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in this community  
since 1817*

# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Advent IV  
December 20, 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 Reynolds 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.

**Prelude** Noël Étranger D'Aquin  
**Entry of Holy Scriptures**  
**Call to Worship**  
**Hymn** On Jordan's bank #126  
**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)  
**Introit** Christmas Song of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century arr. Healey Willan  
*Now O Zion gladly raise songs of triumph hymns of praise. Christ is born (O blest of days!) of Maiden pure, our sins to cure and heal us.*

### Greetings & Announcements

### Presentation of White Gifts

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Noël a minuit Dandrieau

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

### Lighting of the Advent Candle & Responsive Reading

**Hymn** The first nowell #136

**Synopsis of Church School Presentation** Laura Tyner-Clement

### Church School Skit "The Forgotten Memos" Part 1

Seraph (Chief Executive Personnel): Lindsay  
Angelica (Event planning and Transportation): Olivia  
Archangel Gabriel (Chief Messenger): Gavin

**Hymn** Go, tell it on the mountain #133

### Church School Skit "The Forgotten Memos" Part 2

**Anthem** Somewhere a Child is Sleeping Frank Mills

**Epilogue** Laura Tyner-Clement

**Song** Draw the Circle Wide Gordon Light  
(Choir and children)

**Hymn** Hail to the Lord's Anointed #115

### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Noël Suisse D'Aquin

*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

## **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**

All of the organ pieces today are based on old French carols called Noëls. The **Prelude** and **Postlude** are from a set of Noëls by the famous harpsichordist and organist Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772). The **Prelude** features a duet with Cromorne and Cornet (played on the oboe stop). D'Aquin was noted for his dramatic writing and the **Postlude** features a loud 32' reed in the pedal. A gentler Noël by Jean-Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738) is played at the **Offertory**.

Our choir music today features three compositions by Canadian composers. All have something unexpected. We usually think of Healey Willan (1880-1968) as a Canadian Composer but he was in fact a British Composer when he arranged the **Introit** which is based on an old German tune "Resonet in Laudibus". Willan had been an organist in London England and moved to Canada just before the First World War broke out. He was organist first at St. Paul's in Toronto and then the remainder of his career as a church musician was at St. Mary Magdalene Toronto.

We usually think of Frank Mills (b. 1942) as a popular music composer, most famous for his hit song "Music Box Dancer". But he has written a few more serious works and we hear one of them today. Frank Mills grew up in Verdun Quebec and studied music at McGill University. He has traveled extensively and has performed in Kingston many times. He composed the music for today's **Anthem**

after the birth of his son. Because the music seemed to have the nature of a Christmas song he was urged by others to write a Christmas text to go with the music. The result is: "Somewhere a Child is Sleeping".

The unexpected thing about Gordon Light (b. 1944) is that he is an Anglican Bishop. Not to be confused with Gordon Lightfoot, Bishop Light also plays guitar, sings and composes songs and one song which has become very popular, even in the United States, is "Draw the Circle Wide". Gordon Light's lyrics have been set to music by other composers but his original song with the original music appears in The Anglican hymn book and also the supplement to the United Church hymn book called "More Voices United". It was during her summer travels that Laura heard this song in two different churches in two different cities and it was the inspiration for the presentation today.

## **Draw the Circle Wide**

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone standing side by side, Draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

## **Somewhere a Child is Sleeping**

The snow is softly falling  
The night is cold and grey  
The forests fields and mountains  
Await the coming day  
One star outshines the others  
So bright as if to say  
This is a special morning  
A child was born on Christmas day.  
Long ago, far away  
In a stable bare  
Look and see, he sleeps so peacefully  
As if the cold of night were never there

Bless all the little children  
Whenever they may lay  
Somewhere a child is sleeping  
A child was born on Christmas day.  
So we might love each other  
In peace and honor's way  
Somewhere a child is sleeping  
A child was born on Christmas day  
To save the world from sadness  
His troubled life he gave  
To offer hope and gladness  
Our weary souls to save  
To comfort us in trouble  
To guide us ev'ryday  
One hope for life eternal  
A child was born on Christmas day

### **Ushers**

**Today:** Peter Trudeau, Bob Hessel, Ralph Kendall &  
Wendy Worling

**Christmas Eve:** Bob Hessel, Holly Turnbull,  
Elaine & Pat Coderre

**Next Week:** Alberta Saunders, Doreen Henshaw,  
Shirley & Rhonda Aitken

### **Prayers**

God, our hope and our desire,  
we wait for your coming  
as a woman longs for the birth,  
the exile for her home,  
the lover for the touch of his beloved,  
and the humble poor for justice.

