



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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PREACHER'S NOTE

30 APRIL 2023

Listen to His Voice



I love game reserve holidays. There is an awe in quietly observing nature untamed by man's construction or eco-

nomics - a raw wildness, to be treated with a healthy respect. One feels quite safe in the confines of the car or the fenced camp, but out in the reserve all bets are off. If you've ever witnessed the penetrating stare of a huge lion wondering what you taste like, you'll know what I mean - the car door suddenly feels rather flimsy. Game walks are wonderful, but increase the level of that feeling. I remember, on a youth leadership camp, sitting on the ground in the dark, a fair distance from any civilization, listening to the night sounds around us. A lion's roar is quite a spine-chilling experience when you're there! You're suddenly quite glad for the ranger's large rifle, and become especially attentive to what he says.

Our reading from John's gospel for this week has Jesus describing sheep, gathered together at night in the safety of the pen, with a shepherd keeping watch. The sheep listen attentively to his voice, following him where he leads. They've learnt to trust him, listen to him, and that attentiveness is the difference between life and death. It is a dangerous world, Jesus warns - you need to keep close to me, listen to my voice, to keep safe, to live life in all the fullness designed by a good Father. Jesus is especially warning about those who climb into the pen, and want to lure us out into danger with promises and ideas that do not come from Him. How will we know? Listen to that little voice inside that says "That doesn't sound right" - that's the Holy Spirit whispering guidance quietly into your soul. What a caring, aware, protecting, amazing God we serve! Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

The Sunday School is urgently in need of a female teacher to help the team which will be running an extra primary school class. If you feel God is tugging at you to respond to this need, please contact the office or Morag Venter directly on 071 485 6699 for further details.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Madeline Adams and family as they mourn the passing of her husband Daniel.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Erin Chothia-Lakay and Fabian Lakay. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well" Ps. 139: 13-14 (NIV), and from the funeral of Daniel Adams.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Dylan Kleu	30 April
Anne-Marie Houston	30 April
Thereasa Schoeman	30 April
Patricia Groenewald	1 May
Willem Henning	1 May
Aretha Daniels	2 May
Kayla Janse Van Rensburg	2 May
Irene Chitter	3 May
Roeanne Fryer	3 May
Hilary Maxwell	3 May
Wessel Oosthuizen	4 May
Shelagh Johnston	4 May
Karen Swart	5 May
Quintin Jewell	6 May
Susan Hart	6 May

SUNDAY SERVICE 30 APRIL 2023

PREACHER TANIA PIETERSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIA (FAITH in ACTION) - Will be held at the church in the Community Lounge on Wednesday 10 May at 09h30. Speaker: Gustav Krös from INcontext International. Please remember your food items.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

TOILETRY BAGS and KNEE BLANKETS

We are in need of volunteers to sew toiletry bags and knit squares for knee blankets. Patterns will be provided for the toiletry bags, possibly fabric too. For the knee blankets we need double knitting wool.

WINTER ESSENTIALS

We need knitted gloves, bed socks and warm clothing and track suits for men.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society, Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410, Account Number: 275125750.

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