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# WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Advent III December 13, 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. Ashley Reynold is our caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher.

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# Order of Worship

- Prelude** All Through the Night  
Variations on Greensleeves arr. Lisa Szeker-Madden
- Entry of Holy Scriptures & Call to Worship**
- Hymn** Come Thou Long expected Jesus #110
- Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)
- Introit** Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth M. Praetorius  
*Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth; let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.*
- Lighting the Advent Candle: Joy** (inside)
- Hymn** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime #144
- Time With Children**
- Readings and Carols for Advent** John & Audrey Marshall
- The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*  
Isaiah 40:1-8  
Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen G.R. Woodward
- The Lord promises to send the world a righteous King*  
Jeremiah 23:5-6  
Coventry Carol original tune of 1591
- The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace*  
Zechariah 9:9-10  
Lute-Book Lullaby W. Ballet
- The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of nations*  
Haggai 2:6-9  
It came upon the midnight clear Arthur Sullivan
- The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God*  
Isaiah 35:1-6  
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming M. Praetorius
- The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Luke 1:26-35, 38  
Gabriel's Message Basque trad. Melody
- Hymn** Once in Royal David's City #166
- Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God*  
Mark 1:9-11, 14-15  
Unto Us is born a Son Piae Cantiones, 1582
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**
- Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**
- Offertory** O little town of Bethlehem English Traditional
- Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)
- Prayer of Dedication**
- Hymn** Hark the Glad Sound #118
- Benediction & Congregational Amen**
- Postlude** Patapan Burgundian Carol
- 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**

### **Isaiah 40:1-8**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'  
A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever

### **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I  
will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he  
shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the land. In his days  
Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And  
this is the name by which he will be called:  
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Zechariah 9:9-10**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

### **Haggai 2:6-9**

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a  
little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth  
and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the  
nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall  
come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says  
the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is  
mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of  
this house shall be greater than the former, says  
the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give  
prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

### **Isaiah 35:1-6**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

### **Luke 1:26-35, 38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

### **Mark 1:9-11, 14-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### **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**

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Bishop of Truro in England. A revised set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. The hymns and carols are mainly from centuries ago and we are happy to have the St.

Andrew's Baroque ensemble help to give a sense of olden times to this lovely service.

The two **Preludes** are arrangements of traditional tunes. The first tune is also known by its Welsh name *Ar Hyd y Nos*. The earliest reference to *Greensleeves* was in 1580 when it was called "a new Northern Dittye". Shakespeare made reference to the tune in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Some believe it was composed by King Henry VIII. Over the years it has had many lyrics attached to it, both sacred and secular.

The first **Hymn**, with words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), is sung to the tune *Stuttgart* (found at #521) taken from a hymn book of 1715. The **Introit** uses a text translated from the original Latin text of St. Ambrose (340-397) and uses a melody adapted by M. Praetorius (1571-1621) who also wrote "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming".

The second **Hymn**, which is very Canadian, uses the tune of an early French Carol and will be introduced with a verse in the original Huron language, written by Jesuit missionary Fr. Jean de Brébeuf (c 1643) with an accompaniment by Healey Willan. The common loose translation was made by Canadian poet Edgar Middleton in 1926. The first Carol "Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen" is from the *Piae Cantiones* of 1582. "Unto us is born a Son" is from the same source.

The "Lute Book Lullaby" by William Ballet, is from an early 17<sup>th</sup> century manuscript found in Dublin. The very familiar words of "It came upon the midnight clear" were written in 1849 by American Edmund Hamilton Sears at a time when there was much political strife in the world. Sir Arthur Sullivan, anxious to do something other than comic operas with W.S. Gilbert, compiled a hymn book in 1874 and arranged an old English melody to go with these words.

The service ends with a lively carol from France with the original title "Guilló, pran ton tamborin". Our thanks to our readers and above all, to our choir and Baroque Ensemble for their many hours of preparation.

### **Ushers**

**Today:** Andy & Alec Mills, Helen McEwen, Ada Mallory

**Next Week:** Peter Trudeau, Bob Hessel, Ralph Kendall, Wendy Worling

## **Today...**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert William Clark who served in the 146 battalion during the Great War, these colours are displayed in our Sanctuary. Given by Robert, Dennis, Peter and Carolyn.

## **2016 Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2016 are now available in St. Andrew's Hall. If you do not currently have numbered envelopes and would like to have them or contribute through Pre-Authorized Remittances for next year, please contact Ann McLean at [ann@standrewskingston.org](mailto:ann@standrewskingston.org) or telephone the office (613 546-6316) and leave a message.

## **Congregational Meeting**

Members and adherents are invited to remain briefly after worship today for a meeting that will receive two recommendations from the informal congregational discussions of this autumn:

- a) that we establish a taskforce to prioritize new initiatives of witness and outreach raised during the discussions,
- b) that we establish a parallel taskforce to explore possible paths of funding the significant renovation of the sanctuary needed to maintain ministry through this building.

## **Operation Christmas Child Thank You**

Fifty-two boxes were generously donated from St. Andrew's to the Samaritan's Purse Ministry, providing small gifts and toys to children living in areas of war and poverty. Nearly 5000 boxes have been shipped from Kingston this year. There is still time to contribute on line by going to [www.packabox.ca](http://www.packabox.ca). Please keep this ministry in prayer as the workers deliver the boxes in the next weeks - that needs will be met and workers will remain safe. So many children and families have been touched and lives have been changed by your gifts.

## **Advance Notice...**

### **Women's Missionary Society**

The WMS will meet in St. Andrew's Hall on December 14th at 1:30pm. There will be a special Christmas program. Please bring a dozen cookies

to share with one of the shelters.

## **White Gifts**

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.

Building upon the generosity of last year, when we focused upon reaching out with the joy of Christmas to support Central School, this year we will embrace the children and youth who seek shelter with their mothers at our neighbor Interval House (which provides 18 apartments for women with children and youth for up to one year). We are invited to bring a new book wrapped in a white bow to be enjoyed by someone from infant to eighteen.

## **Potluck Luncheon**

Next Sunday - Be sure to linger for a time after the service and enjoy a congregational pot-luck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall. Good food, good company!

## **St. Andrew's Bells Play the Carols of Christmas**

Our Music Director, John Hall, will be playing the Bells of St. Andrew's every Sunday in December at 12:00 noon. You are welcome to congregate outside and enjoy the Christmas music from our newly renovated Bell tower.

## **Email Update**

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## **Body, Mind and Soul**

This is the title of the study guide produced at the request of the last General Assembly after its discussions on sexuality and full inclusion within the PCC. This is a significant document (78 pages!) but the elders commend it for reading and reflection - it can be found online at [www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca) and a limited number of paper copies are available in St. Andrew's Hall. An event is being planned for the afternoon of Saturday January 30 that will bring the various Kingston-area congregations together for a presentation of some of the key sections of the study guide. After having participated in this study, individuals, congregations and presbyteries are invited to share their reflections (by February 15).