

Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community
since 1817

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2017



The Annunciation
by Rupert Charles Wulsten Bunny

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.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
130 Clergy Street East, Kingston, ON K7K 3S3
TEL: (613) 546-6316
Director of Music – John Hall
Minister – The Rev. Andrew Johnston, D.D.
www.StAndrewsKingston.org

Preludes

The Two Angels	J. Blumenthal
Noël "Pour l'amour de Marie"	B.-Charpentier
Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn	Delphin Strungk

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed (verses 1-3,5) 115

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

Introit Gabriel's message Basque Carol
*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favour'd lady." Gloria.*

Greetings & Announcements

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent Lindsay Robinson

Hymn Once in royal David's city 166

Scripture Readings

Eva Barnes

Exodus 2:1-3

Luke 1:26-38

Anthem On this Day, Earth shall Ring H.C. Stewart

On this day, earth shall ring with the song children sing

To the Son, Christ the King.

Born on earth to save us, Him the Father gave us.

Ideo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming 151

Sermon Faith is a Verb 3) Mary

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen Brahms

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

Hymn Angels from the realms of glory 146

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Noel Sur Les Jeux D'Anches 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 – Doreen Henshaw, Holly Turnbull,
Marilyn Trudeau, Rory Warnock
December 31 – Elaine Coderre, Pat Coderre,
David Fabian, Karen Fabian

Scripture Readings

Exodus 2:1-3

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he

will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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 have a good variety of Christmas music today and good examples of music from England, France, Spain and Germany in different styles.

Andrew found a beautiful picture of Gabriel's visit to Mary and for the **Introit** we sing about it in the old carol from the Basque region between France and Spain. It remains one of my favourite carols. I wish I had more information about *The Two Angels* which is our first **Prelude**. It is written in a chorale style and probably had a text to go with it. Like Handel, its composer, Jacob Blumenthal (1828-1908), was born in Germany but made his claim to fame in England. He became pianist and composer to Queen Victoria and the aristocratic ladies of the time.

Mary's response to the realization that she would be the mother of the Son of God, was her song *My Soul doth magnify the Lord* which has become the well-known canticle called the *Magnificat*.

A Chorale setting of this text was used as the basis for the third **Prelude** by German composer Delphin Strungk (1601-1694). French composer Jean Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794) pays tribute to Mary in the second **Prelude** based on an old noel. Another French composer Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772) composed the **Postlude** which specifies in the title the use of the reed stops in the organ.

The third **Hymn** is the beautiful *Lo, how a rose* composed by Michael Praetorius for a German hymn book in 1599. Almost three hundred years later, Johannes Brahms turned it into a chorale prelude, heard as the **Offertory**.

The text for the **Anthem** goes back to an old Swedish carol and was set to music by English

composer and organist Haldane Campbell Stewart in 1934. It is a great and happy way to celebrate the eve of Christ's birth.

Prayer of the Day

O God, this advent season is a time when your light radiates through the world. Inasmuch as we can, let us be bright for you.

Shine your light through us as though we were pieces of stained glass window. Flow through us into others as the warm glow of colours seeps into a church.

Fill us with your light as though we were lighthouses on the shore. Use us to guide others to keep them from danger.

Set us aflame with your light as though we were candles, even candles in a storm. Enable us to burn steadily with your fiery spirit and to push aside all forms of darkness.

Turn us on with your light as though we were Christmas bulbs all connected to one another. Help us as a community of faith to celebrate the sparkling good news of your Son's coming birth.

Be present with us, God throughout the Advent season as we live and worship in our wait for the One who is the world's light. Amen.

-Glen E. Raisley.

Today

Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.m.

