. It reminds me that there is much that we can learn from how faith is lived in other Christian traditions just as there is much that they can learn from us.

On Sunday evenings, over the past several weeks, we have been studying other Christian traditions using a book entitled *Christianity's Family Tree*. Adam Hamilton, a Methodist Pastor who came to Christ in a Pentecostal church, is the author. In that book he looks at the major branches of the Christian family tree and then tells us what he appreciates most about each one. I like his approach.

While I am very appreciative of our own branch of the family tree, the Reformed/Presbyterian branch, I too appreciate the other branches. I can't say that I always agree with them, but I really do appreciate them and have learned much from them.

The Anglican/Episcopalian branch is no exception. According to Adam Hamilton that branch of the family tree was formed as an effort to find a middle way, a *via media*, between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism and is characterized by a dedication to prayer and worship.

This Lent whether or not you are able to make it to the Joint Ash Wednesday service, let us accept the invitation from our Episcopalian brothers and sisters in Christ to a holy Lent. Let us engage in an intensive exercise of the spiritual disciplines called for in that invitation: self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and the reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Let's do it for God's glory and for the sake of our faith.

Yours at the foot of the Cross,

John

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
December 13, 2015**

Elders present: Flora Atangcho, Mary Anne Colbert, Allen Crowe, Darrell DiStefano, Florence Fonjweng, Chester Pasapane, Brenda Saulsbury, Winnie Wagner, Cliff Wood, Jane Wright.

Elders absent:
Emmanuel Ndifor

Moderator: Rev. John Paderson opened with prayer at 4:36pm. Pastor introduced current Session members to newly elected officers; Elders Cindy Arnold, Darrell DiStefano, Neil Fairchild and Julie Guns, Deacon Linda DiMartine. Short discussion of duties and a welcome offered to new members.

Motions made, seconded and approved to accept:

- Minutes from November 8, 2015 session reviewed and approved pending corrections.
- Minutes from November 29, 2015 Congregational Meeting reviewed and approved pending corrections.
- Pastor's Report pending additions and/or corrections.
- Treasurer's Report pending audit.
- Unanimously, all new officers to Session and Deacons as being duly prepared and ready to serve.
- Setting date of January 24, 2016 for Congregational Meeting.
- Decision to table vote on Per Capita to January 10th, 2016 Session Meeting.
- Moving following to inactive membership status and notifying each member of same.
- Helene Asanga, Habiba Audu, Jeffrey Allen Fisher, Lynda Fisher, Wendy Johnson, Amy Michelle Klair, Joseph Osang, Kelsey Styles, Matthew Styles, Achelle Tenkiang and Armel Tenkiang. Winnie Wagner will revise notification letter.
- Selling of Covenant Fund and reinvesting proceeds in appropriate Fidelity Fund at the discretion of Treasurer and to examine current Fidelity Fund.
- Postponing approval on Challenge Budget until January 10th Session.
- Appointment by e-mail vote by Session of Roger Wagner to Commissioner for December Presbytery meeting replacing Allan Crowe.
- Adjournment of meeting at 6:10 pm. Closed with prayer by Clerk Brenda Saulsbury.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Saulsbury, Clerk of Session.

2016 Session Positions

Clerk of Session

- Buildings & Grounds
- Christian Education
- Fellowship
- Insurance
- Membership
- Missions
- Nominating
- Pastor/Personnel
- Stewardship/Fundraisers
- Treasurer
- Worship

Eileen Hunt

Neil Fairchild
Jane Wright
Brenda Saulsbury
Darrell DiStefano/Jim Sparks
Flora Atangcho
Florence Fonjweng
Emmanuel Ndifor
MaryAnne Colbert
Julie Guns
Darrell DiStefano
MaryAnne Colbert/Julie Guns

From the Deacons for February

Keep Our Pantry Stocked

Please continue to bring in food; calls from people in need come year-round. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods. Thank you for supporting this ongoing ministry.

- Cake mixes
- Cereal
- Fruit (applesauce, etc.)
- Jelly
- Mac and cheese
- Meats (canned tuna, etc.)
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Vegetables (canned)

Next deacons meeting: February 7, 2016 after worship

Wouldn't it be nice if we treated our bibles like we treat our cellphones?



PW NEWS

Please let me (Mary Anne) or Joanne know if you would prefer to have our March meeting on a Saturday and perhaps not in March. This seemed to work well last year.

