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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 2016



'Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother ... and made his home in a town called Nazareth' Matthew 2:21-23

The life of Jesus Christ: An African Interpretation
by the Mafa People of the Cameroon.
www.jesusmafa.com

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 a refreshments including Pot-luck, 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.

Preludes French Noels
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship

Hymn The people that in darkness #171
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit Remember Thomas Ravenscroft
Remember, O thou man, Thy time is spent: Remember, O thou man, How thou cam'st to me then, and I did what I can, Therefore repent. To Bethlem did they go, O thou man, this thing to see: To Bethlem did they go, to see whether it was so, Whether Christ was born or no To set us free.

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Readings Living Faith 3.2 and 3.3
Jesus Christ: Truly God, Truly Human (inside)

Hymn Il est ne #169

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Ephesians 1:3-6

Anthem Star of the East Craig Curry
Star of the East, lead us on 'til we reach the house of Messiah. There we'll lay our gifts at His feet and worship Christ, the Lord. We'll cry "Holy. Worthy is the King". We will bow and worship Him. As the wise men came from a-far, so too, have we been drawn near.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming #151

Sermon Epiphany 3: The Christ Child

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling # 371

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude Noël (Grand Jeu et Duo) 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

Responsive Readings

Living Faith 3.2 and 3.3

Jesus Christ: Truly God, Truly Human

Jesus Christ: Truly God

God became man and dwelt among us.
In silence we ponder, in awe we confess this
amazing truth.
Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, the eternal Son of God humbled himself to be
one with us.
To Israel and to the world came God in Christ.

**To call Jesus Christ the Son of God is to say that he
is God of God, Light of Light begotten, not made.**

To see Jesus is to see God incarnate.

To know the Son is to know the Father.

God's nature is expressed in Jesus, the very Word of
God. Through him were all things made. His life is
the light of the world.

**Jesus Christ is Lord. He is one with the Father and
the Holy Spirit.**

Jesus Christ: Truly Human

Jesus was truly human.

**Tried and tested as we are, yet without sin, he
experienced the depths of life. Jesus understands
us. He felt the joy of friendship, the pain of
rejection, and died a human death.**

He trusted the Father completely and lived in the
Holy Spirit. Neither temptation nor threat prevented
him from loving God and his neighbour as himself.

He showed us what it means to be a child of God.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up,
take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and
remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to
search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph
got up, took the child and his mother by night, and
went to Egypt, and remained there until the death
of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by
the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have
called my son.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and
said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go
to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the
child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the
child and his mother, and went to the land of
Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling
over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was
afraid to go there. And after being warned in a
dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There
he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that
what had been spoken through the prophets might
be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the
world to be holy and blameless before him in

love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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

The Christmas season never seems to be long enough- there is just so much good music that can be presented at this time of year. This Sunday we “wrap up” the Christmas/Epiphany season with carols from England, France and Germany. The **Preludes** are a collection of French Noels which are seldom heard. The last **Prelude** is by Jean Jacques Charpentier (1734-1794), called *Tambourin sur des Noël*s. The tambourin was either a percussion instrument or in this case, it refers to an early dulcimer – a type of stringed instrument that only played the keynote and the fifth. This creates a drone effect (like a bagpipe) which is heard throughout the piece as three different carols are explored. The last of these carols is heard again in the **Postlude** and was composed by Louis-Claude D’Aquin (1694-1772) where it is cleverly and in a child-like way, improvised upon. The second **Hymn** is a famous Noël which is presented in our Book of Praise both in English and in the original French. Like so many of the French Noël’s, the origin of the tune and French text have been lost over the centuries.

The **Introit** is one of many old English carols which can be used at seasons other than Christmas. This one from 1611 can be used at either Lent or Christmas, depending on the verses selected. Like the tune Greensleeves, it is in a minor key, which we tend to think of today as something sad, but that was not necessarily the case centuries ago. It was only because of continued usage, especially in the 1800’s, of minor keys for a sad and serious mood, that we have that association today.

