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# Order of Worship

## WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 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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**Preludes** Lieder ohne Worte No. 9 Mendelssohn  
Chorale from Fifth Sonata Mendelssohn

### Silent Meditation

### Entry of Holy Scriptures

### Call to Worship

**Hymn** As pants the hart 26

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

**Introit** Remember, O Lord, Healey Willan  
*Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses;  
for they have been ever of old.  
Let not mine enemies triumph over me;  
God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:  
O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.*

### Greetings & Announcements

**Litany for Lent** Gavin Robinson

**Hymn** When Jesus the healer 203

### Time with Children

**Scripture Readings** Doug Rigby

Genesis 12:1-3

Responsive psalm 25: 1-11

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-17

**Anthem** Grant peace, we pray in mercy, Lord; Mendelssohn

*Peace in our time, oh, send us!*

*For there is none on earth but you,  
none other to defend us.*

*You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.*

*Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord,*

*Thou source of every blessing!*

*Feeble and frail, trust we thy word,*

*All thing in thee possessing.*

*In thee is our hope and safety.*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

**Hymn** Simply trusting every day 689

**Sermon** Faith is the assurance ... Hebrews 11:1

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** Parting Mendelssohn

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

**Hymn** To Abraham and Sarah 478

### Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

**Postlude** Prelude and Fugue in e minor Bach

*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 – David Holland, Susan Holland,  
Shirley Aitken, Rhonda Aitken  
April 2 – The Elders

## **Flowers**

The flowers this morning are in memory of Betty Burgess, Barb Zabel's Mom, who passed away December 20th. Today would have been her 93rd birthday.

## **Scripture Readings**

*Genesis 12:1-3*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

*Psalms 25:1-11*

To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
**let them be ashamed who are wantonly  
treacherous.**

Make me know your ways, O Lord;  
**teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
**For you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth  
of my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember  
me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
**therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the  
way,  
leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches them the way they should go.**

All paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

**For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-17*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore

God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son,

### **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**

Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was born in Hamburg in 1809 into what had been a prominent Jewish family. His grandfather was Moses Mendelssohn, a famous philosopher. Felix's father, a successful banker and businessman, converted to Christianity and in the process, changed his last name to Bartholdy. He raised his children in the Christian faith and both Felix and his sister Fanny were child prodigies. Young Felix composed many works, including an opera and symphonies at an early age. Unfortunately most of these were discarded, except for a few works including his remarkable *Incidental Music for a Midsummer Night's Dream* which he composed at age 15. The **Anthem** is an example of Mendelssohn's many religious works. *Grant us Thy Peace* started out as a hymn by Martin Luther using a tune based on an old antiphon and first published in 1531 as *Verleih Uns Frieden*. We hear it first, followed by Mendelssohn's anthem.

Mendelssohn lived in England for a time and had considerable impact on musical society. His oratorios *St. Paul* and *Elijah* were performed by many churches and operatic societies. A collection of piano pieces entitled *Songs Without Words* became so popular that it gave the piano industry a boost in England - so many wanted to play these pieces which were monuments to Victorian sentiment. A good example is the first **Prelude**. The second **Prelude** is an excerpt from a popular collection of sonatas for organ. Mendelssohn did his bit to revive an interest in organ playing, not only with his organ sonatas, but by reviving an interest in the music of Bach which had been largely forgotten. The **Postlude** is a good example of Bach's music for organ. So we owe a lot to Mendelssohn in many ways. He died too young in 1847 at age 38.

### **Today**

#### **St. Andrew's College and Careers**

Join us this evening at the Minister's home for dinner and discussion. Contact Andrew 613-546-6564  
a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

### **Easter Plants**

This year we are again asking anyone who would like to donate \$10 for a spring plant for the Easter Service. After the service these plants will be delivered to the homebound and hospitalized. Come see us in St. Andrew's hall this morning.