*Janet Morley, England*

If we have worshiped you as a relic from the past, a  
theological concept, a religious novelty, but  
not as a living God.

**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have confused your will with our  
understanding of it, if we have preferred  
divergence to unity:

**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have heard stories of struggle, with no  
intention of sharing the burden or pain:

**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have identified the misuse of power, but failed  
to prophesy against it, and refused to  
empower the weak:

**Lord, forgive us.**

If we have sung songs in praise of your creation,  
while defiling the goodness of the earth:  
**Lord, forgive us.**

### **Hear now words of assurance:**

The Lord says: I will bring my people back to me. I  
will love them with all my heart. No longer  
am I angry with them. I will be to the people  
like rain in a dry land.

This is the promise of God

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*National Council of Churches of the Philippines*

### **Today...**

The flowers today are dedicated in gratitude to God  
and in memory of Melba Fisher by Stinson, Gary,  
Helen, Lyn & family.

### **White Gifts**

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). This morning we  
bring new books wrapped in a white bow to be  
enjoyed by someone from infant to eighteen. We  
welcome Amy Simms from Interval House this  
morning to receive them.

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!  
Please do take a copy of our quarterly  
congregational newsletter, The Burning Bush!

### **Email Updates**

Did you know you can receive a posting from the  
minister each week in advance of the St. Andrew's  
service that includes the forthcoming Sunday  
bulletin and thoughts to be found in the sermon?  
Just go [www.standrewskingston.org](http://www.standrewskingston.org), and add your  
email address under 'Subscribe via Email' in the right  
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monthly e-newsletter that shares news from across  
The nation and of partners around the globe-  
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## 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.

## Church Office Hours for Christmas and New Years

In order to provide our staff with the statutory holidays to which they are entitled, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 28; Tuesday, December 29; and Monday, January 4.

## Advance Notice...

### 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.

## Forthcoming Services

Christmas Eve	Thursday, Dec 24, 7:30pm
Christmas 1	Sunday, December 27, 10:30am
Epiphany 1: Magi	Communion Sunday, January 3, 10:30am
Epiphany 2: Herod	Sunday, Jan 10, 10:30am
Epiphany 3: The Child	Sunday, January 17, 10:30am

## 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).

## The Big Dig

At a meeting last week here at St. Andrew's, impact on access to the church during the construction

period was discussed with the contractor and city officials. Access to the accessible door off Princess Street will be maintained throughout. The construction will not likely affect the church directly until June 2016. Then we are looking at about 2 months of construction on Clergy Street. Pedestrian traffic will not be affected, but we could lose access to the parking lot for as much as 3 weeks.

Once we have exact dates for these disruptions, and alternate options, we will be letting you know.

Thank you and God Bless, *Gregory Matthews*,  
Booking Co-ordinator, Church Usage Committee

## Opportunities to Serve...

### The Pastoral Care Committee

Is looking for help with visiting homebound members of the congregation on a regular basis. If this is a ministry that interests you, contact Elaine Coderre for more information at 613-389-4813 or [elainecoderre@hotmail.ca](mailto:elainecoderre@hotmail.ca)

### Kingston Street Mission

We need additional dedicated, reliable and compassionate volunteers to be part of our outreach team. The mission is open from October 24th, 2015 through the end of April 2016. Hours are 7 nights a week from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

We are presently looking for volunteers for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights to help ...

provide a temporary warm and safe haven to escape the harsh winter weather - help to locate a warm place to stay at one of the local shelters, supply/serve hot drinks, soup, crackers, cookies and other special treats - provide warm supplies to help shelter those sleeping outside - offer friendly conversation with an ear to really hear what they say - offer caring and compassion with no judgement. Please have a look at the poster in St.

Andrew's Hall and contact me ... Marilyn McLean

Chair: Kingston Street Mission

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