

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

**WELCOME TO**

## **ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 31, 2016



*El Greco - The Baptism of Christ (1603-1628)*

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

**Preludes** Thanksgiving Scherzino Beethoven

**Entry of Holy Scriptures  
Call to Worship**

**Hymn** God of mercy, God of grace #39

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

**Introit** Let Thy Merciful Ears Thomas Mudd  
*Let Thy merciful ears O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants. And that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Responsive Reading** Baptism - Living Faith 7.6 page 20 (inside)

**Hymn** A holy baby is born #345

**Time with Children**

**Scripture Readings** (inside)

Isaiah 42:1-4

Matthew 3:13-17

**Anthem** O Come, ye servants of the Lord Christopher Tye  
*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name; From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known; Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Hymn** Come down, O love divine #386

**Sermon** 'The Assurance and Calling of Baptism'

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** Arise and Shine in Splendour Brahms

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

**Hymn** Christ, when for us you were baptized #183

**Benediction & Congregational Amen**

**Postlude** Prelude in G Major 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 Reading**

### **Baptism - Living Faith 7.6 page 20**

Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ  
and with his church.  
Through it we share in the death and resurrection of  
Christ and are commissioned to his service.

**In Baptism, water is administered  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
The water signifies the washing away of sin,  
the start of new life in Christ,  
and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
God acts through Baptism.  
It is the sacrament not of what we do  
but of what God has done for us in Christ.  
God's grace and our response to it  
are not tied to the moment of Baptism,  
but continue and deepen throughout life.  
It is a sacrament meant  
for those who profess their faith  
and for their children.  
Together we are the family of God.

**Baptism is also an act of discipleship  
that requires commitment  
and looks towards growth in Christ.  
Those baptized in infancy  
are called in later years  
to make personal profession of Christ.  
What is born may die.  
What is grafted may wither.  
Congregations and those baptized  
must strive to nurture life in Christ.**

Baptism assures us that we belong to God.

In life and in death  
Our greatest comfort is that we belong  
To our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Isaiah 42:1-4**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,  
to be baptized by him. John would have prevented  
him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do  
you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be  
so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all  
righteousness.' Then he consented.  
And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came  
up from the water, suddenly the heavens were  
opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a  
voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the  
Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## **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**

I got some new organ shoes for Christmas.  
For the past forty years I have been wearing the  
same special undersize shoes every Sunday when  
playing the organ. My new shoes are a bit different  
and have taken some getting used to, but I think I'm  
ready to use them for the fancy footwork in today's  
**Postlude** by Johann Sebastian Bach. I'm repeating  
the pattern from last week by playing pieces by the  
other big B's as well. The **Preludes** by Beethoven

were originally piano pieces, the Scherzino coming from the middle movement of the famous *Moonlight Sonata*. These pieces were arranged in 1940 by William Felton “for the standard and modern electric organ, with special registration for the Hammond organ”. By 1940, instruments such as the “Orgatron” were replacing the pump organ and pianos in small churches. The Hammond organ had become very popular and it was in 1940 that my home church replaced its “seraphim” pump organ with a brand new Hammond organ. It was this organ that I played my first services on in the 1960’s. I recall playing for a wedding at Princess St. United Church about twenty years ago on an old Hammond organ. Very few can be found in churches today, most being replaced by instruments with a more modern technology. The organ at Princess St. United today is mainly electronic with a few pipes. Many people are astonished to learn that a few of the stops on our big pipe organ at St. Andrew’s are actually electronic in origin. Electronic sounds have come a long way since the sounds of the 1930’s when the Hammond and Orgatron were invented.

The **Offertory** music by Brahms is another choral prelude and is based on the tune *O Welt, ich muss dich Lassen*. This popular tune by Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517) has been used for different kinds of hymns and in this case it is an Epiphany hymn. Brahms’s choral prelude makes use of quick shifting between the three keyboards of the organ.

The **Introit** and **Anthem** are by early English composers. Christopher Tye (c.1500-1572) has been called the “father of the anthem” because of his influence on later composers including the little-known Thomas Mudd (c.1619-1667).

### **Prayers**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
God of the universe,

I praise your name and adore you for the opportunity granted me to call on you and worship you this morning.