### **Easter Candles**

As part of our joint Good Friday service and our St. Andrew's Easter Service, each of the six congregations is asked to provide wax for a large white candle (3" diam. 4' tall). Please bring in stubs of white candles, or whole candles (and leave in the basket in St. Andrew's Hall), and make a mental note of the occasions on which the candles were lit. We will also need two individuals to attend the candle making workshop Tuesday April 4, 6pm and Thursday April 6 6pm.

### **Handbell Choir**

The handbell choir will rehearse in the chapel after the service today. New members welcome.

### **This Week**

#### **Winter Tuesday Evenings**

Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything, a DVD series produced by Timothy Keller, Minister of Redeemer Presbyterian Church NYC. Join us this Tuesday evening, March 28, 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Informal, informative, led by our Minister. This week: "Witness – An Alternate City," and "Work – Cultivating The Garden" All welcome.

### **Advance Notice**

#### **Induction to Ministry**

The Rev. Cheryl Horne will be inducted into ministry with Old St. Andrew's Church in Colbourne Sunday April 2, 3 p.m. Our minister will be participating. If you would like to attend all welcome. Andrew has room for one more in his car, if you are brave.

### **Palm Sunday Service**

April 9, 10:30 a.m. This morning's service will be led by the St. Andrew's Choir and a presentation of the Easter Cantata "No Greater Love."

### **Good Friday Service**

April 14, 10:30 a.m.  
Six joint downtown churches at Sydenham Street United Church gathering around the Cross and the theme "The Broken Heart of God."

### **Also ...**

#### **Opera at Queen's**

Our choral scholar Damien Macedo and members of St. Andrew's Baroque Ensemble will be a part of a production of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* on Sunday March 26 at Convocation Hall (in Theological Hall) at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$15, students/seniors \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

#### **Canada: the Story of Us**

March 26th at 8:00 pm, tune in for a special CBC series "Canada: the Story of Us" beginning tonight.

#### **King Con**

Saturday, April 1 from 9am to 5pm join Kingston's festival of comics, gaming, sci-fi, fantasy, and other forms of fandom in St. Andrew's Hall. Children's programming all day, and never-before-played challenge from the famous *Improbable Escapes*.

#### **Volunteer drivers for General Assembly**

This year's General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held in Kingston at the beginning of June. As the host congregation, we need volunteer drivers and their cars to help the people coming to General Assembly. Our tasks will be to pick up the commissioners at the train station, the bus terminal or the airport on Friday June 2, Saturday June 3, Sunday June 4 to drive them to Legget Hall on Queen's campus, then to drive them back on Wednesday June 7. During the assembly a few of the volunteer drivers will be needed daily for transporting people with mobility challenges on campus from Legget Hall to the Athletics and Recreation Centre and back. If you are in any way able to assist us in this task, please contact Philippe Gabrini at (613) 766-7226 or by e-mail: [pgabrini@gmail.com](mailto:pgabrini@gmail.com).

### **Community Members**

The Mess Open Arts Studio is in need of help preparing lunch for our artists. Please contact Sandi by phone 613-484-3886 or email [themesskingston@gmail.com](mailto:themesskingston@gmail.com).

### **Weekly Givings**

|                       | <b>Budgeted</b> | <b>Received</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>March 19, 2017</b> | \$8,431         | \$9,302         |
| <b>Year to Date</b>   | \$56,924        | \$53,138        |

### **Presbyterians Sharing**



Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Tyndale St.-George's Community Centre in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood as it works to ensure that each member of the community has the opportunities and skills to help realize their potential. The high school perseverance program matches students with peers or older students. Participants gain skills and confidence that lead to more regular school attendance and higher grades, and mentors gain awareness of individual differences and satisfaction from using their abilities to help others. Noah, a volunteer in the program says, "I think if we want a brighter future and a more intelligent community, then we have to help each other out and do our best to succeed together." In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to *Presbyterians Sharing* as part of our witness.

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