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WELCOME TO
**ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

October 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.

Thao Dinh 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. We acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

Order of Worship

Prelude Chorale Prelude on *Ein' Feste Burg* Buxtehude
We all believe in one true God Bach/Luther

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 Let all creation bless the Lord Martin Luther

*Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing
Sun, moon and stars peel out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold and heat:
Exalt the God who made you.*

Greetings & Announcements

Words of Thanksgiving Holly Turnbull

Responsive Psalm 119:97 - 106

Hymn Sing them over again to me 498

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Philippe Gabrini

Nehemiah 8:1,5-6,8,10-12

Romans 10:11-17

Anthem Rejoice today with one accord Willcocks/Luther

*Rejoice today with one accord,
Sing out with exultation;
Rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
Whose arm hath brought salvation;
His works of love proclaim The greatness of his name;
For he is God alone Who hath his mercy shown;
Let all his saints adore him.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn The heavens declare your glory Lord 495

Sermon The Architecture of our Faith 5) The Pulpit

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Wir glauben all an einen Gott Bach/Luther

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

Hymn Lord of all power 626

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Wir glauben all an einen Gott J.S. 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 – Marilyn Trudeau, Holly Turnbull,
Wendy Worling, Ralph Kendall
November 5 – The Elders

Flowers

The flowers at the front of the church this morning have been lovingly placed by David and Alberta Saunders. “On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation we give thanks for those who have gone before us.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119: 97 - 106

O, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

**Your commandment makes me wiser than
my enemies, for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

**I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.**

**I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Through your precepts I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1,5-6,8,10-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen’, lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’ So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, ‘Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.’ And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Romans 10:11-17

The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our message?’ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

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

We can credit Martin Luther for all of today's music. I was so very fortunate to take a bus trip to Eisleben, Germany last June as part of the "Bachfest". This was where Martin Luther was born in 1483 and where he died in 1546. I heard a splendid organ recital at the church of St. Andrew in Eisleben and as I heard this glorious sound, my eyes frequently drifted to the lofty pulpit where Luther had preached his last sermons. I wondered what his sermons were like: fire and brimstone? historical? inspiring? somniferous? I think that his sermons would have been like his music: bold and inspiring.

He was ordained in 1507 but after a trip to Rome in 1511, he saw the need for reform in the Catholic church and it was 500 years ago, in 1517, that he nailed his 95 theses to the church in Wittenburg – a bold and inspiring move. Luther played the lute and the flute. He wasn't a top notch musician, but had the amazing talent of taking an existing church chant or folk tune and distilling it into a powerful melody, accompanied by inspiring text. Many great musicians were inspired to harmonize these melodies and create chorale preludes, cantatas, fugues and even symphonies. One of the great church musicians of the latter part of the 20th century, Sir David Willcocks used Luther's *Ein' Feste Burg* tune to create today's **Anthem**. The same tune was the basis for the **Prelude** by Dietrich Buxtehude.

Luther took the bold and important step of translating the bible into German. This not only helped with the understanding of the scriptures, but it helped to consolidate the German language from different dialects. He also translated parts of the worship service. For the Creed, he used an old church chant to create a hymn tune with a German translation beginning with the words: *Wir glauben all an einen Gott* (We all believe in one true God). J.S. Bach used fragments of this tune for a highly ornamented little fugue, heard as the **Offertory** and he used the opening bars for an inspiring Chorale Prelude heard as the **Postlude**. The original tune by Luther is heard in a harmonized version by Bach, played as the second **Prelude**. Luther did not compose that many hymns, but they are all solid, bold and inspirational. Another example is the **Introit** (hymn #106) which is the canticle called the *Benedicite* with a beautiful English translation by Carl P Daw (b.1944).

Martin Luther has drawn the greatest praise from us church musicians because of his recognition of the importance of music. In his own words: "...next to theology there is no art which is the equal of music, for she alone, after theology, can... quiet and cheer up the soul of man, which is clear evidence that the devil... flees from the voice of music just as he flees from the words of theology."

Today

Prayer

If you would feel supported by a time of personal prayer after the service, for yourself or others, please join a member of the prayer team by the 'prayer pillar' at the front of the sanctuary. An occasional list of prayer requests will be compiled and shared, so we might all join in this ministry. Please speak to Barb Zabel or Dorothy Messenger.