Please note the Annual PW retreat in Ocean City in April posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. We have scholarship money available. Registration forms are available; please share within your circles. Follow this link for registration form

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXwd2lubmNwfGd4OjFkMDAwMjg0NDVkNmNmNzY>

Follow this link for meals and workshops

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXwd2lubmNwfGd4OjI1MjFmNTIyZDVkMGNIMjQ>

Change is in the wind- be a part of it!

Morning Circle

We had to postpone our Christmas luncheon until late January Betty was busy all last year crocheting lap blankets, foot warmers, baby bonnets and sweaters and more mostly to pass the time. She sold those items for a nominal fee which she generously donated to our account to be used to help others

Fruitcake sales were not what we hoped but if you are lucky you can still get one, or three.

Myrtle was able to join us again after the loss of Dave. We are so glad to have her in our midst. We all love her and continue to pray for her.

Olive has been battling bronchitis but is gradually on the mend.

So while it seems like we're not off to a running start in 2016, I think looking after ourselves and each other counts as God's work. Our next meeting will be Thursday February 4th at 10 AM in the home of Betty Winter.

Peace

Naomi Circle

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 16th at 7 PM in the home of Julia Short.

Ruth Circle

Our next meeting will be on Monday February 15th at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

The 27th Annual Cookie Walk held on December 11, 2015 was a BIG success thanks to everyone who made it happen - soup makers, cookie bakers, lunch preparers/servers, advertisers, helpers of all types, attendees and whomever else helped in any way! THANK YOU!

2015 COOKIE WALK RECAP

SOURCE	SMALL COOKIES	LARGE COOKIES	CHICKEN CORN	VEGETABLE BEEF	LUNCH
PRE-ORDERS	3	18	32	34	0
AT DOOR	44	118	22	40	74
TOTAL	47	134	54	74	74
INCOME					
	NUMBER	PRICE	TOTAL		
SMALL COOKIES	47	\$8.00	\$282.00		
LARGE COOKIES	134	\$12.00	\$1,608.00		
CHICKEN CORN	54	\$8.00	\$432.00		
VEGETABLE BEEF	74	\$8.00	\$592.00		
LUNCH	74	\$10.00	\$740.00		
EXTRA SANDWICH	3	\$5.00	\$15.00		
EXTRA BOWL OF SOUP	1	\$5.00	\$5.00		
LEFT OVER HAM	1	\$5.00	\$5.00		
LEFT OVER TURKEY	1	\$5.00	\$5.00		
LEFT OVER QTS OF SOUP	22	\$8.00	\$176.00		
NOVELTIES	44	\$1.00	\$44.00		
DONATIONS		\$229.00	\$229.00		
TOTAL			\$4,133.00		

DATE	INCOME	EXPENSE	
DONATIONS PRE-12/11/15	\$200.00		
12/11/15	\$4,044.00	COLD CUTS	\$174.05
12/13/15	\$207.00	CHANGE	\$350.00
12/20/15	\$32.00		
TOTAL;	\$4,483.00	TOTAL;	\$524.05
NET INCOME	\$3,958.95		

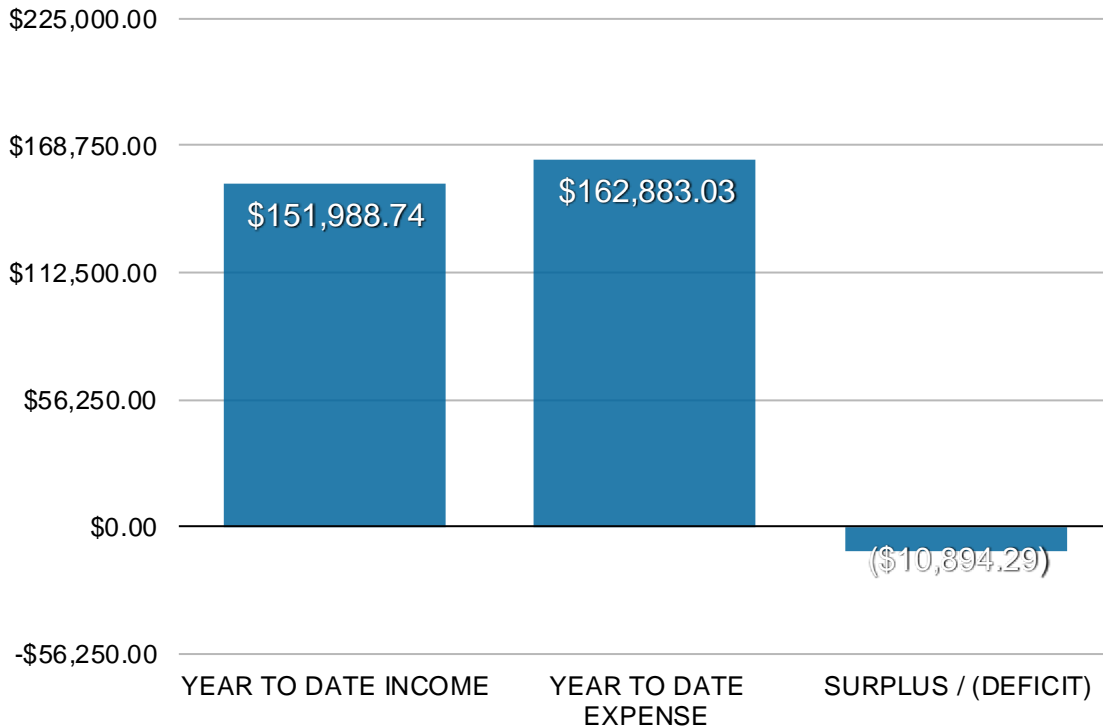
DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In December, St. Andrew's received \$16,830.20. That amount is \$3,480.21 more than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted income for December was \$13,349.99. We spent \$12,870.17 in December, which is \$1,278.70 less than was budgeted for the same period. This has resulted in a surplus for the month of \$3,960.03.

