

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving  
Sunday

October 11, 2015



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. Peggy Sue Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher.

**Prelude** Nun danket alle Gott G. F. Kaufmann

**Entry of Holy Scriptures**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** Come ye thankful people come #803

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

**Introit** Thou Visitest the earth Maurice Greene

*Thou visitest the earth and blessest it:  
and crownest the year with Thy goodness.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Responsive Psalm 65:1, 9-13** (inside)

**Hymn** For the beauty of the earth #434

**Time with Children**

**Scripture Readings** (inside)

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

I Thessalonians 5:14-18

**Anthem** Let us with a gladsome mind Eric Thiman

*Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for He is kind,  
For His mercies aye endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Hymn** We plough the fields #807

**Sermon** Ten Words of God and Good (5):  
*'You shall not covet'*

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** Come, ye thankful people, come Hugo Gehrke

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

**Hymn** We praise you, O God #425

**Benediction & Congregational Amen**

**Postlude** Nun danket alle Gott J. S. Bach

*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 65:1, 9-13**

Praise is due to you,  
**O God, in Zion;**  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
You visit the earth and water it,  
**you greatly enrich it;**  
the river of God is full of water;  
**you provide their grain,**  
**for thus you have prepared the earth.**  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
**settling its ridges,**  
softening it with showers,  
**and blessing its growth.**  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
**the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.**  
The pastures of the wilderness drip,  
**the hills gird themselves with joy,**  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
**they shout and sing together for joy.**

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before

the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### **I Thessalonians 5:14-18**

And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## **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.

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

My prayers all tend to be very short, and my favourite prayer is simply "Thanks God". I say it for many different things, but I admit, I don't say it enough for the food I eat. How fortunate we are in this country that we don't have to worry about starving but unfortunately I and so many others tend to take for granted what God has provided. I also thank God for the outdoor beauty at this time of year and we all give thanks to those who decorate the churches so that we can be reminded of these things. One of the best ways to give thanks is through music and we have lots of good music today to express our thanks.

So how exactly can we express our thanks

musically? Last year I played a postlude by Sigfrid Karg-Elert that was big and bold and expressed a loud “Thanks God!” But we could on the other hand, simply express the emotion of being happy - and we have that in all of today’s music. The **Introit** is an early anthem by Maurice Greene (1696-1755) with words from Psalm 65 in a happy dance-like style. The **Postlude** is based on that great tune by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) and Bach arranges this in another happy dance-like style. This piece is an arrangement from his Cantata no. 79. The same tune by Crüger is the basis for the **Prelude** by German composer Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735) who uses lots of extra notes that flow merrily along to augment the melody line. Another great Thanksgiving hymn is the basis for the **Offertory** which was written by the American Lutheran organist and teacher Hugo Gehrke (1912-1991).

The text is so important in these expressions of thanks. John Milton (1608-1674) wrote a paraphrase of Psalm 136 at the age of 15. It originally had 24 stanzas but has been trimmed down by various hymn writers and appears in over 80 different hymnals with various tunes (see #96 in our Book of Praise for something close to Milton’s original text). British composer Eric Thiman (1900-1975), who has had over 1,300 compositions published, wrote a joyful setting for these words which is our **Anthem** today. Thiman chose to include a verse which for obvious reasons is seldom used: “Let us therefore warble forth His high majesty and worth, For His mercies aye endure...” Some choirs have chosen not to “warble” and have changed the word to something else but since it is a text by that great poet of *Paradise Lost* fame, I have chosen to leave it as is.

So whether we say a short prayer or a long one, or play a happy piece or a grand one or sing joyfully or simply warble, let us all give thanks for our many blessings.

## **Ushers**

**Today:** Marilyn Trudeau, Doreen Henshaw,  
Ralph Kendall & Wendy Worling

**Next Week:** Bob Hessel, Holly Turnbull,  
Kathleen & Doug Jones

## **Today...**

### **Mission Partners Update**

No more waiting to hear the results! The Mission

Committee has tabulated the results of the additional mission project survey. The offerings received between now and the end of the year, designated 'mission', will be divided equally between Kenora Fellowship Centre, Syrian Refugee camps, St. Andrew's Outreach. Thank you for participating in the questionnaire and for supporting all our mission goals this year. Louise Axford

## **Elders' Visits**

The elders of St. Andrew's would like to visit members and adherents of the congregation over the coming months. No issue or 'ask', just a gesture of pastoral care in Christian fellowship. When an elder calls to set up a visit, either at home or a coffee shop, we hope you can welcome us! Donna Delacretaz, Clerk of Session

## **This Week...**

### **Morning Bible Study**

Thursday October 15, 10-11:30 a.m.

