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WELCOME TO

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday May 24, 2015



A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments including Fair Trade Coffee 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 held just off St Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher.

Order of Worship

Prelude We now implore God the Holy Ghost

Heinrich Scheidemann

Come, O Creator Spirit Blest J.S. Bach

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship Louise Axford

Hymn Called as partners in Christ's service 587

Prayer of Praise and Confession & The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon Dorothy Fresque

Introit Veni Creator Spiritus arr. Healey Willan

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy

sevenfold gifts impart.

Greetings & Announcements Donna Delacretaz

Psalm 15 Phyllis Ann McCormick

Hymn The wise may bring their learning 344

Time with Children Helen McEwen

Scripture Readings

Anthem

Prayer of Illumination (inside)
Genesis 12:1-9 Donna Delacretaz
Mark 16:14-19 Louise Axford

Mark 16:14-19 Lo
O Clap your hands together, all ye people

O clap your hands together, all ye people: sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth... God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound

of the trump.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession Helen Acton

Hymn Lord you give the great commission 778 **Sermon** Ada Mallory

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings Beverley Gellatly

Offertory Fantasie Prelude on "Veni Creator" Dennis Eliot

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Offertory Prayer Beverley Gellatly

Hymn To God be the glory 350

Commission

Benediction & Congregational Amen Ada Mallory

Postlude Solemn Procession William Lloyd Webber

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

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Scripture Readings Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and

said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Mark 16:14-19

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.' So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Prayer of Illumination

God of wisdom and unswerving love, As the written word is read, Enable each of us to hear, with discerning and receptive hearts your call to live and serve as ambassadors of your reconciling love.

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.

Notes from the Director of Music

This is Mission Sunday, but it is also the day of Pentecost or Whitsunday when we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples (Acts 2). The **Anthem**, by English composer Martin Shaw (1875-1958) uses Psalm 47 as its text and is a rousing celebration of Thanksgiving to the Lord. The hymns deal with mission and the rest of the music deals

with the Holy Spirit. The first **Prelude** is by German composer Heinrich Scheidemann (1596-1663) who based it on the chorale *Nun Bitten Wir* which first appeared in 1524. The second **Prelude**, by J.S. Bach, is based on a chorale which appeared shortly afterward, in 1535. Martin Luther wrote the words and the chorale was known as *Komm*, *Gott*, *Schöpfer*, *Heiliger Geist* and based on the 9th century plainsong tune *Veni Creator Spiritus*. In 1848 the plainsong tune was changed slightly and appeared in one of the Mechlin Books from Belgium. John Cosin (1594-1672) translated the original Latin text into English and we hear it as the **Introit** with an arrangement by Healey Willan.

Unlike the rest of the music, the Offertory and Postlude are quite modern. The Offertory is again based on the Veni Creator Spiritus tune (the Mechlin version) and contemporary American composer Dennis Eliot presents an air of mystery surrounding the coming of the Holy Spirit. The service ends with a piece written by William Lloyd Webber, the father of the famous composer of musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber. William was born in 1914, the son of a plumber who loved to hear organ music. He would take young William with him to organ concerts which inspired him to start organ lessons. By age 14, William was a well-known organ recitalist and was studying with some of the great teachers of the time including Ralph Vaughan Williams. Critics have described William Lloyd Weber as having a "remarkable melodic gift, and the melodies allied with surprisingly 'purple' harmonies". The **Postlude** is one of a series of organ pieces for the church. "Solemn Procession" seems to work well in ending the service today. We hear tongues of fire at the beginning and the music drifts into a stirring hymn tune which would lend itself well to a text dealing with mission. I can't help but think of those wonderful words sometimes heard as a Dismissal: "Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit".

Prayers

God, help me and those around the world to recognize that all people are equal. May your desire for justice inspire your followers to fight for those treated unjustly around the world. Open our eyes to those in need around us. May we be reminded to demonstrate your love and live our life as Jesus taught us. Amen.

