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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Advent II

Sunday
December 6, 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.

Prelude	Sarabande in d minor	G.F. Handel
Entry of Holy Scriptures Call to Worship		
Hymn	Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding	#116
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)		
Introit	The King shall come	J. Brownlie
<i>The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks; When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes. Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.</i>		
Greetings & Announcements		
Litany for Advent: Peace (inside)		
Hymn	People in darkness	#124
Time with Children		
Scripture Readings David Jackson		
Malachi 3:1-4		
John 4:19-26		
Anthem	Who on earth could know?	V. MacKenzie
<i>The world lay waiting in darkness, God's people long oppressed. They looked to heaven to break their chains, to find peace and rest... Who on earth could know? Who on earth could see God's love would be revealed through a tiny baby? Only God could know, only God could see his kingdom would come through this promised one, and this child would grow to change the world.</i>		
Sermon	"The day of His coming" (Malachi 3:2)	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	But Who may Abide?	G.F. Handel
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings	(inside)
Hymn	Let all mortal flesh	#542
The Nicene Creed (inside)		
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Sharing of Bread & Wine		
Hymn	Lo! Christ comes	#120
Benediction & Congregational Amen		
Postlude	For He is like a Refiner's fire	G.F. Handel

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

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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.

Nicene 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

Two excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* are played today. The **Offertory** and **Prelude** are organ arrangements from one aria having two contrasting sections. The first section gently asks the question "But who may abide the day of his coming and who shall stand when he appeareth?" The second section is far from gentle and Handel's music expresses in a fiery tone: "For he is like a refiner's fire and who shall stand when he appeareth?" The aria was originally composed for a bass singer in 1741 but Handel changed his mind and later arranged it for a male alto in 1750. Later he authorized a version for soprano.

The **Prelude**, also by Handel, is from a harpsichord suite, each section of which represents a dance form. The "sarabande" is an ancient dance form with possible origins in Spain and is characterized by a slow beat of 3 to the bar. It is very similar to Handel's famous aria *Lascia ch'io pianga*. Handel writes this as a theme with only two variations so a few more of my own are presented to extend the length of the piece. Despite the slow dignified nature of the form, the sarabande was

suppressed in Europe for a time in the 16th century because it was felt that it was enough to “excite bad emotions in even very decent people”.

The text for the **Introit** is from an ancient Greek text which was translated by John Brownlie (1857-1925) who was a Presbyterian minister in Glasgow. The tune is called “Consolation” and comes from an early American hymn book called *Kentucky Harmony* of 1816. This beautiful text can be found in our old Book of Praise #227.

The **Anthem** is a little gem with text and music by Canadian Valerie MacKenzie who is organist at Park Royal United Church in Charlottetown. Valerie also runs a student composers competition. The piece is one of a large number of anthems donated to our library by Bay Park Baptist Church, and for which we are very grateful.

Prayers

O God, make us children of quietness and heirs of peace.
Clemet of Rome

Come Lord,
do not smile and say
you are already with us.
Millions do not know you,
and to us who do,
what is the difference?
What is the point of your presence
if our lives do not alter?
Change our lives,
shatter our complacency.
Make your word our life's purpose.
Take away the quietness
of a clear conscience.
Press us uncomfortably,
For only thus
that other peace is made,
your peace.

Dom Helder Camara
(*The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers*)

Ushers

Today: Elders

Next Week: Andy & Alec Mills, Helen McEwen, Ada Mallory

Today...

Newsletters

Be sure to pick up your copies of the minister's monthly newsletter and the quarterly Burning Bush - thanks to editor Ada Mallory and all contributors!

Advent Devotions

As we continue our journey towards Christmas, please pick up a copy of one of the daily devotions in St Andrew's Hall in preparation.

Advance Notice...

Congregational Meeting

Members and adherents are invited to remain briefly after worship on Sunday December 13 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.

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.

Also...

Saturday December 12th

A musical concert featuring the Pittsburgh Pickers - the praise ensemble of St. John's Presbyterian Church. 7 pm. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2360 Middle Road, Kingston. Cost \$10 at the door. Proceeds go to the Partners in Mission food bank in Kingston. All are welcome. For more information please contact Gail at [613-542-0997](tel:613-542-0997).

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, and add your email address under 'Subscribe via Email' in the right hand column.

Also the Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a free monthly e-newsletter that shares news from across the nation and of partners around the globe - subscribe at www.presbyterian.ca/pconnect

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 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 Way Ahead

This is the name of the seniors' computer centre here at St. Andrew's. The present co-ordinator,

Peter Skelton, will be 'retiring' this month, and if this great community service is to continue, a new co-ordinator is needed. The co-ordinator does not need to be involved in the computer tutoring, but rather an ability to ensure publicity of the service and scheduling of tutors. If you have any interest personally, or a recommendation to offer, please speak to Andrew.

The Pastoral Care Committee

Is looking for help with visiting homebound members of the congregation on a regular basis. If this a ministry that interests you, contact Elaine Coderre for more information at 613-389-4813 or 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
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