Nominations for Eldership

Members have received information about the election of additional elders for St. Andrew's. This is the last opportunity to submit nominations for this call to spiritual and pastoral leadership - please place the tear-off nomination form in the box at the back of the sanctuary. This is an exciting and formative step for our congregation, and your participation is critical. If you have any questions, please speak to Alberta Saunders.

Singing the Reformation@500 years

Sunday October 29, 4 p.m. here at St. Andrew's
An hour of praise and thanksgiving singing the classic hymns of the Reformation, and of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches. Join Christian Reformed, Lutheran, United and sister Presbyterian congregations here in our sanctuary. If you would like to accompany the congregation as part of a combined choir, please speak to John Hall.
Run through of hymns 3 p.m

This Week

Autumn Tuesday Evenings

This Tuesday, October 31st, 7 - 8:30 p.m. A DVD study tracing the travels and teachings of the Apostle Paul, prompting us to explore the foundational moments and insights of our faith. Led by the Minister. No prior knowledge of the Bible needed. All welcome.

An Anniversary Moment

When The Choice To Remain Presbyterian
Came Up:

For the first 100 or so years of St Andrew's, the congregation relied on its Scottish origins for direction. But in 1925, voting not to join with the Methodists and Congregationalists to form a new denomination, the United Church, the decision was solely Canadian, free from the 'theological mists of Scotland.' The 'heated & complicated' vote, 'once again divided along doctrinal lines', went on over a two week period culminating in 334 St. Andrew's members wishing to remain Presbyterian versus 47 opting to join the United Church. The outcome was received in silence.

Also...

Trinity Presbyterian

Support their Saturday morning garage sale, drop off M-F, 9-4 at church 9 Manitou Cres W., Amherstview.

Glad Tidings Renewal

Do you want to hear stories of our Presbyterian mission staff and Presbyterians across Canada and around the world? Glad Tidings, the magazine of the Women's Missionary Society contains articles and reports that inform the entire denomination. Subscriptions are \$16.95 for 6 issues in 2018. Regular or large print. Due Nov 5th. Contact Helen Ledford.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes

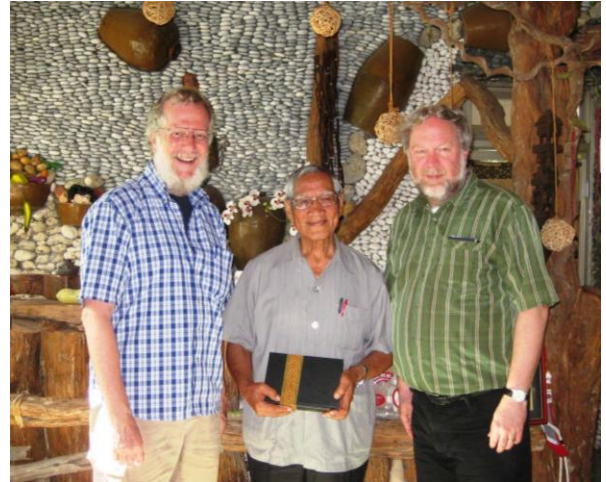
Shoe boxes are now available to support the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Filling these boxes with toys, school supplies and personal items sends a message of love, comfort and joy – in the name of Jesus - to thousands of children around the world. Canada, alone, sent nearly 700,000 in 2016. Check the display in St. Andrew's Hall to pick up boxes and more details. Boxes are to be **returned by Sunday November 12.**

Women's Missionary Society Synodical Meeting

St. Andrew's has agreed to host the WMS Synodical meeting on April 20th and 21st, 2018. 80 - 100 women from Eastern Ontario and the Toronto area will be in

attendance for this event. We have been asked to provide billeting for 4 to 5 people on Friday April 20th. No breakfast is necessary. If anyone has an extra bedroom and is willing to assist, please speak to Helen Ledford (613-548-4360) or Donna Delacretaz (613-536-1626)

Presbyterians Sharing



Presbyterians Sharing supports the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, a Bible translation consultant working in partnership with The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and The Bible Society in Taiwan. In a recent blog post, Paul writes: "Maelaanenge ki Twaumase!" (Thanks be to God!) These words were repeated during the joyful 3-hour thanksgiving service for the publication of the Ngudradreikai Bible on July 11, 2017 at Kucapungane Presbyterian Church in the mountain foothills of southern Taiwan. Nearly 30 years after The Gospel first took root in Old Kucapungane village, Ngudradreikai people now have the complete Bible printed in their own mother language." In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing as part of our witness."

Weekly Givings

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October 22, 2017	\$3,284.00	\$8,458.50*
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