

*Serving God and neighbour  
in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday  
May 3, 2015



John Henry Lorimer, 1891.  
The Ordination of Elders in a Scottish Kirk.  
National Gallery of Scotland.

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 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.

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** Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord Matthias Weckmann  
Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Bernard Reichel

### Call to Worship

**Hymn** Christ is Alive #251  
**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)

**Introit** Come Down, O Love Divine  
da Siena/Littledale/V. Williams  
Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and  
kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

### Greetings & Announcements

### Time with Children

### Scripture Readings

Numbers 11: 16-17

Acts 14:21-23

I Peter 5:1-4

**Sermon** 'Presbyteros'

### Preamble to the Ordination and Induction of Elders

### Questions to Elders Elect and Congregation

**Hymn** Pour out your Spirit from on high #581

### Prayer and Declaration

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Anthem** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain R.S. Thatcher  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant  
gladness; God hath brought His Israel into joy from  
sadness.

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

**Hymn** I come with joy #530

**The Apostles' Creed** (inside)

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Sharing of Bread & Wine

**Hymn** The church's one foundation #479

### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Easter Fanfare and Chorale Thomas Chesterton

*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

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Numbers 11: 16-17**

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.

### **Acts 14:21-27**

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, 'It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.' And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

### **1 Peter 5:1-4**

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

## **Preamble to the Ordination of Elders**

All ministries of the Church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the Church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the Church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the Church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the Church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the Church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to this pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his Church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

*The Form of Presbyterian Church Government* of the Westminster Assembly reminds us that Christ has furnished some in the Church, beside the Ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the Minister in the government of the church, which officers reformed churches commonly call Elders.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivant) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the Church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the Church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

### **THE VOWS**

Ada Mallory, Alberta Saunders, Dennis Tysick, that your faith in God and your integrity of purpose may be declared before God and all people, you are required in terms of this preamble to answer the

questions appointed for all who would enter the office of the Ruling Elder. Elaine Coderre, you have already been ordained to the Eldership and I invite you to reaffirm your commitment.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? **I do.**

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people? **I do.**

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church? **I do.**

4. In accepting the office of Elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up his Church and to strengthen its mission in the world? **I do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these vows.

### **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.

### **Notes from the Director of Music**

On this special ordination Sunday, in our music we are asked to come forward to praise and to serve and we ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts. In addition to the hymn "I come with joy", we have the **Anthem** "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" which is also the title of one of the **Preludes**. We ask the Holy Ghost to come into our lives in the second **Prelude** and in the **Introit**, we ask that God's love come down and fill our hearts.

The two **choral preludes** are quite different in style, being from quite different time periods. Matthias Weckmann (1621-1674) was from Hamburg, Germany and Bernhard Reichel (1901-1992) was from Geneva, Switzerland. Reichel taught harmony at the Geneva conservatory and wrote at a time of much experimentation. Despite his adventurous harmony, one can still pick out the melody of the tune "Schwing dich auf" which is one of several tunes used over the years to accompany the Latin text translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866). Another tune for this ancient text (Hymn #253), is used for our **Anthem** today and was composed by Sir Reginald Sparshatt Thatcher, professor at the Royal Academy of Music. The service closes with an expression of joyous celebration by American composer James Mansfield, who used the pseudonym Thomas Chesterton.

The **Introit** deserves some special attention, for it is a most remarkable hymn. All three of those involved in its creation, gave special focus to the music of the people and the hymn is thus one that can be very personal. The hymn text goes back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Bianco da Siena was an Italian monk who wrote hymns for the people, for those who wanted to sing at worship. His music was unusual for the time for it related not as much to the clergy of the time, but to the common people. In 1851 his works were finally published in a collection in Italy and then discovered by an Irish priest, Richard Frederick Littledale. Ill health forced Littledale to leave the Anglican priesthood and devote himself to writing. When John Mason Neale (translator of "Come ye faithful") passed away in 1866, Littledale completed his book *Commentary on the Psalms*. Littledale compiled *The People's Hymnal*

in 1867 and his book *Plain Reasons against joining the Church of Rome* had a great influence on halting the Oxford Movement in 1880. He is best known, however, for the translation of da Siena's text. The final step in the evolution of this hymn was in 1906 when the *English Hymnal* was compiled and composer Ralph Vaughan Williams was asked to provide a tune to this lovely text. Vaughan Williams valued and was inspired by the music of the common man and would travel the countryside collecting folk tunes to be later used in his music. The tune *Down Ampney* was named after his birthplace in Gloucester, and is reminiscent of Anglo-Genevan tunes. With its very personal words and reflective tune, this hymn (#386) remains one of the most beautiful and unique that one can find.

### ***This Morning...***

*Flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are in recognition of the four St. Andrew's members who are being ordained as elders in this service.*

### **A Heart For Reconciliation**

'All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation' (2 Corinthians 5:18). The national Truth and Reconciliation Commission's closing event will be held June 1-3, 2015 in Ottawa. Church groups across Canada are being invited by KAIROS to make Hearts for Reconciliation, to be 'planted' by local school children on the grounds of Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General of Canada. We are being invited to embrace our native brothers and sisters who were residential school students and acknowledge that what we offered may have been with the best of intentions but has brought hurt and harm, personal and generational, cultural and indeed spiritual. This is just a gesture, but it is a beginning. There are paper patterns available in St. Andrew's Hall this morning available for our creative energies and prayerful attention, to be returned by Sunday, May 17. To take up the work of reconciliation is not easy for us as Christians, but then it was not for Christ either. And it is, we believe, the way of life.

### **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*

### **Advance Notice...**

#### **Grounds Clean Up Morning**

Saturday - May 9, 9:30-noon

Come with a rake, shovel, broom or clippers and join a crew that will gather to give the St. Andrew's grounds a spring clean. Please let Janet Payne or Ian Leach know you are coming, so tasks can be coordinated.

### **Also...**

#### **Sunday Evening Special Meals**

This afternoon St Andrew's Team#1 prepares a meal for a hall full of neighbours this evening. If you would like to lend a hand, please speak to Larry Moore.

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