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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

March 5, 2017



In these last days God has spoken

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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Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice,
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The Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
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Let your petitions be manifest
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And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
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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
March 12 – Dorothy Messenger, Ralph Kendall
Wendy Worling, Doreen Henshaw

Flowers

The flowers are given with thanks from Mendal and Helen McEwen. “We want to give thanks to God for answered prayers and thanks to you for all the prayers, love, concern, and support given to me for both of us. What a caring church family you’ve been! If you have time to see us, visitors will always be welcome! We’d love to see you!”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
**according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
**so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret
heart.**
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain me in a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God
is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
**Then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burn offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 2:5-12

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with

glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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

On this the first Sunday in Lent, our music shifts to a more solemn minor key. The **Postlude** has been attributed to J.S. Bach, but scholars today are

not certain of that. I am not certain of that because the style of writing is not typical Bach. It is typical of that era, but Bach's music usually has more depth and more to offer to the listener. It is likely that the set of eight short Preludes and Fugues, from which this piece is taken, was composed by a pupil of Bach. Similarly, today's **Anthem** has for centuries been attributed to John Redford (1486-1547) and yet the text that he uses only first appeared in that translation with the publication of the *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549, two years after his death. It is more likely a pupil of Redford's composed this anthem.

The text for the Anthem comes from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (4:4-7). Scholars agree that this was certainly the writing of St. Paul. The letter to the Hebrews, however, is not so certain. Several years ago I tuned a piano for Dr. Elias Andrews who was the retired head of Queen's Theology Department. I enjoyed talking with this man who seemed to know a great deal about a lot of things. As I was leaving the house, his wife took me aside and said "My husband is a very modest man, but he is an expert on St. Paul and contributed to the article about him in the Encyclopedia Britannica." I wonder what his opinion would be on Hebrews.

In this Trump era, we are faced with "fake news" and "alternate facts", but I can say with certainty that the **Preludes** were composed by John Redford, the beautiful **Introit** was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), and the **Offertory** by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The **Offertory** is a Choral Prelude, based on an early liturgical melody for the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) which is a regular part of the Communion service. In this short piece, we see Bach's skillful writing in a canonic style, his attention to text and a mood suitable for the type of piece. Nothing fake about it, it has to be the writing of J.S. Bach.

Today

Lenten Daily Devotions

To prepare for Easter 2017, The Presbyterian College Montreal has prepared a daily devotional with scripture readings, reflections, and prayers. Two devotions have been written by our Minister - March 7 and 21. These devotions can be received daily as an email, downloaded as a whole in PDF, or pick up a paper copy this morning. In order to sign up for the daily email or for more information, please visit

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 7, 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Informal, informative, led by our Minister. This week: "Heart – Three Ways To Live." All welcome.

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 the beginning of April.

Advance Notice

Geneva House Year End Banquet

Join us for our year-end feast on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**, at Bay Park Baptist Church (775 Progress Ave, Kingston) from 5:30-9pm. RSVP by Saturday, April 1st to queensgenevahouse@gmail.com or contact Pastor Steve at 613-331-5669.

Also ...

Community Members

The Mess Open Arts Studio is in need of help preparing lunch for our artists. If you could participate for 2.5 hrs (10am - 12:30pm) on a Tuesday or Thursday, committing to even one day per month would be a tremendous contribution. Please contact Sandi by phone 613-484-3886 or email themesskingston@gmail.com for more information.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
Feb. 26, 2017	\$2,678	\$2,507
Year to Date	\$28,706	\$33,868

New Homes for Church Furniture

Greg and Larry brought leftover computer desks and chairs to the KEYS refugee resettlement centre. Not only were they well received, they were on their needed list and family names were being tagged as the equipment was being brought in, some was being shipped out to people who had been called. They are always looking for household goods other than clothing. Contact Emma Jackson at donations@keys.ca

Presbyterian World Service



Deeba teaches chemistry at a high school in Afghanistan, where cultural barriers frequently limit opportunities for women and prevent them from entering the workforce. While she has the support of her family, Deeba experienced challenges as a woman working outside the home. One challenge was the lack of training she received in educational methods, making it difficult to teach her lessons. Thanks to a Presbyterian World Service & Development program that supports training for teachers in Afghanistan, Deeba is participating in workshops to help her improve the quality of lessons for her students. Because of this program, she is inspiring students to reach their full potential and setting examples for women. "I can feel the respect for myself in my students' eyes." Last year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston contributed \$3,950 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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