A new opportunity to grow in faith. This is an informal look at Paul’s great letter of joy and thanksgiving – we will meet in St. Andrew’s Hall with the minister, and look at Philippians 1:12-18.

No previous experience or knowledge needed.

### **A Prayer for Action on Climate Change**

Saturday - October 17, 4 p.m. at the steps of City Hall. Join a variety of Kingston faith groups and gather for a time of prayer together. Organised by Action Partnership: Many Faiths One Creation. See poster in St. Andrew's Hall.

## **Advance Notice ...**

### **Congregational Potluck**

Next Sunday you are invited to linger for a pot-luck lunch. St. Andrew's Hall is usually filled with good food and company!

## **Community Feast**

The Katarokwi Grandmothers’ Council and KAIROS are together hosting a Community Feast on Wednesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. at Crossroads United Church, 690 Sir John A. Macdonald. This will be an opportunity for church circles to gather with First Nations neighbours for a traditional meal of corn soup, bannock, wild rice and stew, and take up the journey of Healing and Reconciliation. See the

poster in St. Andrew's Hall. RSVP to Andrew at [kingstonfeast@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonfeast@gmail.com). And if you would be willing to help out on the evening, by setting up, greeting folks or serving, please mention that also!

### **The Reformation @ 500**

Presbyterian College Montreal and the PCC Committee on History are offering live attendance via the internet of a two day seminar Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) on Friday, October 30 and Saturday October 31. See details [www.presbyteriancollege.ca](http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca)

### **Reception of New Members**

If you feel that this congregation might be a people with whom you can grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service, you would be welcome! Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. For further information, speak to the Minister or Donna Delacretaz, Clerk of Session.

### **Glad Tidings**

Do you want to hear stories of our Presbyterian mission staff and Presbyterians across Canada and around the world? Glad Tidings, the magazine of the Women's Missionary Society contains articles and reports that inform the entire denomination about mission. Consider a subscription, \$16.95 (tax included) for 6 issues in 2016. Available in regular and large print and on CD. Contact Helen Ledford.

### **Also...**

#### **Questions for Candidates in the Federal Election.**

Two resources are available that might assist Christians in discerning their participation in this autumn's election. Both packets are available online, and sample paper copies can be found in St. Andrew's Hall. One is provided by the Canadian Council of Churches, sharing questions posed by various Canadian Christian coalitions:

[https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CCC\\_FederalElectionResource\\_FINAL\\_WEB\\_REV.pdf](https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CCC_FederalElectionResource_FINAL_WEB_REV.pdf)

Another is provided by Citizens for Public Justice, a non-denominational Christian social justice research and advocacy organization based in Ottawa:

<http://www.cpj.ca/sites/default/files/docs/files/2015ElectionBulletin.pdf>

### **Opportunities to Serve...**

#### **The Way Ahead**

This is the name of the seniors' computer centre here at St. Andrew's. The present co-ordinator, Peter Skelton, will be 'retiring' in November, and if this great community service is to continue, a new co-ordinator is needed. The co-ordinator does not need to be involved in the computer tutoring, but rather an ability to ensure publicity of the service and scheduling of tutors. If you have any interest personally, please speak to Andrew.

#### **The Pastoral Care Committee**

Is looking for help with visiting homebound members of the congregation on a regular basis. If this a ministry that interests you, contact Elaine Coderre for more information at 613-389-4813 or [elainecoderre@hotmail.ca](mailto:elainecoderre@hotmail.ca)

#### **Kingston Street Mission**

We need additional dedicated, reliable and compassionate volunteers to be part of our outreach team. The mission is open from October 24th, 2015 through the end of April 2016. Hours are 7 nights a week from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. We are presently looking for volunteers for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights to help ... provide a temporary warm and safe haven to escape the harsh winter weather – help to locate a warm place to stay at one of the local shelters, supply/serve hot drinks, soup, crackers, cookies and other special treats - provide warm supplies to help shelter those sleeping outside - offer friendly conversation with an ear to really hear what they say - offer caring and compassion with no judgement. Please have a look at the poster in St. Andrew's Hall and contact me ... Marilyn McLean  
Chair: Kingston Street Mission  
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