Lord, I thank you for your protection and care for my parents, my family, my friends, and all who care for me.

Lord, I am before your mercy seat asking for mercy for all the sins I have committed against you and against my neighbours.

Forgive me, Lord, and let my cry come unto you.

I am at the beginning of another day asking for your

protection, guidance, mercy, health and good relationship with my neighbours:

For peace in all homes, work places, schools, colleges, towns, cities, and the world at large.

Lord, look to lands, which are full of wars and and disunity, misunderstanding and oppression, poverty homelessness, orphans and refugees, widows and widowers, and the aged.

My God, counsel and teach these people to be like your Son, Jesus Christ,

In word and deed; comfort them and grant them eternal peace.

My God, be our guide in the days to come and help us to know your ways so that in the end we shall enjoy a world of peace, comfort and grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*A prayer from Ghana by Mabel Mornay*

Before thee, Father,

In righteousness and humility,

With thee, Brother,

In faith and courage,

In thee, Spirit,

In stillness.

Thine – for thy will is my destiny,

Dedicated – for my destiny is to be used and used up according to thy will.

For thy holy life is our way, and your adorable patience the road by which we must approach thee.

*Dag Hammarskjöld*

### **Ushers**

**Today:** Joan Barr-Knox, Helen Ledford, Shirley Aitken and Rhonda Aitken.

**Next Week:** Elders

### **Today...**

#### **College and Careers Dinner**

Join at the minister’s home for a home-cooked meal and reflection with which to begin the week. This evening 6 p.m. Contact Andrew for directions to the house (five minutes’ walk from the church).

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#### **Flowers**

Each Sunday we strive to have fresh flowers in the sanctuary. They add to the beauty of the hour, and are distributed throughout the city afterwards.

If you would be able to assist by bringing flowers one Sunday this year, please sign your name beside

the date of your choice on the board in St. Andrew's Hall.

For further assistance, please speak to Wendy Worling.

### **Advance Notice...**

#### **The Days of February**

Our congregational newsletter will be distributed next Sunday. Please have announcements sent to the Minister by Tuesday morning - a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

#### **Shared Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday February 10, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (263 Victoria Street, corner of Earl). Our minister is working with other downtown clergy to offer a reflective hour with which to begin the season of Lent. You are invited to join with other Christians as we walk towards Easter together.

#### **Presbytery Visitation**

Every three years, the Presbytery visits its congregations to receive an update on the worship and witness of each community of faith. The visit to St. Andrew's Kingston will be held on Sunday February 21. The Service of Worship will be led by the Rev. Marian Raynard of Sand Hill/Middle Road Presbyterian Churches, and immediately after there will be a brief opportunity for members of the congregation to speak to the current life and challenges of the congregation. The monthly pot-luck will follow. Separate meetings with the Property and Maintenance Committee, the Session and the Minister will follow later in the week.

#### **Mission Exposure Tours**

Our national church is offering some wonderful opportunities to visit and learn from partner churches around the world. See the posters in St. Andrew's Hall. Malawi Study Tour: March 31-April 16. Middle East Study Tour: October 24-November 3. Teaching English in China. 'I Love Taiwan' (youth): two weeks, June/July.

#### **Assisted Death: Faithful Responses in a New Landscape**

February 23-26 at Presbyterian College Montreal. An excellent panel will help explore a Christian response to the ethical and theological issues of physician-assisted death and public policy.

Information can be found at [www.presbyteriancollege.ca](http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca)

#### **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*

#### **Other Announcements...**

##### **The Jesus Fatwah: Love your Muslim neighbour as yourself.**

In the study Jesus Fatwah, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. St Mark's Lutheran Church – Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings of February. (See poster in St Andrew's Hall).

##### **The Way Ahead Computer Lab**

For walk-in computer help in Gill Hall lab, Wednesdays 10-11:30 am.

##### **Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together**

This one hour fitness workshop is held at St. Andrew's Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 - 11 a.m., run by the VON. You would be welcome!

##### **Kingston Community Strings**

In concert Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm here at St Andrew's. Featuring Adam Tindale, Electric Acoustic Music and music by The Beatles, Handel and Copland. Free will offering.

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