For 2015, St. Andrew's received \$151,988.74 compared to a budgeted income of \$160,200.00. This is a shortfall of \$8,211.26. On the expense side, in 2015, we spent \$162,883.03. Budgeted expenses were \$169,775.00, which means we spent \$6,891.97 less than we thought we might. The bottom line is, in 2015, we spent \$162,883.03 and received \$151,988.74 for a deficit of \$10,894.29.

ST. ANDREW'S NOVEMBER FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
DECEMBER	\$16,830.20	\$13,349.99	\$3,480.21	\$151,988.74	\$160,200.00	-\$8,211.26
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
PASTOR	\$6,962.94	\$7,177.64	-\$214.70	\$86,794.87	\$86,132.00	\$662.87
STAFF	\$3,953.85	\$3,967.10	-\$13.25	\$47,131.87	\$47,603.00	-\$471.13
PROGRAM	\$801.80	\$733.31	\$68.49	\$5,376.72	\$8,800.00	-\$3,423.28
BLDG GRDS	\$1,151.58	\$2,269.98	-\$1,118.40	\$23,579.57	\$27,240.00	-\$3,660.43
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$12,870.17	\$14,148.03	-\$1,277.86	\$162,883.03	\$169,775.00	-\$6,891.97
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$3,960.03	(\$798.04)		(\$10,894.29)	(\$9,575.00)	



****NOTE: The Congregational Meeting has been postponed until February 14, 2016 with a weather contingency date of February 21, 2016.**



Youth News

In the month of December the Youth group did a number of activities. To begin, we had our final 2015 Italian Buffet dinner. Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and support us. Overall, it was an amazing turnout and a great success. After that, the Youth decided to bake cookies to support the St. Andrew's 27th annual Cookie Walk. It was an amazing and fun night and we managed to make tons of cookies and great memories along with the help of the members of the Adult Bible Study. On December 31st, we held our 8th New Year's Eve lock-in party that included watching movies, eating extraordinary food, playing fun games, of and having a great night. We also watched the ball drop in Times Square on the screen in Fellowship Hall along with our sparkling cider toast. On January 3rd, we performed our Christmas Play, "Three Wise Dudes", which was a huge success. Thanks again to Sasha and Keyzia for spending their personal time and energy to come out every Sunday night for a few months to run and manage the play. Along with playing fun games and activities, Mr. Cliff, Mr. Bill, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Jane, all do an amazing job exploring the Bible with us and teaching the way of God. Starting with selling Valentine's treats, the Youth hopes to turn 2016 into an opportunity to not only have fundraisers, but to create another amazing year of memories.



