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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
January 1, 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.

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Prelude Helen Lowe
Personal Prayer Frank Calguhoun

O Eternal Lord Christ, who are the First and the Last, and the Living One, and who in your mercy has brought us safely to the beginning of another year: accept our thanksgiving for the blessings of the past, renew our strength and courage in the present, and direct all our way into the future; for your honour and glory, who are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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Prayer for New Year's Day

Now that the mad rush is over, O centre of stillness and peace; now that the needles are falling from the tree, we thank you that you are still God-with-us. As we face the year ahead, help us to accept the difficult parts of our lives; help us to make the changes we must make; bring us to new places of openness and love toward you and the people around us' help us to overcome the fears which keep us from fullness of life. As the frigid days of January and February draw near, help us to keep warm places alive within us, where in secret the bulbs of springtime tulips are nurtured. As we face the year ahead, we thank you for one another and for your grace in Jesus Christ. Help us individually and as a congregation to be signs of your compassion, hope, joy and unity in this world you love in Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck

Call to Worship

(based on Ecclesiastes 1:9, Isa. 43:18-19; 62:2-4;
Lamentations 3:23; Luke 22:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, "Look, this is something new?"

Did not God say, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland"?

Yes, but . . .

Did God not say, "You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. No longer will they call you Deserted or Desolate, but My Delight"?

That's true, but . . .

Did Jeremiah not say, "The Lord's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"?

Yes, but . . .

Did Jesus not invite us to experience new life in him at the last supper when he took a cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you"?

Well, yes, he did, but . . .

Because of him, we regard no one, we regard nothing, from a worldly point of view. There is something new under the sun. It is life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Let us together join in confessing and living out the new life God has given us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Responsive Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD,

**'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'**

For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

**The Lord will cover you with pinions,
you will find refuge under God's wings.
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at
your right hand, but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall
you, no scourge come near your tent.

**For the Lord will command the angels
concerning you to guard you in all your
ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will
not dash your foot against a stone.

**You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will
trample under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

**I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue
them and honour them. With long life I will
satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first

commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Matthew 6:9-13

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.'

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.

The Nicene Creed 325 A.D.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Covenant Renewal

Lord, I put myself fully into your hands;
I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low by you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
May this covenant I have made on earth be ratified in
heaven. 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.

This Week

A Service of thanksgiving to God for Sidney Alport and of witness to the resurrection will be held on Saturday January 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the James Reid Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. and a reception following.

Advance Notice

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday January 8, 10:30 a.m. We will gather to celebrate Epiphany and continue with our monthly gathering in Holy Communion back in the sanctuary!

Financial Offerings Update

	Budgeted	Received
December 25, 2016	\$5,165	\$7,734
Year to Date	\$237,916	\$225,070

Women's Missionary Society

Join us in St. Andrew's Hall Monday, January 16, 1:30pm – 3:00pm as we continue to study and support the Church's mission. Contact Louise Axford for information at 613-5425429.

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, January 2. Regular hours of operation of Monday to Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm will resume January 9th.

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