

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday  
December 14th, 2014  
Advent III

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Our worship of God is enriched by your presence, and we pray that your joy will be strengthened by this time of praise and prayer.

Please join us for refreshments including (Fair Trade Coffee) and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service and consider signing our visitors' pew cards or guest book by the Princess Street doors. Peggy Sue Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher. Children are invited to join in either group or worship as they feel comfortable.

Please ask an usher if you have any questions or require assistance, and feel free to remain seated during any portion of the worship service.

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude,  
please do so quietly*

**Prelude** Noël *A minuit fut fait un Reveil* J.-F. Dandrieu  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God J.G. Walther

**Entry of Holy Scriptures and Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)

**Lighting the Advent Candle** (inside)

**Introit** Matin Responsory Palestrina

**Readings and Carols for Advent**

*The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*

Isaiah 43:16, 18-21

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth M. Praetorius

Up! Good Christen Folk G.R. Woodward

*The Lord promises to send the world a righteous King*

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

**Hymn** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #110

*The Lord promises that the King will come in peace*

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish Carol

**Hymn** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime #144

*The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of nations*

Haggai 2: 6-9

Unto us is born a Son Piae Cantiones, 1582

*The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God*

Isaiah 35: 1-6

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming M. Praetorius

*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary*

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Gabriel's Message Basque trad. Melody

**Hymn** Once in Royal David's City #166

*Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God*

Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15

On this day, Earth shall ring H.C. Stewart

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** Rocking Czech carol

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn** Lo! Christ comes #120

**Benediction & Congregational Amen**

**Postlude** Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God J.S. Bach

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

## **Advent III: The Candle of Joy**

L: Joy is the celebration  
given by God through the light of the world.

**P: Joy is the celebration  
given by God at the birth of the Christ Child.**

L: Joy is the celebration  
when the angels sang  
"Glory to God in the highest."

**P: Let us dance and sing and shout for joy.  
Christ is coming again.**

(The candle is lit.)

L: Let us pray:

**P: Source of light,  
shine in our lives  
and in your world  
with your life-giving joy.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Written by The Rev. Mary Whitson Produced by P.W.S.D.

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Isaiah 43:16, 18-21**

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### **Jeremiah 23: 5-6**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I  
will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he  
shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the land. In his days  
Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And  
this is the name by which he will be called:  
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Zechariah 9: 9-10**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

### **Haggai 2: 6-9**

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a  
little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the  
nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall  
come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says  
the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is  
mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour  
of this house shall be greater than the former, says  
the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give  
prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

### **Isaiah 35: 1-6**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

### **Luke 1: 26-35, 38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

### **Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Prelude**

*The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears. No  
sphere his light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As he, our Morning Star.*

### **Introit**

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God  
coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye  
out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that  
should come to reign over thy people Israel?...Stir up  
thy strength O Lord and come -*

### **Anthem**

*On this day, earth shall ring With the song children  
sing To the Son, Christ the King. Born on earth to save  
us, Him the Father gave us. Ideo, Gloria in excelsis  
Deo.*

### **Notes from the Director of Music**

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Bishop of Truro in England. In 1918, King's College Cambridge modified it and performed the first Nine Lesson and Carol service which later became a traditional radio broadcast, continuing to this day. Another set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. Between the readings is a collection of hymns and carols from various sources and countries from early Christian times up until modern times.

The **Introit** has been adapted from an early medieval Roman rite by Palestrina (1525-1594) and then further adapted for use by King's College. The first hymn, sung by the choir, uses a text translated from the original Latin text of St. Ambrose (340-397) and uses a melody adapted by M. Praetorius (1571-1621) who also wrote "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming". The first carol, "Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen" is from the *Piae Cantiones* of 1582. Another carol sung later is "Unto us is born a Son" which is from the same source.

One of the few carols that we like to claim as one of Canada's own actually uses a tune from an old French Carol, *Une Jeune Pucelle*. The words were written by Jesuit missionary St. Jean de Brébeuf (c. 1643) in the Huron language and a rather free translation which has little resemblance to the

original text, was written in 1926 by Canadian poet J. Edgar Middleton.

The text for the **Anthem** goes back to an old Swedish carol arranged by English composer and organist Haldane Campbell Stewart in 1934. Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738), who composed the first **Prelude** was organist of the Chapelle Royale and gave his first recital in front of the King at age 5. The second **Prelude** is based on the Advent chorale "Herr Christ, der einig' Gott's Sohn" and was composed by Johann Gottfried Walther who lived at the same time as J.S. Bach and was in fact his cousin. It is interesting to compare Walther's composition to the **Postlude** written by his cousin. They are a similar style and concept, but somehow, Bach's music always has more depth.

### **Ushers Schedule**

**Today** – Ada M, Helen M, Andy & Alec M  
Dec 21 – James & Sandra M, Edna B, Marie W

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The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert William Clark who served in the 146 battalion during the Great War. The Colours of the 146th are displayed in our Sanctuary. Given by his sons Robert, Dennis and Peter.

### **This Morning...**

The candles of our Advent wreath this year are hand-rolled beeswax candles made by women who find a safe place with Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto, which we support through Presbyterians Sharing. These candles offer an opportunity not only of some income in addition to the minimum levels of social assistance, but also of personal growth and community.

If you have not yet had your photo taken for our evolving photo directory, be sure to stop by the Polson Davies Room after the service, where Joan will be waiting. Last opportunity before new pages are formatted for the new year!

### **This Week...**

#### **Women's Missionary Society**

The WMS will meet tomorrow in St. Andrew's Hall

at 1:30 pm. Please bring the latest issue of Glad Tidings, and a dozen cookies to share with a women's shelter.

### **Next Sunday...**

#### **Congregational Potluck Luncheon**

Next Sunday, join us for a congregational luncheon after the service. All are invited!!

#### **White Gift**

On Sunday, December 21, you are invited to come with a children's book, wrapped in white that can be donated to Central Elementary School. This is a great way to reach out with some of the joy of Christmas, and with support for both our community's children and their teachers. (Please include a gift receipt, so any duplicates could be exchanged by the school librarian.)

### **Also...**

#### **2015 Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2015 are now available in St. Andrew's Hall. If you do not currently have numbered envelopes and would like to have them or contribute through Pre-Authorized Remittances for next year, please contact Ann at [ann@standrewskingston.org](mailto:ann@standrewskingston.org) or telephone the office (613 546-6316) and leave a message.

One additional ' offering counter' needed to complete a team that will meet one Monday monthly, 1 p.m. If you might be able to consider this, please speak to Donna.

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