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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO

**ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

February 21, 2016



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.

Prelude My Jesus, who hast called me Brahms
My Jesus, who hast called me unto bliss eternal, behold how gladly Thine own tell of the glory of the Heavenly Bridegroom.

Call to Worship

Hymn Come, let us sing to the Lord our song #412

Prayers of Approach & Confession & The Lord's Prayer

Introit Out of My Bondage George C. Stebbins
Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come; Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee; Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Greetings & Announcements

Litany for Lent 2 (inside)

Hymn Oh sing to our God #453

Time with Children

Scripture Reading Lucy Curtis

Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 12 – 4:1

Anthem Give me Jesus arr. by Robert Sterling
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I am alone give me Jesus

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Where cross the crowded ways of life #760

Sermon 'The Goal'

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Bagatelle Beethoven

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Hymn How great thou art #332

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude Praeludium in c minor 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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of compassion we confess that we prefer
darkness to light,
And our plans to your purposes.
We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek
cheap grace.
Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow
commitments.
And guide us always so that we might live in your
glorious presence
And follow the way of your son now and always.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up

above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Philippians 3: 12- 4: 1

Not that I have already obtained this or have already
reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I
press on towards the goal for the prize of the
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us
then who are mature be of the same mind; and if
you think differently about anything, this too God
will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we
have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and
observe those who live according to the example
you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross
of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I
tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction;
their god is the belly; and their glory is in their
shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our
citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we
are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He
will transform the body of our humiliation so that it
may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the

power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Most of the music today deals with being closer to Jesus. The service begins with a Chorale **Prelude** by Johannes Brahms, based on the hymn “Mein Jesu, der du mich” which has different translations, another being: “My Jesus leadeth me, immortal joy to see”. The melody of the original hymn is played in the pedal, while notes above meander as if the composer is lost. It begins with a very lonely sounding motif and it seems that only the pedal part holds the piece together. Perhaps Brahms is trying to say that without Jesus we are lost. The **Introit** is found in our Book of Praise #193. This is an old Gospel hymn which has only recently come to us from the Baptist tradition. The words were written by William T. Sleeper (1819-1904) and the music was composed by George C. Stebbins (1846-1945). Stebbins was an organist at some important Baptist churches in Chicago and Boston and was one of the more prominent hymn writers of the time. A third piece of music which expresses the need to be closer to Jesus is the **Anthem**. This being Black History Month we are singing a beautiful arrangement of the African-American spiritual “Give me Jesus”. Finally, to sum up this theme of being closer to Jesus, the third **Hymn** has a most appropriate and beautiful text which includes the words “above the noise of selfish strife, we hear you voice, O Son of Man”.

Since the first piece of organ music is by Brahms, I thought we would go back to the three big “B’s” of music. Beethoven’s *Bagatelle*, which is played at the **Offertory**, was originally written for piano but works well for organ. That curious word “Bagatelle” simply means a short and unpretentious piece of music. It’s always good to end a service with a bit of Bach. The **Postlude** gives my new organ shoes a good workout at the beginning with a bold statement for solo pedal. It then goes into music

which is mysterious with an air of tragedy, similar to the overture of Handel’s *Messiah*. Personally, I think a piece like this makes a good one for Lent and prepares us for the mystery and tragedy of Good Friday.

Ushers

Today: Holly Turnbull, Pat Coderre, Bill Hackett,
Kim Hackett

Next Week: Andy Mills, Alec Mills, Helen McEwen,
Ada Mallory

Today...

Flowers

Flowers today are placed with Love by Eva & Jack Barnes to remember our fathers, Hendrik Eichenbaum and William Allan Barnes.

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.

Today...

Congregational Pot-Luck

Be sure to linger and enjoy good food and great company after the sermon today!

Presbytery Visitation

Every three years, the Presbytery visits its congregations to receive an update on the worship and witness of each community of faith. Our visit is today. The Service of Worship is being led by the Rev. Marian Raynard of St. John’s/Sandhill (Sand Hill/Middle Road) Presbyterian Churches, and (immediately after) There will be a brief opportunity for members of the congregation to speak to her about the current life and challenges of the congregation between the main course and dessert during the luncheon. (The monthly pot-luck will follow.) Separate meetings with the Property and Maintenance Committee, the Session and the Minister will follow on Monday February 29.

Advance Notice...

Annual General Meeting

All members and adherents and friends of the

congregation are invited to remain after the service on Sunday February 28 for the AGM. This is an opportunity to celebrate the year past and plan for the year to come together. Sandwiches will be provided. Programme and financial reports will be available on Sunday February 21 for study prior to the meeting.

Refugee Fundraiser at St. Andrew's

On Saturday April 2, 7 p.m., St. Andrew's will be hosting a massed choir (of up to 170 voices) to support our arriving Syrian family. An individual is needed to assist with the sale of tickets. Others are needed on the day to serve soup at noon, and to usher for the concert itself. We are hoping to sell 500 tickets! Please speak to the Minister this morning.

St. Andrew's Tuesday Evenings

Beginning March 1, 7 p.m., join us as we see a screening of the acclaimed BBC series that offers a new look at the development of the global Church - History of Christianity, The First Three Thousand Years, narrated by Oxford Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. See poster in St. Andrew's Hall.

Reception of New Members

If you are looking for a church home and feel that St. Andrew's may be a community with whom you can grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service, you would be welcome! We will be receiving new members on Sunday April 17. Please speak to any Elder or the Minister for details.

Also...

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!

The Way Ahead Computer Lab

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

Bottletree

This theatre group with a home at St. Andrew's has organised a gala performance of 'Ghost of the Tree' written by Charles Robertson at the Grand Theatre, February 24, 7:30 p.m. It tells the story of seven generations of women - 'the roots of sin run deep'. Tickets available through the Grand.

Wawahte

February 27, 4 p.m. City Hall

Join the Kingston Canadian Film Festival and honoured guests for the premiere screening of this Kingston produced documentary, telling three stories of residential school experience, with a post-show discussion and reception at the Delta Hotel. A great opportunity for all wanting to join the journey toward reconciliation. Tickets \$12, at the door or <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/14866/>

Bibles For Mission

This store at 2455 Princess Street would welcome new volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. Contact bfmkingston@gmail.com, call 613-531-7852, or drop in to pick up an application and speak to the manager. Do a good deed...



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Buy a fudge top cake and Baskin Robbins will give us \$10.00 for each one sold. Just in time for Easter

WHEN: Wed. March 23, 2016

WHERE: Baskin Robbins 1046 Princess Street

TIME: 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

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.

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