

Sunday December 5, 2021



The Five Wise Ones. Cornelis Monsma

**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	Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland	J. Walther
	Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland	N. Vetter
	Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme	J.G. Walther

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn	Prepare the way, O Zion your Christ is drawing near	129
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Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer		see insert
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Greetings & Announcements

The Giving Tree		Wendy W.
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Litany for Advent 2: Peace		Crystal C.
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Time with Children

Hymn	Hope is a star that shines in the night	119
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Scripture Lessons	Song of Solomon (selected verses) Matthew 25:1-13	Janet Payne
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Sermon	'Into the wedding banquet' (Matthew 25:10)	
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Hymn	Sleepers, wake! ... the time has come	127
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Nicene Creed		see insert
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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	
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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn	Come, thou long expected Jesus ... joy of every longing heart	110
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Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude	Short Prelude & Fugue in G	J.S. Bach
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*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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Song of Solomon 2:8, 10; 4:1a, 9-10, 8:6-7

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away...

How beautiful you are, my love,
how very beautiful!

You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride,
you have ravished my heart with a glance of your eyes,
with one jewel of your necklace.

How sweet is your love, my sister, my bride!
how much better is your love than wine,
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him

into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us."

But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As we continue to prepare for Christ's coming, the service is preceded by some Advent music by some early German composers. These three **Preludes** are based on early chorales and some Latin tunes. Johann Walther (1496-1570) was a friend of Martin Luther and worked with him on the music for his hymns. He produced a hymn book in 1524 in which we find the first chorale, based on a Latin tune. The words, "Come now thou Saviour of the Heathen" were by Luther from the Latin. Later, Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710), an organist at Erfurt, composed a little fugue based on the chorale tune. The third **Prelude** is by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748), a cousin and friend of J.S. Bach. He composed a chorale prelude based on the chorale "Awake! We are called by the voice of the watchmen" which is our third hymn.

To finish the service, a little prelude and fugue attributed to J.S. Bach sets the happy, somewhat anxious tone. A little solo for feet only, helps the fidgety mood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wow! Have you noticed the carpet? In the past few weeks, Harry and Kevin have spent many hours on their knees in the sanctuary installing the new carpet. What a beautiful (and comfortable) upgrade. Much thanks to the Property and Maintenance committee for overseeing this work, and to those who have contributed to the Legacy fund over the years through bequests and wills, which financed this project.

Opportunities Within the Congregation

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)

Gifts of Securities

Between December 6-9, 2021, Scotia-MacLeod (the broker of the PCC) will sell gifts of less than \$10,000 (CAD or USD) without charging the \$140-175 fee. If this is of interest to you, you will need to start the paperwork asap.

Advent Prayer

I don't really expect you today, Lord.

But as I say these words I realize that it is at such a time that you will come. Make me ready, keep me yearning, and come, Lord Jesus.

-Brother Ramon, Society of St. Francis

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M.
Vocalists:	Meghan and Margaret H., Kathleen H., Susanne C-J.
Livestreaming:	Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.
Ushers today:	Elders
December 12:	Béatrice J., Andy V., Lori-Kim d-O

Financial Review to November 30	2021 Total Budget	Received
General Offerings and Presbyterians Sharing	\$235,000	\$219,437
Special Mission Projects	\$18,500	\$20,179
Giving Tree Offerings to date		\$375

The Giving Tree: Canadian Project



Transforming 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: "GivingTree". 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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