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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 24, 2016



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 Preludio Religioso Beethoven
Entry of Holy Scriptures
Call to Worship

Hymn We are God's People #472
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)
Introit How deep the silence of the soul Sylvia Dunstan
How deep the silence of the soul that lives within your grace. How full the gratitude of heart in your abiding place. What rich serenity is found, what courage and release, when wisdom teaches us to seek the gentle path to peace.

Greetings & Announcements Donna Delacretaz
Psalm 145:1-3, 8-9, 15-18 Unison (inside)
Hymn O Lord, Thou art my God and King #103
Time with Children

Scripture Readings Ann McLean
1 Peter 2: 9-10
Matthew 5: 1-16

Anthem O How Amiable Eleanor Daley
O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Blessed are they who dwell in thy house O Lord, ever singing thy praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn We are One in the Spirit #471
Sermon 'You Are Salt and Light'

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Adorn thyself, my soul Brahms
Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings (inside)

Hymn Your hand, O God, Has guided #477
Benediction & Congregational Amen
Postlude Fantasy in A minor Bach

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

Psalm 145:1-3, 8-9, 15-18 (Unison)

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Scripture Readings

1 Peter 2: 9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Matthew 5: 1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

Tomorrow is the birthday of the great Scottish poet, Robbie Burns and so I thought it appropriate to have at least one piece of music with a Scottish identity. The **Introit** (Hymn#750) uses the very traditional Scottish tune *MacPherson's Farewell*. The words are from a very talented Canadian woman, Sylvia G. Duncan who was born in 1955 and died too soon, in 1993. Sylvia was an ordained United Church minister who received her education in Toronto. Also from Toronto is Eleanor Daly who wrote the music for today's **Anthem**. Eleanor is a graduate from the Queen's School of Music. She is a

church organist in Toronto and is still, thankfully, composing.

Another tribute to Scotland is **Hymn #103**. It is a paraphrase of Psalm 145 and is taken from the Scottish Psalter of 1650. The tune was composed by John Warrington Hatton (1710-1793) a member of the Presbyterian Church at St. Helens in England. He lived on Duke Street and hence the name of the tune (which is also sometimes called *St. Helens*.)

Last Sunday the **Offertory** was a choral prelude by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Although he was an important and prolific composer, he wrote very little for the organ. Today's **Offertory** is another choral prelude from a set of eleven. Another big "B" in classical music was Beethoven (1770-1827) who wrote only a few pieces for organ, even though he was an organist in his early years. The **Prelude** is a transcription for organ from a piano piece. The third of the three "big B's" is of course Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) who as we know, wrote a great deal for organ including today's **Postlude**.

So why did the other two big B's ignore the "King of Instruments"? By Beethoven's time, expression of feelings meant more than the clever arrangement of notes on a page. For expression of emotions, the piano did it better than the early pipe organ. Mozart also wrote very little for organ solo. Today, organ music is seldom heard by the general public, due mainly to a decline in church attendance and the demise of the theatre organ. It would seem that for the past couple of generations, it has been the guitar which has captured the public's attention. So what does this mean for the big B's? Perhaps it is now Bach, Beethoven, Brahms... and the Beatles.

Ushers

Today: Marilyn Trudeau, Helen Ledford, Ralph Kendall & Wendy Worling

Next Week: Joan Barr-Knox, Doreen Henshaw, Shirley & Rhonda Aitken

Today...

This morning marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated by many churches around the world. This year resources have been prepared by the Christians of Latvia around the theme 'Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God' and can be found at

www.councilofchurches.ca They include individual devotions for the eight days of this celebration. Here at St. Andrew's we welcome the Rev. Susan McAllister, minister of Princess Street United Church (where our Minister is leading worship this morning). In the midst of a career in retail with The Hudson Bay Co and Collacutt Luggage, Susan felt a rather surprising call to ministry and after theological studies at Queen's was ordained in 2000. Susan has served congregations in Nova Scotia, St. John's NL, Colborne and Scarborough ON. Susan is also a certified CanFitPro Personal Trainer, a YMCA Group Fitness Instructor and a certified Yoga Instructor. We welcome Susan (and her husband The Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister!)

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.

This Week...

Joint Meeting

Members of Property & Maintenance, Session and Trustees will be meeting Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. for a brief meeting to plan for the Annual General Meeting. Please note that we will be meeting in the chapel, and entrance should be from Princess Street through the chapel doors only.

Mary's Talks

The first public event of this new series will take place here at St. Andrew's on Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The speaker will be lawyer Pamela Cross. Reflecting upon her own journey at work with organisations at the local, provincial and federal levels, Pamela will address the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy, the importance of community engagement from the neighbourhood to the global level, and the many ways any individual can be involved. 'Me? An activist?' Free entrance. These talks have been established in memory of Mary Fleming, the late wife of David Jackson.

The Way Ahead Computer Lab

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

Men's Bible Study

We will be starting our men's Bible study on Wednesday, January 27. We will meet in the Polson Davies room at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm. Our first study will be "Land of Conflict - An Arab and Jewish Conversation". We will be meeting weekly at this time. If you are interested in this group please come to any of these meetings.

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).

Advance Notice...

College and Careers Dinner

Join at the minister's home for a home-cooked meal and reflection with which to begin the week. Sunday January 31, 6 p.m. Contact Andrew for directions to the house (five minutes' walk from the church).
a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Mission Exposure Tours

Our national church is offering some wonderful opportunities to visit and learn from partner churches around the world. See the posters in St. Andrew's Hall. Malawi Study Tour: March 31-April 16. Middle East Study Tour: October 24-November 3. Teaching English in China. 'I Love Taiwan' (youth): two weeks, June/July.

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

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

Other...

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!

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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