Reconciling God, we see your strength and your grace in those who minister with our Aboriginal People in Canada. May the lives of all involved in our ministry with Aboriginal Peoples be enriched in ways that are truly pleasing to you. We pray also, that we are guided by your love and filled with respect and understanding. Help us to continue this journey of confession and healing together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Ushers

Today: Marie Wilson, Edna Blondel, Ralph Kendall & Wendy Worling

Next week: Joan Barr-Knox, Doreen Henshaw, Shirley & Rhonda Aitken

Today...

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Victoria May Clark and her son Hugh. Given by her sons Robert, Peter and Dennis.

Flower Ministry

Would you be willing to provide flowers for our worship? Please speak to Wendy Worling, w.worling@sympatico.ca

Would you like to take some flowers to share with a neighbour or fellow congregational member? Please speak to Elaine Coderre, patlain73@hotmail.com

Church School

Today is the last day the St. Andrew's Church School youth will be selling hand crafted glass pendants in a fund raising effort for the Kingston Street Mission. These glass pendants were made by our church school youth at a two hour class held at The Glass House on Saturday, May 2nd. The youth were taught how to score, cut and layer coloured glass for firing in the kiln. The Glass House has drilled the holes and secured the bales or jump rings for us. Each pendant is unique in design and reflects the students' creativity! The pendants are suitable for wearing as jewellery or perhaps to be hung in a window to reflect light or for ornamentation on a pull cord for a ceiling light or fan. The cost of the pendants will be \$10.00 each so please consider supporting the Church School's fund raising cause. Thank you, Lindsay, Gavin, Olivia, Bebeta and Laura

This Week...

Women's Missionary Society

The WMS will meet on tomorrow, May 25th, at 1:30 pm in St. Andrew's Hall.

Advance Notice... Gilbert and Sullivan

The Kingston Choral Society presents an afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan, Sunday May 31 at 2:30. Soloists include John Hall and Bob Clark. This promises to be an enjoyable afternoon with exerpts from many shows and a chance to sing along. The concert is at Sydenham St. United Church and tickets are \$20. More information at 343-364-9150 or www.kingstonchoralsociety.ca.

Giant Pie Sale

Five years of violence in Syria continues. Millions of Syrians have had to flee their homes for other parts of the country and into other countries. All are suffering, Christians and Muslims alike. We continue to pray for peace and new beginning. And to accompany our prayers, the Session of St. Andrew's has asked each household to consider a special offering in June to support the provision of food and temporary shelter to these refugees in the Middle East. Our support will be channelled through PWS&D and ActionByChurchesTogether (ACT - working with the Middle East Council of Churches, the International Orthodox Aid Association and World Lutheran Federation).

A member of the congregation, Martha van Allen, is offering to assist with a giant pie sale to accompany this appeal. We will be offering the pies to the community beyond the congregation, so lots of pie bakers are needed (contact Donna Delacretaz for information - all that is needed is that you can bring a certain number of pies to the church by Saturday, June 13). You can also assist by ordering a pie or two by Sunday, June 7, for pick up on Saturday, June 13 - \$10 for your choice of lemon meringue, cherry, blueberry, strawberry rhubarb, raspberry, and apple. Sign up on the bulletin board at the church or leave a message with the Church Office 613-546-6316 or email info@standrewskingston.org.

Also...

Church Tours - Summer Program

St. Andrew's has been awarded funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program again this year to hire two students to work as Cultural Interpreters. Along with some additional funding identified by Session, we will be able to employ two university students from mid-June until the end of August to welcome and engage visitors to St Andrew's Church during the summer tourist season. We would like to announce that Chloe Grande and Annie Dilworth have been hired to fill these roles. Chloe has just completed her degree in English, and will be pursuing graduate work in Journalism this fall. She is passionate about local history, speaks French and Italian, and has experience as a historical interpreter. Annie is completing her third year in English Literature and History and has been a volunteer at the Museum of Health Care in Kingston over the past year, as well as having some marketing experience. Chloe and Annie are looking forward to expanding how we draw visitors into the church, as well as involving youth - and adults - as volunteers. Stay tuned for more details as the summer approaches. Andy Mills

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Ps.119:105) Are you shining this light on the path of your walk with God? Get help with Scripture Union Bible reading guides. Contact Audrie Cossar (546-6790).

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