

*Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community
since 1817*

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

January 29, 2017



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 O Saviour, hear me
Agnus Dei
Gluck
Bizet

Silent Meditation

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn Oh come and sing unto the Lord 61

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

Introit Before Thy Presence Gluck
*Humbly into thy presence we come to adore thee,
Worship and bless thee, and give thee our praise. Amen.*

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Reading Psalm 133 (inside)

Hymn Make me a channel of your peace 740

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 36:25-27

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Anthem

Psalm of Trust David Lantz

In You, O Lord, have I put my trust;

You are my refuge both day and night.

Safe in Your arms I shall not be shaken.

In You alone is my soul's delight.

My heart is glad and my soul rejoices.

In You, O Lord, is my confidence.

*The path of life You have set before me;
death cannot alter the victory.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Called as partners in Christ's service 587

Sermon Ambassadors of Reconciliation Sister Pauline Lally

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Intermezzo Mascagni

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn The church's one foundation 479

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Marche Romaine Gounod

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.

Ushers

This morning – Ralph Kendall, Dorothy Messenger,
Marilyn Trudeau, Wendy Worling
February 5 – The Elders

Flowers

The flowers this morning have been provided by Eva and Jack Barnes in memory of Agnes Maule Machar, (January 23rd, 1837 - January 24th, 1927). She was a faithful daughter of St. Andrew's congregation, a devoted Christian, and a nationally recognized social activist, conservationist, writer, historian, poet and artist. Her father was the Minister at St. Andrew's from 1827 to 1863. Her childhood was spent in the St. Andrew's manse.

A Prayer For The Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise you for those whom you sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labours, and that in every place your servants call upon your name. May your Spirit awaken in every community a hunger and thirst for unity in you. Let us pray to the Lord:

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, we are created to become whole in you and to share this life on earth with our brothers and sisters. Awaken in each of us your compassion and love. Give us strength and courage to work for justice in our neighbourhoods, to create peace within our families, to comfort the sick and dying, and to share all we have with those who are in need. For the transformation of every human heart, let us pray to the Lord.

*Offered by the Council of Churches of Germany
in this 500th anniversary of the Reformation*

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!
It is like fragrant oil upon the head,
running down upon the face,
**upon the face of Aaron,
running down on the collar of the robes!**
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
**For there God has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

A couple of weeks ago, I came across a short **Introit** which was based on a famous tune by Gluck. I recognized the tune as coming from his opera *Orpheus and Eurydice* which is by far his most famous opera. I thought I might include in today's service, some other music by composers famous for one opera.

Christoph Willibald von Gluck was born in Bavaria in 1714 and died in Vienna in 1787. It was while in Italy in 1762 that he composed *Orpheus and Eurydice*, based on a Greek legend. With the writing of this work, Gluck changed the nature of opera, paving the way for Wagner. There was less emphasis on recitative and the opera included some serious dance. One scene which took place in Elysian Fields, included a ballet by "the Blessed Spirits" which has become popular enough that various religious texts have been added to it including our **Introit** and first **Prelude**.

Georges Bizet, born in Paris in 1838, was responsible for one of the most popular operas of all time, *Carmen*. Another popular work, which he composed in 1872, was his incidental music for a play called *L'Arlésienne*. This music was later turned into a suite by Ernest Guiraud. Because of the popularity of the Intermezzo movement, he added the words of the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) and published it as a "new work" by Bizet. This is heard as the second **Prelude**. Another famous Intermezzo comes from the opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Pietro Mascagni, composed in Rome in 1889. The backdrop for this opera is a church on Easter Day. There is religious music heard but this Intermezzo is the calm before the storm in this dramatic love story and is the most remembered and loved of all the music. Its comforting theme is heard as today's **Offertory**.

A great inspiration to Bizet was fellow French composer Charles Gounod. Gounod (1818-1893) was famous for one opera, *Faust*. One interesting feature of the opera is that it features some real organ music in a scene in a church. However, since it deals with the devil, I thought I'd leave this one alone and play a piece he wrote for a Papal anniversary in Rome. It was originally called *Inno e Marcia Pontificale* and became very popular. Different lyricists grabbed the tune to create various anthems. In Protestant circles the name was changed from *Marche Pontifical* to *Marche Romaine*. In 1911, Edwin O. Excell set a text to it and it was published as a hymn and anthem in

Protestant hymn books known as *Praise Ye the Father*. I remember singing this anthem in my home church. In 1949, the Vatican reclaimed it, making it the official Papal Anthem. Regardless of denomination, vocal or instrumental, it remains a rousing chunk of music.

