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in this community
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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 18, 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. As a matter of respect for our Indigenous neighbours, we acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours – 9:00 am to noon. Mon-Thurs.
(Use the Clergy St. door, next to the cannon)
Director of Music – John Hall
Minister – The Rev. Andrew Johnston

Prelude Nunn Komm' der Heiden Heiland J.S. Bach
Noël en Musette D'Aquin
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People Boehm

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn Angels from the realms of glory 146

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

Introit Saviour of the nations, come Luther/Walther
Come, Redeemer of our race,
Virgin-born by holy grace,
Hail'd by all the wondering earth:
God of old ordained His birth.

Greetings & Announcements

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent – Love

Presentation of White Gifts

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish Carol

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Introduction of Church School Program Laura

Hymn Good Christians All Rejoice 141

The History of Bells Lindsay and Olivia

Hymn I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (inside)

How Bells are Made Olivia, Crystal and Lindsay

Bells and Christmas Lindsay and Olivia

Hymn Go tell it on the mountain 133

Becoming a Bell Olivia, Lindsay, Laura and Crystal

Interpretive Dance and Pantomime Olivia, Lindsay, Crystal

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Joy to the world 153

Benediction

Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Noël No. 9 Claude Balbastre

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.

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 – Bob Hessell, Holly Turnbull,
Rory Warnock, Andy Mills
December 24 – Elaine Coderre, Pat Coderre,
Holly Turnbull, Kalista Clement

Hymnal Singalong

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Till, ringing singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Flowers

Needed Bob Clark

Notes from the Director of Music

Today is the last Sunday of Advent and so along with our delightful presentation by the Sunday School about Bells, we have a mixture of Advent and Christmas music. A beautiful carol from Poland is heard during the **Offertory** and it is assisted by a set of tiny bells played from a keyboard called the "Dulcetone", a rare instrument from Scotland. A couple of weeks ago, we heard a chorale prelude by Visser based on the German chorale Nunn Komm, der Heiden Heiland. This chorale is presented today as the **Introit**, and a Chorale Prelude by Bach, based on the melody, is heard as the first **Prelude**. Bach's treatment is rather interesting in that the note placement on the staff is symbolic of God reaching down to us with the promise of a Son, and the total piece has a sense of mystery about it. German composer and organist George Boehm (1661-1733) was inspired to compose a chorale prelude based on a tune from the Genevan Psalter of 1551. The original chorale is found at hymn #113 and Boehm's treatment is the third **Prelude**.

Last Sunday's Postlude was one of the best of the Noëls by Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772). When he played for the midnight mass Christmas Eve, people would crowd into the cathedral early to be able to hear this great virtuoso play his Noëls and improvise. A rather unusual Noël by Daquin (his name is spelled different ways) is presented as the second **Prelude**. It is one of the easiest pieces for organ with pedals because only one note is played with the foot throughout the piece, simulating the drone of the traditional bagpipe of France called the Musette (mentioned in the refrain of Hymn #169). A contemporary of Daquin who also liked to compose Noëls was Claude Louis Balbastre (1729-1799). A popular French carol of the time was *Joseph est Bien Marié* which is best known as the basis for the famous *Messe de Minuit* by Marc Antoine Charpentier. We hear Balbastre's Noël today played as the **Postlude** by our new choir member, Damien Macedo.

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, and please place the White Gifts in a box, if possible.

Christmas Day & New Year's Day

We are planning something special for these Sunday services! If you think you might be attending either or both, could you add a 'check' to the board in St. Andrew's Hall for us to discern attendance numbers?

Congregational Potluck

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

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.

Bells, Ring the Bells!

Lindsay and Olivia will invite us into worship with prose and poetry, scripture and interpretive dance.

White Gifts

We invite you to reach out this day 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.

This Week

Christmas Eve

Finally, our waiting is over this Saturday December 24, 7:30 p.m, and we light the Christ Candle. We hear of how the Holy One came to us, as one of us. At the end of an hour of carols and readings, we hold candles, we sing 'Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright'. Invite family and friends!

Christmas Day

♪Hail, O ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem. ♪

On Sunday December 25, 10:30 a.m., let's gather in the chapel to sing and celebrate, and then enjoy some Christmas morning treats!

Advance Notice

Behold, I Make All Things New

The days ahead may be unknown, but we gather to celebrate that God's mercies are new each morning. And just to make Sunday, January 1st extra festive, we shall gather in St. Andrew's Hall to begin with muffins and croissants and continue with worship.

Also...

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

	Budgeted	Received
December 4, 2016	\$4,950	\$3,530
Year to Date	\$222,842	\$209,173