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in this community
since 1817.*

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2014



Wild Goose 2 by Alison Hoffman

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. And a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Our worship of God is enriched by your presence, and we pray that your joy will be strengthened by this time of praise and prayer.

Please join us for *refreshments* and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service and consider signing our guest book by the Princess Street doors.

Activity Bags, Children's Bibles (in comic book format), and Teen New Testaments (in magazine format), are available just inside St. Andrew's Hall for any young people joining us in worship this morning.

Please ask an usher if you have any questions or require assistance, and feel free to remain seated during any portion of the worship service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross* J.S. Bach
O Man, bemoan thy grievous sins for which Christ left His Father's bosom and came down to earth...as he wished to become our Mediator.

Procession of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn *Through all the changing scenes* #18

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer #831

Introit *Introit Number 1* David Cameron

Welcome & Announcements Donna Delacretaz

Hymn *One more step along the world I go* #641

Time for Children

Scripture Readings Sandra Muth

Genesis 1:1-5

Ezekiel 36:25-27

John 3: 6-8

Anthem *Lead me, Lord* S.S. Wesley

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Sermon "The Wild Goose"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Rigaudon I and II* Elizabeth Jacquet de La Guerre

Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (inside)

Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* #399

The Apostles' Creed (inside)

Invitation to The Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn *Now let us from this table arise* #556

Sharing of Bread, Sharing of Wine

Benediction & Choral Amen (inside)

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue VIII in B flat Major*
attr. to J.S. Bach

If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

John 3: 6-8

What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 a third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he 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.

Music Notes

As many of us resume activities after a Summer break, we ask God's guidance in all our doings. The lovely words of our anthem "Lead me, Lord" by Wesley express this prayer.

The organ music includes two contrasting examples of Baroque ornamentation (those little twiddly bits in the music). The Prelude by J.S. Bach, is a highly ornamented German Chorale Prelude based on a very serious text with a very serious melodic line. The Offertory, however, is based on two French dance tunes: the first a bit more serious than the other. The ornaments give a light happy character to the piece. This Offertory piece was written by a female composer which was extremely rare for the time. Elizabeth Jacquet de La Guerre (c. 1664-1729) was taught by her father and later married a church organist.

The Postlude, attributed to Bach, is a happy little prelude and fugue, with an unusual pedal solo near the beginning (done entirely with the feet). As I hear it, I can't help but think of the line from that great old hymn, the Battle Hymn of the Republic: "O be swift my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet".

Prayers

On the Presence of God

It is not far to go
for you are near,
It is not far to go
for you are here.

And not by travelling, Lord,
we come to you,
but by way of love,
and we love you.

Amy Carmichael

For Holy Communion

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer,
I am not caught in time nor held in space,
but thrust beyond this posture I am where
time and eternity come face to face;
infinity and space meet in this place
where crossbar and high upright hold the one
in agony and in all Love's embrace.
The power in helplessness that was begun
when all the brilliance of the flaming sun
contained itself in the small confines of a child
now comes to me in this strange action done
in mystery. Break me, break space, O wild
and lovely power. Break me: thus I am dead,
am resurrected now in wine and bread.

Madeline L'Engle

Looking to the Holy Spirit

Great Spirit,
Wild Goose of the Almighty
Be my eye in the dark places;
Be my flight in the trapped places;
Be my host in the wild places;
Be my brood in the barren places;
Be my formation in the lost places.

*Ray Simpson, Guardian of the Community of
Aidan and Hilda on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, UK*

Ushering Schedule

Today— Elders

Sept 14 —Doug & Kathleen Jones, Benjamin
Morrison

Sept 21— Bob Hessell, Alberta saunders & Ada
Mallory

Sept 28—Joan Barr-Knox, Shirley & Rhonda Aitken,
Derek McCormick

Announcements

A new congregational year begins! Please be sure to pick up a copy of the Days of September - visitors can find copies by either door to the sanctuary, and members and adherents are requested to pick up their addressed copies this morning to save the (significant!) postage costs.

This morning we welcome Peggy Sue Reynolds who will be staffing our nursery for us every Sunday during the service of worship. Peggy Sue has several certificates and considerable experience relating to child and youth care, and it is wonderful to be able to offer such continuity and competence of care. Spread the word!

St. Andrew's Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Our Director of Music is expecting new voices to join the choir this autumn, and more would be welcome! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. For more information, contact John at johnhall@canadianpianos.ca

Women's Missionary Society

Join us in St. Andrew's Hall Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. as explore journeying as Christians towards healing and reconciliation with Canada's aboriginal peoples. Newcomers welcome. Contact Louise Axford for information - ([613-542-5429](tel:613-542-5429)).

The Burning Bush

Our quarterly congregational newsletter. Your contribution would be welcome, by Sept. 24 at the latest. Please forward to our editor, Ada Mallory amallory1@live.com

An Introduction to 'Presbyterian'

Saturday, September 27, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Join our Minister in the Polson Davis Room for an informal time of presentation and questions. Ideal if you are new to St. Andrew's and the Presbyterian Church.

Students' Gathering

Sunday, September 28, 6 p.m. A new year begins, and all students are invited to get together for an informal home cooked dinner and open discussion about what might be of interest for the year





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ahead. Contact our minister for details – a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Reception of New Members

Sunday, October 19 If you are without a church home and feel that St. Andrew's might offer you an appropriate opportunity to grow in Christian faith and life, you would be welcome! Please speak to one of the elders or our Minister by October 5.

Mission Moments

September Mission Update- Special Meals

Special Meals is one of the missions that St. Andrew's has been supporting for many years. The current coordinator is Bev Woodcock and it is under her expert and dedicated leadership that 11 teams have served an average of 66 guests every week from January to June this year. Meals are served each Sunday evening with Easter being particularly well attended this spring with 125 guests celebrating the holiday with the usual delicious hot meal followed by dessert. This important local mission which serves the needy in our immediate community resumes in September after a summer break. Our St. Andrew's team will be preparing the meal on Sunday, September 21. Three additional members are needed for the team. We gather in the upstairs kitchen at 2 p.m. (right after our congregational potluck) to cook the meal (all ingredients provided) and set up the tables, serve at 5 p.m., and leave about 6:30 p.m. For information, please speak to Larry Moore, lmhonda750@gmail.com



Be a Peacemaker

An unprecedented number of people around the world are suffering as a result of violent conflict.

While war has always been a part of human history the nature of armed conflict has changed. Civilians—in particular women and children, the elderly and those with disabilities—are often innocent victims and collateral damage in conflicts. Caught in the crossfire or fleeing from fighting, they endure displacement, hunger and unthinkable trauma. Today, in South Sudan, Iraq, Gaza and Syria almost 18 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. They are experiencing displacement, hunger and unthinkable trauma. God calls us to be peacemakers in Matthew 5:9. PWS&D has committed \$50,000 to help supply food, clean water, shelter, health care and counselling to innocent civilians affected by these four conflict situations. Please respond by contributing generously and praying faithfully. Everyone deserves to be safe. Everyone deserves to be protected. Respond with us to the terrifying human suffering caused by violent conflict. Be a Peacemaker. Designate your offering 'PWS&D'. Visit WeRespond.ca/Be-a-Peacemaker for more information.

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