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**WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

December 11, 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 after the service for refreshments in St Andrew's Hall. Ashley Reynolds is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Infants and children aged three and under are welcome. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher, whom children are welcome to join immediately after the 'Time for Children' during the service. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information.

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Order of Worship

Prelude Noël *A minuit fut fait un Reveil* J.-F. Dandrieu
Noël Pierre Dandieu

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Greetings & Announcements

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

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent – Joy

Introit Matin Responsory Palestrina
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? Stir up thy strength O Lord and come.

Choir Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth M. Praetorius

Choir Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen G.R. Woodward

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:16,18-21

Hymn Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding 116

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23, 5-6

Choir King Jesus Hath a Garden Dutch carol

Scripture Reading Zechariah 9, 9-10

Hymn 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime 144

Scripture Reading Haggai 2, 6-9

Choir Unto us is born a Son Piaë Cantiones (1582)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35, 1-6

Choir Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming M. Praetorius

Scripture Reading Luke 1, 26-35, 38

Choir Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary Italian Carol

Hymn Once in Royal David's City 166

Scripture Reading Mark 1, 9-11, 14-15

Anthem Sing a New Song Dan Schutte

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Patapan Burgundian Carol

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus 110

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Noel Suisse Daquin

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

Isaiah 43:16,18-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Jeremiah 23, 5-6

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Zechariah 9, 9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Haggai 2:6-9

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 35:1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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.

Ushers

This morning – Helen Ledford, Ada Mallory,
Ralph Kendall, Wendy Worling

Next Sunday – Bob Hessel, Holly Turnbull,
Rory Warnock, Andy Mills

Flowers

We thank Dorothy Messenger for providing the flowers this morning. The flowers are given this day in loving memory of her husband, Orville Messenger.

Notes from the Director of Music

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19th century by the Bishop of Truro in England. In 1918, King's College Cambridge modified it and performed the first Nine Lesson and Carol service which later became a traditional radio broadcast, continuing to this day. Another set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. Between the readings is a collection of hymns and carols from various sources and countries from early Christian times up until modern times.

The **Introit** has been adapted from an early medieval Roman rite by Palestrina (1525-1594) and then further adapted for use by King's College. The first hymn, sung by the choir, uses a text translated from the original Latin text of St. Ambrose (340-397) and uses a melody adapted by M. Praetorius (1571-1621) who also wrote "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming". The first carol, "Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen" is from the *Piae Cantiones* of 1582. Another carol sung later is "Unto us is born a Son" which is from the same source.

One of the few carols that we like to claim as one of Canada's own actually uses a tune from an old French Carol, *Une Jeune Pucelle*. The words were written by Jesuit missionary St. Jean de Brébeuf (c. 1643) in the Huron language and a rather free translation which has little resemblance to the original text, was written in 1926 by Canadian poet J. Edgar Middleton.

It is that time of year when we can enjoy once again the organ works based on French carols. The first **Prelude** is a Noel by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738) who was organist of the Chapelle Royale and gave his first recital in front of the King at age 5. The second **Prelude** is by his uncle, Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733) who was an organist and priest. The **Postlude** is a Noel by Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772) another French prodigy who took on his first organist position at age 12.

Special thanks to those who added to the service today, including singers Elaine Bailey, Rea Everaars and Christopher Hall; Jason Hawke from the St. Andrew's Baroque Ensemble; and our handbell choir.

Today

Pre-Authorized Remittances

In response to the stewardship appeal of November, eight additional households have signed up for PAR so far - this is a significant gesture of support! If you would be willing to consider this, please pick up one of the brochures in the foyer or St. Andrew's Hall (where there are still some envelopes waiting also).

This Week

Women's Missionary Society

The WMS will hold its Christmas meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Monday, December 12th, at 1:30pm. Members are asked to bring the December issue of Glad Tidings, and a selection of Christmas cookies to share with city shelters.

Morning Bible Study

Thursday, December 15, 10:00 am. An opportunity to gather with the Minister and others to ponder the journey of Abraham and Sarah. No previous experience of the Bible needed. St. Andrew's Hall.

Advance Notice

Congregational Potluck

Be sure to join us next Sunday, December 18, for the Christmas congregational potluck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall immediately following the morning service.

White Gifts

Sunday, December 18, we invite you to reach out with some of the joy of Christmas to our neighbours at Interval House, where women, youth and children find temporary shelter here through the year. The suggestion is that we offer a white envelope with a \$10 gift card from nearby shops, or a cash contribution that can be pooled to purchase something larger like needed housecoat or slippers.

Sunday Perspectives

Sunday December 18, 7:00pm at the Screening Room. Film this month: *Things to Come* from France, featuring Isabelle Huppert. Film to be followed by a brief time of discussion.

Also...

Cinderella

Bottle Tree Productions calls St. Andrew's home, and has a long history of presenting terrific family fare for the holidays. This year they are offering the story of Cinderella, told in the engaging style of a Panto! This show is great for all ages - come ready to call out and sing along. The show opens this Thursday Dec. 15 and runs until Saturday Dec. 17. Evening shows are timed for the family and start at 6:30pm. There is a matinee on Saturday at 2:00pm.

Skeleton Park Arts Fest Square Dancing

On Saturday, December 17, 2pm – 5pm join Skeleton Park Arts Fest for a community contra dance with music courtesy of “The All Night Dinah String Band”, featuring members from the Everloving Jug band, Sheesham and Lotus and ‘Son, and the All Day Breakfast String Band. Admission is by donation.

First Responders

If you have training that could help us in the case of an emergency, could you please add your name to the St. Andrew's First Responders signup sheet available in St. Andrew's hall.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26; Tuesday, December 27; and Monday, January 2. Regular hours of operation of Monday to Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm will resume January 9th.

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Financial Offerings Update

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December 4, 2016	\$5,712	\$7,170
Year to Date	\$217,507	\$205,643