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in this community
since 1817*

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
January 8, 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 The old year now has passed away J.S. Bach
How brightly shines the morning star J.C. Bach

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn The people that in darkness pined 171

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

Introit Introit for Epiphany Healey Willan
Behold he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the Kingdom, and power, and dominion. Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn We three kings 173

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2b, 5-7 George Allan

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-11

Anthem The Three Kings Peter Cornelius
*Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow
The pointing star; And this the quest of the travelers
three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King: gold, incense,
myrrh are their offering.*

Sermon When it is dark enough, you can see the stars

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern Buxtehude

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Noel no.10 D'Aquin

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 – The Elders
January 15 – Elaine Coderre, Pat Coderre,
Bill Hackett, Kim Hackett

Flowers

The flowers that are before us this Sunday morning
are generously donated by David and Alberta
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A Prayer For The Day

As we gather in this place, the earth keeps turning,
hurtling through space, and darkness falls and
daylight dawns in one land and another. So let us
hold in our prayers all people - waking, sleeping,
being born, and dying - one world, one humanity,
forever changing, forever the same. Let us go from
here full of hope - as people who live in the light,
secure in the knowledge that light has shone in
darkness, and the darkness will never master it, and
eager, in the company of Jesus Christ, the righteous
one, to walk a bright path through time. Amen.

Peter Graystone (England)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:2b, 5-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light; those who lived in a land of deep
darkness — on them light has shined. For all the
boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments
rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For
a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the
throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish

and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal
of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came
to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has
been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star
at its rising, and have come to pay him
homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was
frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the
people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was
to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea;
for so it has been written by the prophet:
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no
means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you
shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my
people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the
wise men and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to
Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word
so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When
they had heard the king, they set out; and there,
ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at
its rising, until it stopped over the place where the
child was. When they saw that the star had
stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On
entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his
mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.
Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On a third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Notes from the Director of Music

Today we celebrate the New Year, Epiphany and a little bit left over from Christmas. The first Prelude is more of a requiem for 2016 than a celebration of the New Year. The original chorale melody was composed by J. Steurlein around 1588 and the words appeared in a hymn book of 1568. A translation by Catherine Winkworth follows: "The old year now hath passed away; we thank Thee O our God today, that Thou hast kept us through the year; when danger and distress were near."

J.S. Bach created a rather mournful harmony which we hear first, followed by his even sadder chorale prelude. Was the old year an "annus horribilis" for old Bach? Many today are hoping that 2017 will be a better year than 2016. In any case we must approach each new year with hope and optimism.

Much of the music in today's service is based on the old German hymn "Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern" (How brightly shines the morning star) which is #180, our third Hymn. It was described by its composer, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) as "A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul... concerning Jesus Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, founded on the 45 th Psalm". We hear it at the beginning of the service as a Chorale Prelude by an uncle of Johann Sebastian, Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703).

We hear it next in an interesting Anthem by Peter Cornelius (1824-1874) who uses the tune as a background for a solo which was translated from the German by H.N. Bate. During the Offertory, a set of variations by Buxtehude (1637-1707) is played on a very rare instrument, part of the collection from the Canadian Piano Museum. The "Harpiano" was

developed and manufactured in Chicago around 1917 but before it had a chance to be marketed properly, the company went bankrupt around 1920. Like the "Dulcetone" heard Christmas Eve, it is a member of the celeste family of keyboard controlled bell sounds and a "cousin" of the piano. The instrument was a donation to the museum from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

The service ends with a happy and playful Noël by the master of Noëls for organ, Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772). It is a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year all rolled into one piece.

This Morning

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All members of any branch of the Church of Christ are welcome. After the service, you are invited to linger for a time of fellowship and enjoy a slice of a traditional French Epiphany cake, the 'galette des rois', prepared by Anne-Marie Gabrini.

St. Andrew's 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

General Assembly

If you would be interesting in assisting with planning for hosting General Assembly, June 4-7, gather with us at the home of Elaine Coderre: Wednesday January 11, 4 p.m. Speak to Andrew or Donna or Elaine.

Elders' Retreat

The Session will be gathering to study a recent report by the Committee on Church Doctrine of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 'Understanding and Interpreting the Bible Today': Saturday January 14, 1:30 p.m.

Advance Notice

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.

Morning Monthly Bible Study

Join us Thursday, January 19 at 10am as we gather with our Minister to join our journey with Abraham and Sarah. No prior experience with Bible study needed, meeting in St. Andrew's Hall.

Sunday Perspectives

We continue our monthly film and discussion at the Screening Room on Princess Street Sunday, January 22 at 7pm. Join us for the either universally acclaimed "Manchester By the Sea," or "Loving."

Congregational Potluck (Change of Date)

The Congregational Pot Luck lunch will be held Sunday, January 22nd following the church service.



Presbyterians Sharing

Sharing God's love. Antioch Community Church is a new congregation in Oakville, Ontario. Striving to build a strong foundation in the community, they participate in many programs that reach out to people in need – families who fall below the poverty line, stressed single parents and retirees that struggle to make ends meet. Members go door to door to collect food for a local food bank and work with Kerr Street Ministries to provide hope to people living in need. A community breakfast for ninety people helped Antioch build relationships while sharing a home-cooked meal. One member was inspired to collect donations for a second community breakfast. Antioch is a church where people can come together to serve and show God's compassion, while reaching out in love to the community. As a congregation, St. Andrew's Kingston made a commitment of \$20,000 to support Presbyterians Sharing in 2016. Our 2017 allocation will be decided at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday February 26.

Mission Tour Opportunity: Healing and Reconciliation Tour

Dates: June 9-21, 2017

Participant Deadline: Feb 1, 2017

This tour, led by David Phillips, will help you begin to discover some of the complex issues related to our involvement in Residential Schools and learn how we have been working to make a difference across Canada. St. Andrew's is able to assist significantly toward covering the \$1200 cost).

- Meet ministries and agencies in Kenora, Winnipeg and Saskatoon working with Aboriginal communities including Kenora Fellowship Centre, the TRC Museum, Winnipeg Inner City Missions and more.
- Meet with leaders from different faith communities to hear about their experiences.
- Worship on Aboriginal Sunday in Mistawasis, the only PCC church on a reserve.
- Learn about the peace building initiatives being undertaken by partners of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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