A great favourite at this time of year is *Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming* by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621). In our Book of Praise #151, we have a translation from the original German done by three different people. Johannes Brahms (1838-1897) composed a few Chorale Preludes for organ and the

Offertory is based on this famous tune by Praetorius. The original tune is there but almost impossible to pick out.

Craig Curry is a contemporary American Pastor and church musician and has received several awards for his compositions. The **Anthem** was composed in 2000 for a community Christmas music festival in Pennsylvania.

Prayer

Blessed art thou,
O Christ Child,
That thy cradle was so low that shepherds,
poorest and simplest of earthly folk,
could yet kneel beside it,
and look level-eyed into the face of God.
*Anonymous – The Light Shines, Christian Aid
Christmas Anthology, 1985 Luke 2:8-20*

Ushers

Today: Elaine & Pat Coderre, Brian & Kim Hackett

Next Week: Marilyn Trudeau, Helen Ledford, Ralph Kendall & Wendy Worling

Today...

After the service, join us for a congregational potluck luncheon and a time of fellowship. There is always enough for all, so please join us!!

Thank you to all those who donated flowers for the sanctuary in 2015.

This ministry is important in helping create an inviting environment during the worship service and the flowers are distributed throughout the city afterwards.

If you would like to assist by bringing flowers one Sunday in 2016 please sign your name beside the date of your choice on the board in St Andrew’s hall. For any further assistance please speak to Wendy Worling.

Advance Notice...

January Meetings

P&M - Monday January 25, 7 p.m.

Joint P&M, Session, Trustees Meeting - Tuesday January 26, 7 p.m.

Women's Missionary Society

This is an annual 'business' meeting, but all are welcome none-the-less! Contact Helen Ledford 613-548-4360 Monday January 18, 1:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.

Men's Bible Study

We are planning to start our men's Bible study group this month. Our first study will be "Land of Conflict - An Arab and Jewish Conversation". Our sessions will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. in the Polson Davies room. If you are interested in this group please contact Larry Moore or Dennis Clark for more information. You can reach the latter at 613-544-3722. Once we get an idea of numbers we will set a starting date.

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 1:30 pm on Saturday January 30 at Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church 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).

College & Careers Group

Join at the ministers' home for a home cooked meal and brief reflection. Sunday January 31, 6 pm

Elders' Visits

The elders of St. Andrew's would like to visit members and adherents of the congregation over the coming months. No issue or 'ask', just a gesture of pastoral care in Christian fellowship. When an elder calls to set up a visit, either at home or a coffee shop, we hope you can welcome us.
Donna Delacretaz, Clerk of Session

The Way Ahead Computer Lab

For walk-in computer help in Gill Hall lab, Wednesdays 10-11:30 am.

Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together

This one hour fitness workshop is held at St. Andrew's Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 - 11 a.m., run by the VON. You would be welcome!

Presbytery Visitation

Every three years, the Presbytery visits its congregations to receive an update on the worship and witness of each community of faith. The visit to St. Andrew's Kingston will be held on Sunday February 21. The Service of Worship will be led by the Rev. Marian Raynard of Sand Hill/Middle Road Presbyterian Churches, and immediately after there will be a brief opportunity for members of the congregation to speak to the current life and challenges of the congregation. The monthly pot-luck will follow. Separate meetings with the Property and Maintenance Committee, the Session and the Minister will follow later in the week.

Assisted Death: Faithful Responses in a New Landscape

February 23-26 at Presbyterian College Montreal. An excellent panel will help explore a Christian response to the ethical and theological issues of physician-assisted death and public policy. Information can be found at www.presbyteriancollege.ca

Also...

The Jesus Fatwah: Love your Muslim neighbour as yourself.

In the study Jesus Fatwah, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. St Mark's Lutheran Church – Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings of February. (See poster in St Andrew's Hall).

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