The **Anthem** is a contemporary setting of Psalm 16 with words by Susan Boersma and with completely non-operatic music by David Lantz III.

Today

We extend a particular welcome this morning to Sister Pauline Lally who introduces herself with the following: "I hail from Belleville, just 50 miles down the road. I entered the Sisters of Providence in 1959 and taught for several years at all levels – primary, secondary and university; founded and worked in a group home for disadvantaged girls; initiated our Providence Associate Process (lay women and men who feel called to share in our spirit and mission without full membership); established and served as Director of our Justice and Peace Office; served in congregational leadership for 8 years and now provide on-going education for the Sisters and Associates of the city, as well as work with PeaceQuest, a grassroots peace movement promoting conversations of war and peace during this centenary of WWI." Welcome Sister Pauline!

St. Andrew's College and Careers

Join in a dinner and brief study at the home of the Minister, tonight at 6 p.m. Contact Andrew at a.johnston@standrewskingston.org for directions (near Staples downtown.)

St. Andrew's Address Directory

A directory including names, addresses, telephone numbers of all Members and Adherents is available after the Service, from Elizabeth Thompson, in St. Andrew's Hall.

This Week

Salam Neighbour Film

Saturday, February 4th at 7pm in St. Andrew's Hall we are showing an Inter-Church refugee partnership documentary. Two Americans deliberately head to the edge of war, just seven miles from the Syrian border, to live among 80,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari refugee camp in "Salam Neighbour."

The Interchurch Refugee Partnership (ICRP) invites you to meet Kingston's Syrian families on Sunday, February 5, 3 – 5 pm in Sydenham Street United Church. The ICRP has co-ordinated the many activities involved in assisting three Syrian families to arrive and begin to settle into their new homes during the past year. These families along with ICRP are anxious to say “thank you” to the many volunteers and donors from the Kingston community. There will be a brief time for welcome and greetings, and for the Syrian families to express their appreciation. Then while you meet and chat informally with them and supporters and volunteers, you will enjoy Syrian music and Syrian finger food prepared by the families.

Advance Notice

Annual congregational Meeting

Sunday February 26th all members, adherents and friends are invited to attend our St. Andrew's AGM after the service this day. Reports will be distributed the previous Sunday. A light lunch will be served.

Also ...

The Trustees of St. Andrew's are pleased to announce that, following direction from a congregational meeting, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church has been successful in obtaining a \$50,000.00 grant from our Canadian Government. The grant from the Dept. of Employment and Social Development is to be used for the installation of wheelchair lifts on the stairs to St Andrews Hall and to Gill hall from the parking lot. We all thank Andy Mills for his exceptional work in preparation and submission of this application. May all our glory and thanks be to God. Note; any questions should be directed to the Property and Maintenance committee.

PAR Update

The Stewardship Committee celebrates 29 households have now shifted to pre-authorized remittances! Brochures for joining are available in the foyer.

General Assembly Study Paper

A recent paper produced by the Committee on Church Doctrine “Understanding and Interpreting the Bible Today” is available in St. Andrew's Hall.

Together, Farming for the Future

One way our church is empowering vulnerable families to overcome hunger and improve nutrition is by supporting the Malawi Farmer-to-Farmer Agroecology project through Presbyterian World Service & Development. The project—with funding from the Government of Canada and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank—has helped 6,000 farm families in Malawi transform their withered plots of land and improve their livelihoods and lives for the long-term. Learning from one another, farmers practice and apply sustainable methods that help protect crops from a changing environment.



Annie Nguluve was amazed by the results of the program. Since learning about the advantages of intercropping, her small plot of land has sprung to life. “I’ve seen that I get more yields by adding other crops. It has increased my food production.” At St. Andrew's Kingston we support this work in the name of Christ through PWS&D through contributions marked on the “Mission” line of our weekly envelopes or monthly PAR givings.

Weekly Givings

| | Budgeted | Received |
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| Jan. 22, 2017 | \$2,798 | \$1,274 |
| Year to Date | \$12,291 | \$16,918 |

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