

Sunday November 28, 2021



**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church**

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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| Preludes | Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland | J.S. Bach Anton Kniller |
| Entry of the Bible | | |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Hymn | Oh come, oh come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel | 122 |
| Prayer of Approach | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Greetings & Announcements | | |
| Quartet | The Lord will come | Milton/Bourgeois |
| Minute for Mission: The Giving Tree | | |
| | | Nancy H. |
| Litany for Advent 1: Hope | | |
| Hymn | People in darkness are looking for light | 124 |
| Time with Children | | |
| Scripture Lessons | | |
| | Isaiah 35:1-4 Luke 21:25-28; 34-36 I John 4:14-17 | Julielee S. |
| Sermon | 'Behold your God shall come ... and save you' | |
| Hymn | Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending | 120 |
| Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication | | |
| Doxology | Praise God from whom all blessings flow | |
| Hymn | Hark the glad sound! The saviour comes | 118 |
| Benediction and Choral Amen | | |
| Postlude | Introit in C major | Franz Liszt |

*Please wait for the ushers to indicate the time for your pew to leave,
starting from the back to the front of the sanctuary.*

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.

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, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 35:1-4

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.'

Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

I John 4:14-17

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

Advent Prayer

Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The season of Advent begins today and we have some great hymns to help prepare us for the birth of Jesus. One of the great old hymns seems to be passing out of favour and sadly disappearing from contemporary hymn books. It can be found in our old Book of Praise #118. The great poetry of John Milton (1608-1674) is combined with a powerful and haunting tune by Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-c.1561) who contributed so much to early hymn writing. This is one of my favourite Advent hymns because of its powerful mood and message which ties in nicely with today’s theme. This is presented by a **quartet** as today’s anthem.

I wanted once more to explore the music of two greats: J.S. Bach from the early 18th century and Franz Liszt from the late 19th century. Bach's music passed out of favour for a time but Liszt's did not. The Chorale Prelude for Advent is typical of much of Bach's writing. The **Postlude** composed by Liszt is typically full of drama, exploring several key changes, changes in tempo, daring harmonic progressions and the full sonorities of the organ.

Not much is known about Anton Kniller, who composed his version of *Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland* (*Come now Thou Saviour of the Heathen*) around 1700 in Hamburg. It is interesting to compare it to the Chorale Prelude by Mr. Bach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities Within the Congregation

Sixth Annual St. Andrew's Day Social, Online!

This Tuesday - November 30. You will have to prepare the tea and short-bread at home, but we will again together enjoy an hour of things related to St. Andrew and St. Andrew's. This year contributions will include: reflections on a visit to the Isle of Iona, highland dancing by Rob Roy Dancers, poetry and song, and connections between the Netherlands and Scotland. The video will be available at www.standrewskingston.org the morning of November 30, so log on that day anytime and enjoy! And wear some tartan if you can ...

Imago Dei

This Thursday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. Contemplative reading, prayer & community in Christ. Led by Dorothy M. All welcome. For details, dotmessenger@gmail.com

2022 PCC Calendar

For this year's calendar, entitled "Faith Expressed Through the Arts", the PCC asked for submissions of artwork created by Presbyterians across Canada. And wow! The calendar displays a beautiful sampling of this art – including contributions from people in this congregation featured in Dec 2021, April and June 2022! Thank you to Anne-Marie for

gathering and submitting the photos. We have 8 copies available in the office – 5\$ each. If these copies are snapped up and you would still like one, leave your name at the office as we can order more, in multiples of 10. If you would like to see the great selection of art sent in from across the PCC ...

<https://presbyterian.ca/resources/communications-resources/pcc-wall-calendar/#>

Our Daily Bread

12 copies of the smaller version for December 2021-February 2022 have arrived and will be available at the back of the church on Sunday. We are still awaiting the large print copies.

The Giving Tree

Advent is a time to celebrate God's great gift of love by sharing our gifts with others. A Giving Tree will be raised in the sanctuary. Would you assist its decoration by making a contribution to support two special mission projects of the Presbyterian Church in Canada – contributing to 'Training Christian Leaders in Malawi Central Africa', and to 'Transform Lives', serving victims of human trafficking, people struggling with mental health and addiction issues, and refugees in our own nation. Contact Lori-Kim in the church office, let her know that you will be making a special offering, and she will ensure a ball is added to the tree with your name on it. Your offering itself should be contributed on Sunday or by mail in a sealed envelope with your name and marked 'The Giving Tree'.

Food Basket

The Elders have determined that it is appropriate to return to our Sunday morning collection of preserved food for support of neighbours through the Kingston Partners in Mission Food Bank.

Envelopes

If you are new to the congregation and would like a set of offering envelopes for 2022 or a form for contributions by PAR (pre-authorized remittances), please contact our book keeper, Candace Gomes candace@standrewskingston.org or call her at the church office: Monday-Wednesday 1-4 p.m. 613-546-6316.

Serving within the Congregation

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world. Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support? Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions 613-767-2835 dotmessenger@gmail.com

Advance Notice

Next Sunday - December 5

As is our custom on the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Individually packaged elements will be available as you enter the sanctuary. You are also invited to bring your own in reusable containers, and, if worshipping at home, to prepare some bread and a cup before the service begins.

Christmas Eve

The Elders are planning to offer an in-sanctuary service of lessons and carols this year, December 24, 7 p.m. The congregation will be limited to 75, however, and advance registration will be required online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-216342796127> or by calling the church office. Families will be able to sit together.

SERVING THIS MORNING

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| Beadle: | Larry M. |
| Vocalists: | Meghan & Margaret H., Bob & Dennis C. |
| Livestreaming: | Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S. |
| Ushers today: | Susanne C-J., John S., Rory W. |
| December 5: | Elders |

| Financial Review to October 31 | 2021 Total Budget | Received |
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| General Offerings | | |
| and Presbyterians Sharing | \$235,000 | \$191,094 |
| Special Mission Projects | \$18,500 | \$20,179 |

PWS&D International Advent Project



The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian is thriving in Malawi. Zomba Theological College and Theological Education by Extension are helping ministry students and lay leaders learn practical skills for ministry. Many students struggle to pay basic school fees. A lack of electricity, books and computers makes learning a challenge every day. But despite these hardships, students are faithfully serving urban and rural communities.

\$50 helps protect staff and students from COVID-19

\$100 contributes to the library's digital collection

\$200 improves classroom equipment

\$750 provides tuition for a future minister



In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing at least \$4,550 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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