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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
July 12, 2015



*The Feast of Esther, painted by Lievens c. 1625
(North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh)*

We welcome
The Rev. Dr. Ralph Kendall to the pulpit.

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. 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. Our Church School resumes in September, but younger children may remain with Peggy Sue Reynolds our certified caregiver in the nursery held just off St Andrew's Hall (Polson Davis Room).

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

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

Responsive Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**
I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
**The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**
Your decrees are my heritage for ever;
they are the joy of my heart.
**I incline my heart to perform your statutes
for ever, to the end.**

Scripture Readings

Esther 1:1-22

This happened in the days of Ahasuerus, the same Ahasuerus who ruled over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia. In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his officials and ministers. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were present, while he displayed the great wealth of his kingdom and the splendour and pomp of his majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days in all. When these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in the citadel of Susa, both great and small, a banquet lasting for seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. There were white cotton curtains and blue hangings tied with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and

marble pillars. There were couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and coloured stones. Drinks were served in golden goblets, goblets of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished in accordance with the bounty of the king. Drinking was by flagons, without restraint; for the king had given orders to all the officials of his palace to do as each one desired. Furthermore, Queen Vashti gave a banquet for the women in the palace of King Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who attended him, to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing the royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the officials her beauty; for she was fair to behold. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him. Then the king consulted the sages who knew the laws (for this was the king's procedure towards all who were versed in law and custom, and those next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven officials of Persia and Media, who had access to the king, and sat first in the kingdom): 'According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?' Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, 'Not only has Queen Vashti done wrong to the king, but also to all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen will be made known to all women, causing them to look with contempt on their husbands, since they will say, "King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come." This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behaviour will rebel against the king's officials, and there will be no end of contempt and wrath! If it pleases the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be altered, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, vast as it is, all women will give

honour to their husbands, high and low alike.’ This advice pleased the king and the officials, and the king did as Memucan proposed; he sent letters to all the royal provinces, to every province in its own script and to every people in its own language, declaring that every man should be master in his own house.

Matthew 5:38-48

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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.

Music Notes

Hubert Parry's *Tranquilly* was originally written for his 'Little Organ Book,' which was never completed. After his death in 1918, his friends (including Thalben-Ball, Stanford, Wood, Darke, and others) assembled a book of organ pieces as a memorial. Parry's composition was placed at the beginning of the collection. *Vesper Voluntary No. 3* comes from a collection of eleven short voluntaries, likely sketched while Elgar was organist at St. George's Catholic Church, Worcester. The collection was designed for a two-manual instrument without pedals (with pedal indications, if available) and features his quasi-orchestral style that would be prominent in his *Organ Sonata in G Major*. Craig Sellar Lang, born in New Zealand, was an organist and teacher in England. **The postlude** is a short hymn-tune prelude by 'the Dean of Canadian composers,' Healey Willan, who was for many years the organist of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Toronto. Like Lang, Willan wrote many preludes based on familiar hymn-tunes, as well as major choral and instrumental works.

Prayers

I Have Only Today

My life is an instant,
An hour which passes by;
My life is a moment
Which I have no power to stay.
You know, O my God,
That to love you here on earth -
I have only today.

Thérèse of Lisieux

Ushers

Today: Paul Payne, Doug & Kathleen Jones

Next week: Bob Hessel, Alberta Saunders, Sandra & James Muth

This Morning...

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Helene & Michael Pizzutto in gratitude of summer.

Thank you to all who have brought flowers for the Sunday service from January to June of this year. Following the service the flowers are usually distributed to people who are unable to attend church. Flowers are still needed for some Sundays during the next six months. If you would like to assist

in this way please sign the chart on the bulletin board or speak to Wendy Worling. Thank you

We thank Andrew Fraser for blessing us this morning on the organ with his musical tributes.

Also...

Vacation

A schedule of staff summer vacation times is posted in the photocopy room. During our minister's vacation June 29, please contact our Clerk of Session for matters of pastoral care - 613-536-1626.

Wireless Access

Thanks to work by Changuk, the open wireless access offered by St. Andrew's has been extended - open SAPK Guest, and type in \$tandrews\$X

Presbytery Treasurer Needed

Mike Mundell will be retiring as presbytery treasurer in December, and we are looking for another individual to offer this service. It is not a demanding responsibility, and you get to attend four presbytery meetings a year (usually the third Tuesday morning of February, June, September and November)!

Second Quarter Mission Report

| Missions | Goals 2015 | Amount Paid as of June 30, 2015 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Home Base Housing | \$ 800 | \$ 604.50 |
| Camp lawah | 600 | 566.50 |
| Mustard Seed | 550 | 529.50 |
| Presbyterians Sharing | 3000 | 2473.00 |
| P.W.S.D. | 3000 | 4858.00 |
| Geneva House-Queen's | 4000 | 2000.00 |
| Sat 7 Canada | 500 | 452.50 |
| Special Meals | 750 | 581.50 |
| W.M.S. Aboriginals-Canada | 500 | 514.50 |
| St Andrew's Campus Fund | 1500 | 48.61 |
| TOTALS | \$15,200 | \$12,628.61 |

Please ponder these figures carefully and prayerfully give thanks for the wonderful generosity of this congregation. During the first six months of this year \$340 was donated to P.W.S.D. for Vanuatu aid, \$670 for Nepal Relief and \$1855 for Syrian Relief. As well \$105 was given to Christian Blind Mission, \$356 was donated to the Leprosy Mission and \$200 was given to SAT 7 International. This is very impressive and we want to thank each one of you.

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