

*Serving God and neighbour
in this community
since 1817.*

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 12, 2014
Thanksgiving Sunday



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 visitors' pew cards or guest book by the Princess Street doors.

Peggy Sue Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher. Children are invited to join in either group or worship as they feel comfortable.

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.

Prelude Pastorale on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"
H. von Herzogenberg

Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship

Hymn We plough the fields and scatter #807

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)

Introit Thou Visitest the Earth Maurice Greene
Thou visitest the earth and blessest it: and crownest the year with Thy goodness.

Greetings & Announcements (inside)

Responsive Psalm 65 (inside)

Hymn For the beauty of the earth #434

Time with Children

Scripture Readings Wendy Worling

Genesis 45:4-15

Romans 8:28

Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest arr. Healey Willan
Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn For the fruits of all creation #802

Sermon The Stories Behind the Paintings
2) Joseph Distributing Grain

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Chorale Prelude: Nun Danket alle Gott
G. F. Kaufman

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn Now thank we all our God #457

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1879-1933)

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

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,
and 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, forever. Amen

Responsive Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 45:4-15

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a

remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 8:28

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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.

Music Notes

We hear today many ways of expressing our thanks to God. The words of the Introit are taken from Psalm 65 and the musical setting by Maurice Greene (1696-1755) has remained a choir favourite. At the time of Greene's death, the piano had been invented, but the harpsichord remained the preferred instrument of accompaniment outside the larger churches. This anthem expresses thanks in a very simple joyous dance-like fashion. The anthem is an arrangement of the old German Hymn "Wie Lieblich ist der Maien" with a text by John Monsell written in the mid 19th century. It was arranged by Canadian composer, Healey Willan (1880-1968).

Our closing hymn, "Now thank we all our God" was composed by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) with an original German text, later translated by Catherine Winkworth. The tune for this hymn, "Nun Danket," provided the inspiration and basis for the organ music today. Three very different pieces by German composers are heard and three different ways of expressing thanks to God on this day. The Prelude by Heinrich von Herzogenberg (1843-1900) is a gentle prayer of thanks with a definite rural atmosphere surrounding the hymn tune (can you hear the bird calls?). The Offertory by Georg Friedrich Kauffman (1679-1735) is a rather straightforward choral prelude with an introduction and a simple embellishment of the hymn tune. The Postlude by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1879-1933) is a grand great big thank you to God and the hymn tune is merely a fragment, well hidden within the triumphant sounding chords. "Now thank we all our God... who from our mother's arms has blessed us...with countless gifts of love."

Ushers Schedule

Today - Brian & Kim Hackett, James & Sandra Muth
Oct 19 – Bob Hessel, Benjamin Morrison, Derek McCormick

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Announcements... ..

Be sure this morning to pick up a copy of the quarterly 'journal', The Burning Bush, and join in as you are able.

Three October Opportunities to Reach Out in Thanksgiving to God

- a) Community Letters : *thank God for someone working for good in our community.*
- b) Fair Trade Coffee to Support the Kenora Friendship Centre: *stop by the Mission Table this morning!*
- c) A Special Offering for a St Andrew's 'Feast': *a congregational initiative to join in the Healing and Reconciliation journey with our aboriginal neighbours.*

Reception of New Members

Next 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 Minister this morning.

Congregational Potluck Luncheon

Also next Sunday, be sure to linger after the service for a time of great food and community.

Wanted - Ladies of St. Andrew's with vision and ideas on the role of the WHA in the life of the church. If you would like to be part of this organization, meet for a "brown bag" lunch in St. Andrew's Hall on Oct. 23rd at 12 noon. Dessert and tea will be provided.

Christianity Explored

Our St. Andrew's autumn study series offers a DVD series of six sessions that invites us to explore the foundations of Christian faith. Tuesday evenings, Oct. 21 – Nov. 25. 7-8:30 p.m. led by the Minister. Please sign up at the table in St. Andrew's Hall, just to give an idea of seating needed!

A Certain Risk

A Certain Risk, Living your Faith at the Edge, is written by Paul Richardson, president of Mustard Seed International. Ron Axford has acquired eight copies to lend out, so everyone may have an opportunity to read it. Meet him at the literature table in St Andrew's Hall.

Gifts that make a difference

This year over seven million children world-wide will receive gift boxes through the "Operation Christmas Child" project. "Who gave me this?" "Why did they send it to me?" There is opportunity for the children and their families to learn of "The Greatest Gift." Boxes and brochures are available in St Andrew's Hall. Collection Sunday is November 16.

"Glad Tidings" Renewal

The mission magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, published by the Women's Missionary Society. Contents include news of mission in Canada and overseas. Available in regular and large print. \$16.95 for 6 issues due October 26th. Contact Helen Ledford at 613-548-4360.

Clock and Bell Tower

Following the results of the congregational meeting held Sunday, August 17, and after having received two bids on the work required, the Property and Maintenance Committee has chosen the bid from Eastern Restoration to do the initial repairs required for the clock tower. This work is expected to start in April 2015.

Community Announcements... ..

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesdays 6-8 p.m., October 14-November 25.
Organized by Hospice Kingston. Pre-registration is required, 613-542-5013 ex 2.

Trillio's Baroquetoberfest

Friday, October 17, at 6:30 pm, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall. Baroque music by Handel, Bach and others, on period instruments, with guest accompanist John Hall. Music served with scrumptious Oktoberfest foods and drinks. Tickets \$40, reserve: Heather Schreiner, 613-634-9312, Ljs2@queensu.ca

Taizé Service

A time of prayer, reflection and song in the style of the Taizé community of France. Sunday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church, Middle Road (see bulletin board)

Care of Creation: Inter-Faith Perspectives

Friday, November 7, 'Islamic Traditions' after 12:30 p.m. prayers at the Kingston Islamic Centre, 1477 Sydenham Road. actionpartnership.weebly.com

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Claes Cornelisz Moeyaert, *Joseph Selling Grain in Egypt*, around 1650, oil on canvas.
Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Bader, 1980 (23-038)