

Sunday January 2, 2022



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	Thanksgiving for the New Year Das alte Jahr vergangen ist The old year now hath passed	W. Figulus J. Steurlein J.S. Bach
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
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Benediction and Choral Amen		
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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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 31:14-17, 19, 21-24 (responsive)

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

I have said,

“You are my God.”

My times are in your hand;

Rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness, save me.”

Lord, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; rather, let the wicked be put to shame;

let them be silent in the grave.

How great is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up for those who fear you;

**which you have done in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord,

**for you have shown me the wonders of your love
in a besieged city.**

Yet I said in my alarm,

“I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.”

**Nevertheless, you heard my entreaty
when I cried out to you.**

Love the Lord, all you who worship God;

**the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.**

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Numbers 24:17

I see him, but not now;

I behold him, but not near—

a star shall come out of Jacob,

and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;

Matthew 2:1-2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

Revelation 22: 6-7, 13, 16-17, 20-21

And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.'

'See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says,

'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As we enter the new year of 2022, we all have hopes for a year better than last. The year 2021 was certainly one full of challenges. Musically, we could be sad about past events, which is perhaps why the **Preludes** today are all in a minor key. The first is a hymn composed by Wolfgang Figulus around 1575. Part of the text by Paul Eber goes:

"The year is passing by
with all its solemn warning".

The second **Prelude** is a hymn by Johann Steurlein (1546-1613). Part of Catherine Winkworth's translation goes:

“We thank Thee, O our God today,
That Thou hast kept us through the year,
When danger and distress were near.”

The third **Prelude** is by J.S. Bach, based on Steurlein’s hymn. This is Bach in one of his most solemn moments.

The **Postlude**, on the other hand is a joyful celebration of the New Year. This is part of a concerto for two keyboards by François Couperin (1668-1733). Perhaps some of us brought in the New Year with noisemakers. This piece uses the different trumpet stops on the organ. With this joyful noise, I wish you all a happier New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 C-J, Lori-Kim d-O, Nancy H, Julielee S. The service next Sunday, January 9, will include a special time of ordination and induction.

Office Hours

On January 4th, the church office will resume regular office hours of Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00-noon.

Food Basket

During this time of online-only services, members are encouraged to consider financial gifts to Partners In Mission food bank, instead of our weekly preserved food collection. There is a link on our church website under ‘Special Events’.

Opportunities Within the Congregation

Imago Dei

Thursday January 6, 4:30 p.m. Online contemplative reading, prayer and community in Christ. All welcome. For details, contact Dorothy dotmessenger@gmail.com

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

In the Community

The Abbey

January 19, 2022 - a 1 ½ hour Virtual Webinar - Overflowing Spring: Empathic Strain and the Faith Community with the Rev. John Borthwick. Navigating life's priorities AND participating in a faith community - how do we find the right balance? Explore empathic strain and other risk factors that come with caring for others. Rev. John will explain the signs and symptoms of empathic strain and offer key strategies in how to manage its impact. Come away with an expanded toolkit to help you to thrive in your daily life, work, and your faith community. For information and registration, <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/overflowing-spring-empathic-strain-and-the-faith-community-registration-193931403047>

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone;
when the kings and princes are home; when the shepherds
are back with their flocks;
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people
to make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry M
Vocalists:	Meghan, Margaret and Christopher H
Livestreaming:	Benjamin dO-V, Julilee S
Flowers	Congregational donations

Mission Moment



In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health. One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified

that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family. This therapeutic nutrition project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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