

Sunday December 19, 2021



New Beginnings (detail). Christi Belcourt with Isaac Murdoch. 2014

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	What Child is This Noël “Or nous dites Marie” Noël “Or nous dites Marie” Magnificat	Hugo Gehrke P. D’Andrieu C. Franck J.F. D’Andrieu
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Hail to the Lord’s Anointed great David’s greater Son ...	(vs.1,2,5) 115
Prayer of Approach		
The Lord’s Prayer		see insert
Greetings & Announcements		
Anthem	Born in the night, Mary’s child	
Litany for Advent 3: Joy		Crystal C.
Time with Children		
Hymn	‘Twas in the moon of wintertime ... Jesus your King is born	(vs.1,2) 144
Minute for Mission	Prison Ministries	Holly T.
Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 11:1-9 <i>selected verses</i> ; Luke 1:46-55	
Sermon	Mary of the Magnifying Soul	
Hymn	The angel Gabriel from heaven came ... “All hail” said he	(vs.1-3) 156
Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
Hymn	What child is this? The babe, the son of Mary	161
Benediction and Choral Amen		
Postlude	Noël Suisse	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

Isaiah 11:1-9 (selected verses)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for God has looked with
favor on the lowliness of the Almighty’s servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is God’s name.
God’s mercy is for those who fear God
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God’s arm;
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped servant Israel,
in remembrance of God’s mercy,
according to the promise God made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Back in 1580, Richard Jones went to the London Stationer’s Company to register a folk song which he called “A newe Northe Dittye of ye Ladye Greene Sleves”. Soon afterward, others came forward with the same tune but different lyrics. The tune remains popular to this day but we know it best with the Christmas text “What Child is this?”. The style of the tune has been analyzed as being Italian in structure which would have come to England in Elizabethan times. It is mentioned a few times by Shakespeare, indicating that it was popular by then. A legend persists that King Henry VIII wrote it for Anne Boleyn, but this is not likely. The words sung today as our last **hymn** were written by William Chatterton Dix in 1865. The first **prelude** is based on the tune and was composed by American music professor Hugo Gehrke (1912-1992).

The other organ “ditties” today include two different French Noëls based on the tune *Or Nous dites Marie*. The first is by Pierre

D'Andrieu (1664-1733) and the second composed over a century later by Cesar Franck (1822-1890). The final **Prelude** is by Jean-Francois D'Andrieu (1682-1738) and is part of a suite for organ. He succeeded his uncle Pierre as organist at the church of St. Barthélémy in 1733.

The **Postlude** is another adventurous Noël by Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772). It is the twelfth in his series and is based on "Il est un p'tit l'ange".

In 1959, a new Christmas play for teenagers was performed at Loughton Methodist Church in Essex. The setting was contemporary, with Jesus birth taking place in Brown's Garage. The minister, Geoffrey Ainger, wrote two contrasting songs as part of the presentation. One was with very loud guitars and the other was a very gentle song "Born in the Night". Thankfully, the one with loud guitars has not found its place in church services. The gentle one has found its way into our Book of Praise (#137).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Covid Protocols

You will find included in this bulletin a letter from the Session of St. Andrew's, noting that proof of vaccination will be required to attend any activity or event here at St. Andrew's, including in-person services of worship, beginning December 24. Let us continue to pray for all affected in body, mind and soul by this surge of the virus, and for all at work for our good in the midst of it.

Christmas Card

We trust everyone received a Christmas card from the Elders and Minister this week. If you have not, please let the Church Office or Minister know. Unfortunately the last line slipped off the letter that was included - for clarification, the letter was from the Moderator of the 2021 General Assembly!

Elders Elect

Acting upon nominations received from the congregation, the Session thanks God that four individuals have accepted a call to serve as Elders of St. Andrew's – Susanne Cliff-Jüngling, Lori-Kim den Otter, Nancy Hancock, Julielee Stitt. A Sunday in January will include the special time of ordination and induction – stay tuned!

Opportunities Within the Congregation

Food Basket

Once more we have a Sunday morning opportunity to contribute preserved food in support of neighbours through the Kingston Partners in Mission Food Bank. Please place your contributions in the basket as you enter the foyer – we will dedicate the basket the last Sunday of each month.

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 1 copy available in the office – 5\$. If this copy is 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/#>

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'.

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.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M.
Vocalist:	Paul P.
Flowers:	Congregational donations
Livestreaming:	Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.
Ushers today:	Elaine and Pat C., Rory W.
December 26:	Béatrice J., Susanne C-J, Philippe G.

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 Dec. 5		\$375

Prison Ministry- Salvation Army



One of St. Andrew's missions is the Salvation Army and their work in Correctional and Justice Services. This program encourages and assists all persons affected by the justice system. Through cooperative arrangements with prison,

probation, and parole officials, The Salvation Army plays an important role in prison rehabilitation and crime prevention. Services include pre-release job-training programs, employment opportunities in cooperation with parole personnel, material aid, and spiritual guidance to both prisoners and their families.

The prospect of prison can be incredibly daunting and confusing. Having someone to talk to, provide support and explain what will happen, which can make a huge difference.

Chaplains are available at many courts and prisons. They talk people through the process, let them know what to expect, and direct them to other helpful services so they can be best prepared for what's to come. Services such as counselling, rehabilitation, prison programs and family support can help to remind clients they're not alone.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$1,600 to the work of Christ via Prison Ministry through the Salvation Army.

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