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in this community  
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# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 14, 2016



Vision of the Seven Candlesticks by Albrecht Durer, 1498

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 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

### Call to Worship

**Hymn** Come let us to the Lord our God #194

**Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer** (inside)

**Introit** Introit for Lent Healey Willan

*If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities,  
Lord, who may abide it? For unto thee belongeth  
mercy, O God of Israel. Out of the deep have I called  
unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.*

### Greetings & Announcements

**Litany for Lent 1** (inside)

**Hymn** As water to the thirsty #688

### Time with Children

### Scripture Reading

Marilyn Trudeau

Psalm 51

Revelation 1

**Anthem** Steal Away to Jesus African-American spiritual  
*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away,  
steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord  
calls me; He calls me by the thunder. Green trees are  
bending; poor sinner stands a-trembling. The trumpet  
sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost #701

**Sermon** Revelation (1) - 'In the Midst of the Lampstands'

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Andante from Symphony #6 Tchaikowsky

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

**Hymn** All hail the power of Jesus' name #363

### Benediction & Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux Couperin

*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 Psalm**

**Psalm 51** (Selected verses)

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin ...**

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow ...**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you...**

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be  
pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise...**

## **Scripture Reading**

**Revelation 1** (selected verses)

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him  
to show his servants what must soon take place; he  
made it known by sending his angel to his servant  
John, who testified to the word of God and to the  
testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the  
prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who  
keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who  
was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits  
who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and  
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus  
the persecution and the kingdom and the patient  
endurance, was on the island called Patmos because  
of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I  
was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard  
behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write  
in a book what you see and send it to the seven  
churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to  
Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke  
to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lamp-  
stands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one  
like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and  
with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his  
hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his  
eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like  
burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his  
voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right  
hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came  
a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the  
sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But  
he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be  
afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I  
was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I  
have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write  
what you have seen, what is, and what is to take  
place after this. As for the mystery of the seven  
stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven  
golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of  
the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are  
the seven churches.

## **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 there are multiple themes in our service. This is the first Sunday in Lent and so we rely on our great standby for seasonal **Introits**, Healey Willan. Our first **Hymn** is also appropriate for opening the season of Lent.

Last Sunday we heard the organ music from the *Mass for the Convents* by François Couperin. I will play one more piece from this set which was intended to be played during the offertory. It is too long to be played as an offertory at our service so I am playing it as the **Postlude**. It is played for the most part on the main pipes of the organ called the Principal Chorus or “Les Grands Jeux” in French.

The month of February has been declared Black History Month and so our anthem is one of the most inspired of the African-American Spirituals. It was actually composed by a Native American named Wallace Willis whose family had been slaves. He himself was declared a “freedman” before the end of the Civil War. Thanks to Willis, this and several traditional spirituals that he knew and had sung were written down and later made popular by the Jubilee Singers of Nashville in the 1870’s. Were it not for this, many of these wonderful soul-felt songs might have been forgotten.

This year, Valentine’s Day happens to fall on a Sunday. I wondered how closely this day is linked with the church and in my research I discovered quite a fascinating history with links to the church, pagan festivals, and mythology. But the origins do go back to a St. Valentine in the third century in Rome who was executed for secretly marrying soldiers despite a decree from the emperor forbidding soldiers to marry. The association with a celebration of romantic love came in the middle ages and Valentine’s Day was mentioned by the English poet Henry Chaucer. The sending of cards started in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the festival of St. Valentine’s Day has become a largely secular event although St. Valentine is still recognized in the liturgical calendar of some denominations. And so I will give a nod to the day by playing at the **Offertory**, a very romantic piece by one of the giants of the Romantic era, Peter Tchaikowsky. The lovely theme of this piece was used by Glenn Miller during the war years with very romantic lyrics which some may remember as “This is the story of a starry night”. Because of its origins with the classical repertoire, the song was banned by the BBC in

England for a time. Remember that Tchaikowsky had no lyrics in mind when he wrote it so without any associations, we can hopefully appreciate it as just a nice piece of music.

## **Ushers**

**Today:** Bob Hessel, Elaine Coderre, Cheng Shyu, Rory Warnock

**Next Week:** Holly Turnbull, Pat Coderre, Bill Hackett, Kim Hackett

## **Today...**

### **Flowers**

Flowers today are placed with Love by Helen & Mendal McEwen in celebration of Valentine’s Day.

Each Sunday we strive to have fresh flowers in the sanctuary. They add to the beauty of the hour, and are distributed throughout the city afterwards. If you would be able to assist by bringing flowers one Sunday this year, please sign your name beside the date of your choice on the board in St. Andrew’s Hall. For further assistance, please speak to Wendy Worling.

## **This Week...**

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

The WMS will meet tomorrow at Strathcona Park Church at 1:30pm. Bruce Cossar will present an introduction to Guatemala in preparation for this term's mission study. All welcome.

### **The Mess**

Tuesday February 16, 5-7 p.m. If you are unable to drop in during the day when the Mess is usually open, this is a great opportunity to see Gill Hall and the works of art. Refreshments will be served. A Christian ministry 'creating art and community' here at St. Andrew's.

### **Kingston Community Strings**

In concert Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm here at St Andrew’s. Featuring Adam Tindale, Electric Acoustic Music and music by The Beatles, Handel and Copland. Free will offering.

## **Advance Notice...**

### **Congregational Pot-Luck**

Next Sunday, be sure to make time to linger and enjoy good food and great company!

## **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 on Monday February 29.

## **Annual General Meeting**

All members and adherents and friends of the congregation are invited to remain after the service on Sunday February 28 for the AGM. This is an opportunity to celebrate the year past and plan for the year to come together. Sandwiches will be provided. Programme and financial reports will be available on Sunday February 21 for study prior to the meeting.

## **Refugee Fundraiser at St. Andrew's**

On Saturday April 2, 7 p.m., St. Andrew's will be hosting a massed choir (of up to 170 voices) to support our arriving Syrian family. An individual is needed to assist with the sale of tickets. Others are needed on the day to serve soup at noon, and to usher for the concert itself. We are hoping to sell 500 tickets! Please speak to the Minister this morning.

## **St. Andrew's Tuesday Evenings**

Beginning March 1, 7 p.m., join us as we see a screening of the acclaimed BBC series that offers a new look at the development of the global Church - History of Christianity, The First Three Thousand Years, narrated by Oxford Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. See poster in St. Andrew's Hall.

## **Reception of New Members**

If you are looking for a church home and feel that St. Andrew's may be a community with whom you can grow in Christian faith, fellowship and service, you would be welcome! We will be receiving new members on Sunday April 17. Please speak to any Elder or the Minister for details.

## **Also...**

### **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 Way Ahead Computer Lab**

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

### **Bottletree**

This theatre group with a home at St. Andrew's has organised a gala performance of 'Ghost of the Tree' written by Charles Robertson at the Grand Theatre, February 24, 7:30 p.m. It tells the story of seven generations of women - 'the roots of sin run deep'. Tickets available through the Grand.

### **Wawahte**

February 27, 4 p.m. City Hall  
Join the Kingston Canadian Film Festival and honoured guests for the premiere screening of this Kingston produced documentary, telling three stories of residential school experience, with a post-show discussion and reception at the Delta Hotel. A great opportunity for all wanting to join the journey toward reconciliation. Tickets \$12, at the door or <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/14866/>

### **Bibles For Mission**

This store at 2455 Princess Street would welcome new volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. Contact [bfmkingston@gmail.com](mailto:bfmkingston@gmail.com), call 613-531-7852, or drop in to pick up an application and speak to the manager. Do a good deed...

### **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.

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