Valentine Treats

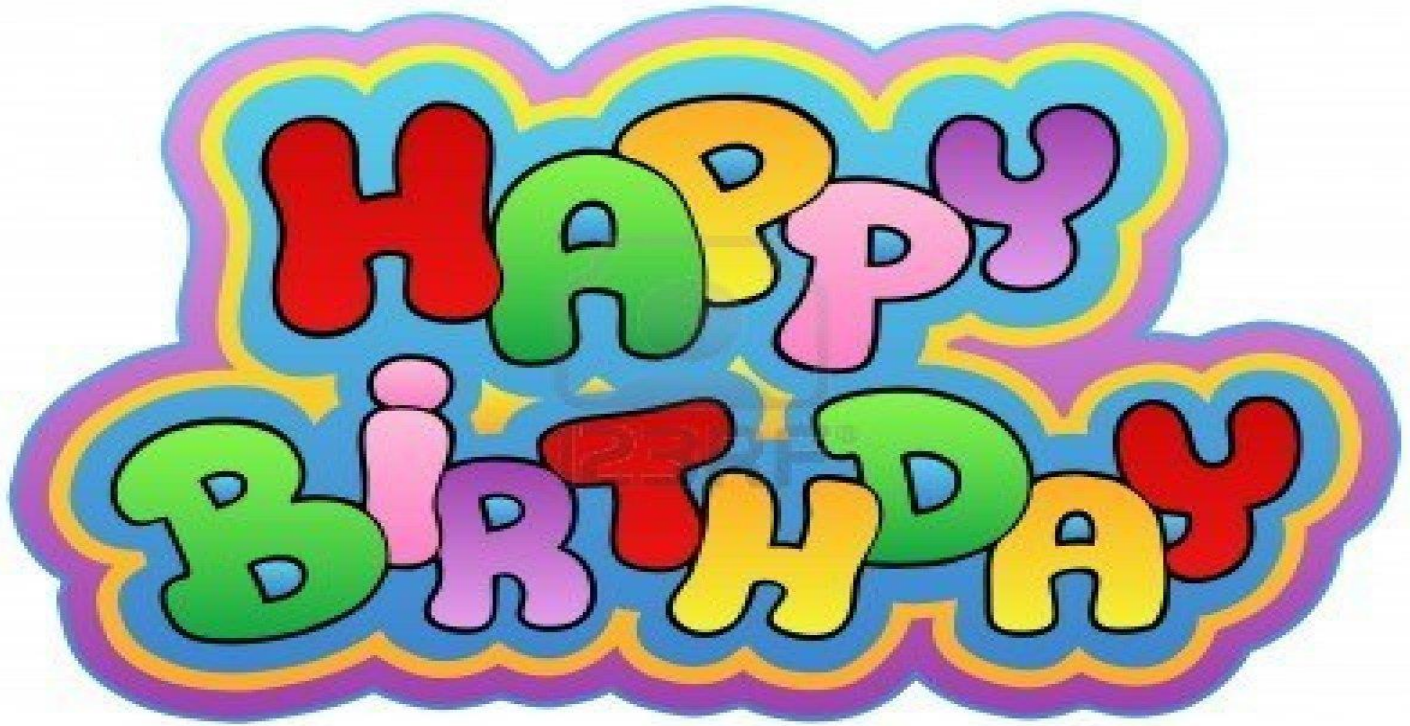
The youth will be pre selling Valentine's Treats in Fellowship Hall on January 31 and Feb 7 for pick up on February 14th. We will be making chocolate covered goodies in three different arrangements. Please see one of the youth during coffee hour the next three weeks to place your order.

Fruit Treats - Chocolate covered strawberries, bananas, and apples.	4 each	\$20.00
	2 each	\$10.00
Sweet Treats - Chocolate covered marshmallows, pretzels and Oreos.	4 each	\$20.00
	2 each	\$10.00
Assorted Treats - Chocolate covered strawberries, bananas, apples, marshmallows, pretzels, and Oreos.	2 each	\$20.00
	1 each	\$10.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

3	Wednesday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
4	Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
7	Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
		Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
		Coffee/juice hour	
		Deacon's Meeting	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
10	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Service at St. Nicholas	7:00 p.m.
		Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
11	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
12	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
13	Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
14	Sunday	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	
		Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
		Congregational Meeting/BBQ Lunch	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
		And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
15	Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
		Ruth Circle	7:00 p.m.
16	Tuesday	Naomi Circle	7:00 p.m.
17	Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
18	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
19	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
21	Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
		Coffee/juice hour	
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
		And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
24	Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
25	Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
26	Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
28	Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
		Congregational Meeting/ BBQ Lunch	11:00 a.m.
		Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
		Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group	
		And Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
29	Monday	Hope Dining Room	11:00 a.m.

****Remember this is a leap year. February has five Mondays which means we are responsible for Hope Dining Room on February 29th at 11:00 AM. See Eileen Hunt for details.**



2 - Debbie Stowell

4 - Michelle Lombardi

6 - Jane Wright

9 - Norman Jackson

16 - Scott Hunt

17 - Leah Kuykendall

18 - David T. Arnold

18 - Emmanuel Ndifor

18 - Willem Avenarius

27 - Charlotte Walker

28 - Matt Kupelian

28 - Celestine Atangcho

2 - Herb & Alice Hoeflinger

15 - David & Amy Klair

25 - Rob & Karen Johnson



1 Corinthians 13(NRSV)

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

