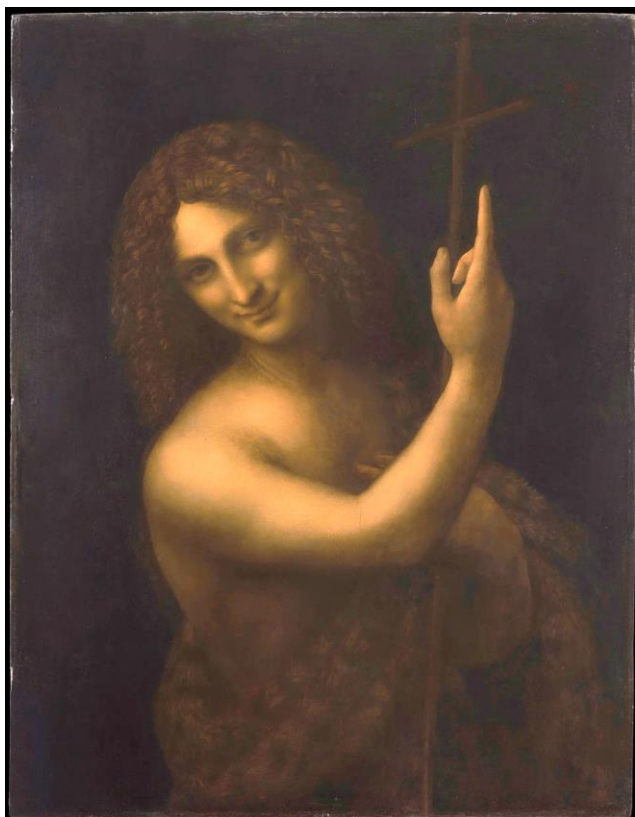


Sunday December 12, 2021



John the Baptist. Leonardo da Vinci, 1513-1516

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

Preludes	Comfort, Comfort ye my People Noël en Musette Tambourin	Georg Boem D'Aquin Rameau
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Herald! Sound the note of... judgement, gladness, triumph	117
Prayer of Approach		
The Lord's Prayer		see insert
Greetings & Announcements		
Solo	Comfort ye, comfort ye my people	Handel
Litany for Advent 3: Joy		Crystal C.
Time with Children		
Hymn	Il est né, le divin enfant... chantons tous son avènement	169
Scripture Lessons	Luke 1:68-79; Luke 3:1-6	Ben M.
Sermon	"A voice crying out in the wilderness"	
Hymn	Comfort, comfort you my people tell of peace, thus says our God	113
Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
Hymn	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh	126
Benediction and Choral Amen		
Postlude	Noël 1	D'Aquin

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

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

for you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us,

to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

holy and righteous before you,

all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

to give God's people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of

death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his

brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

In our days of Advent, we go now from the Chorale Preludes of Germany to the Carols of France. Just before we leave Germany, however, we hear a piece based on our third hymn, “Comfort, comfort you my people”. This tune was published in the Genevan Psalter of 1551 and turned into a Chorale Prelude by an organist from Luenenburg, Georg Boehm (1661-1733).

Our second **hymn** is a French Noël from the 18th century. The 19th century French text encourages us to celebrate with musical instruments including the oboes, bagpipes and drums. As part of our St. Andrew’s Day video, we learned from Dr. Gutzeit that the German word for bagpipes is “dudelsack”. The bagpipes have a fascinating history, showing up in many countries before being firmly associated with Scotland. In France, the bagpipes were called a “musette” and were a smaller version of the highland pipes with which we are more familiar. The second **Prelude**, by Louis Claude D’Aquin (1694-1772), uses a drone to imitate the bagpipes in a Noël based on “Une Bergère Jolie”.

The “tambourin” was a type of drum, which usually accompanied a flute by the same player. It was popular in the Provençal region of France. The word became a term for a dance or a

piece by other instruments. Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764) composed a few keyboard pieces by this title. The third **Prelude** sets the mood intended by “Il est né”.

The **Postlude** is the first in a delightful set by D’Aquin and is appropriate for Advent. It is based on the French Carol “À la Venuë de Noël” (At the coming of Christmas). The editor of the music book, Erich Goldschmidt, suggests that with respect to playing the French Noël’s, “the organist must not be afraid of being ‘unchurchly’ by using lively tempos and bright registrations.” Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities Within the Congregation

Zoom Fellowship

Come join in our casual online conversation - Monday December 13 at 2:30. The topic this month will be “Christmas Traditions”. Contact Marilyn at marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com.

Morning Bible Study

Thursday December 16, 10:30-11:30. You are invited to join with the Minister by Zoom for an hour of reading and reflecting on the Psalms. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138406609?pwd=aTIWZlNFZEszbDYzWXc4V2hHaXlzZz09>

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

The new large print editions have arrived! They will join the smaller version now available at the back of the church on Sunday. If you would like a copy put aside, please let Lori-Kim know.

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? One is contributing to 'Training Christian Leaders in Malawi Central Africa', and the other is 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.

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

Christmas Eve

St. Andrew's will be offering 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 and proof of full vaccination will be required. Families will be able to sit together. Register online

at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-216342796127> or by calling the church office (Tues-Thurs 9-noon)

Office Hours

The church office will be closed December 27-31, but calls will be monitored and answered. Regular office hours (Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00-noon) resume on January 4th.

Live Nativity & Carol Sing

December 18, 6 p.m. The congregation of St Paul's Amherst Island invites us to this special event in outdoor drive sheds (but no camels, sorry!). See <https://stpaulsamherstisland.com/> for updates.

Advent Prayer

Open up the way for the people! Prepare the road! Prepare the road! Make it clean, leave no stones on it! Raise high the banner that all may see it! Say to my people, "Look, your Saviour comes." They will call you the holy people, the people whom the Lord has freed.

-Pastoral Team of Bambamarca, Peru

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M.
Vocalist:	Christopher and Meghan H., Danielle Q.
Flowers:	Congregational donations
Livestreaming:	Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.
Ushers today:	Béatrice J., Andy V., Lori-Kim dO.
December 19:	Elaine and Pat C., Rory W.

Financial Review to November 30	2021 Total Budget	Received
General Offerings and Presbyterians Sharing	\$235,000	\$219,437
Special Mission Projects	\$18,500	\$24,114
Giving Tree Offerings to date		\$375

The Giving Tree: Advent 2021

Train Christian Leaders in Malawi

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian is thriving in Malawi. Zomba Theological College & Theological Education by Extension help lay leaders and ministry students learn practical skills for ministry. Many students struggle to pay basic school fees. A lack of electricity, books and computers makes learning a challenge. 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

Transform Lives

PCC ministry partners are serving refugees, sex workers, victims of human trafficking, people living with disabilities and people struggling with mental health and addiction issues. Help these partners provide fellowship, prayer, meals and emotional support to transform lives.

\$25 supports visits to boarding homes

\$65 buys clothes for a job or school interview

\$100 helps provide employment training

\$150 trains congregations on mental health issues

\$200 helps support newcomers living in Canada



Contributions to this project can be designated: "Giving Tree". Please let Lori-Kim know you have donated so that she can place a decoration on the tree in the sanctuary.

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