A candlelight service of carols and readings. See the flames sparkle as stars in the glass of the cupola. Feel beauty and receive strength in this celebration of our God coming among us, with peace. Invite family and friends. Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

White Gifts 2017

Each year, we reach out to neighbours with some of the joy we know in the coming of Christ. Many of us presented our envelopes last Sunday to support the residents of Interval House. A total of over \$555 has been given to date. Our offerings will support subscriptions to a variety of magazines for the house, for various ages and interests. As they wait within the residence for new beginnings in their lives, we pray these magazines will remind them of the wider world of possibilities, by the grace of God.

Capital Fund Appeal Update

With joy we announce that the Cards of Intention received to date totalled commitments of over

\$118,000. With the additional amounts received before the programme started, we are now over \$125,000, towards our goal of at least \$150,000. For those who may not have received a commitment form and envelope, additional copies are available at the back of the church.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Our envelopes are now available in St. Andrew's Hall. Please check carefully your name and contact information as this is what will be used for tax receipts. If you would like envelopes, please contact our bookkeeper, Candace:

candace@standrewskingston.org or Monday-Wednesday afternoons in the church office. If you would be willing to switch to PAR (pre-authorized remittance, automatic monthly withdrawal), brochures are available for completion.

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday December 31, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship (Hogmanay!) in St. Andrew's Hall. Coffee and muffins will be served.

Sunday January 7, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship (Epiphany) with Gateaux des Rois afterwards.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th; Tuesday, December 26th; and Monday, January 1st. Regular hours of operation of Monday to Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm will resume January 8th.

Volunteering at Mission Thrift Store

The Kingston Mission Thrift Store is actively recruiting new volunteers to assist in various departments. By volunteering only 4hrs a week, you will be working with likeminded people who make a difference that is felt in our community and around



An Anniversary Moment



There was one word we need to hear at Christmas
(whether or not we want to admit it)

It is hard to read in our history a record of “virulent confrontations, disputatious meetings and resignations,” not to mention “theological carping's and schisms,” which have gone on, in and around us, since the founding of St Andrews in 1817.

Of course we share such internal strife with all faiths, everywhere. Yet finding a real, personal peace is the point of banding together in worship. Not for nothing is Christmas a celebration of the coming of the PRINCE of Peace. “May the Lord... grant YOU peace,” our minister concludes Sunday morning worship, offering a peace available to anyone who is open to receiving it. As Christians we all have in common an unsaid search in our hearts for peace. It is a recognition that by faith, we stop playing God (“There IS a God and I am NOT it,”) and so give over trying to control the world around us.

Peace.

Thanks to God, our history also highlights many individuals who understood peace as the great gift to each of us in the Christ of Christmas, accepted peace at a deep and personal level, and lived as peacemakers in their community and nation.
- Rose DeShaw

the world. Please call 613-531-7852, email Kingston@MissionThriftStore.com or drop by 2455 Princess St to pick up an application.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
December 17 2017	\$7,829.00	\$9,502.00*
Year to Date	\$226,033.00	\$226,807.02

Includes monthly PAR givings

Presbyterians Sharing



As we reflect on giving and receiving gifts this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are making a difference through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing! Together, we are supporting inner city missions, equipping congregations, encouraging children and youth, enabling congregational renewal and development, supporting theological education, maintaining international partnerships, sending mission staff – and so much more! Together, we are making mission and ministry happen in Canada and around the world. This Christmas Eve, we anticipate celebrating the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own. In 2017, St. Andrew’s Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing as part of our witness.

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

Clerk of Session	Alberta Saunders Alberta@StAndrewsKingston.org
P & M Convener	Peter Trudeau Peter@TrudeauSales.com
Trustees	Ralph Kendall RalphKendall@Sympatico.ca
Bookkeeper	Candace Gomes Candace@StAndrewsKingston.org
Custodian (weekdays)	Sean Gaulton 613-888-9932
Custodian (weekend)	Larry Moore 613-542-7563
Church Office	Jasmin Underwood Info@StAndrewsKingston.org
Director of Music	John Hall 613-354-5066 (home) JohnHall@CanadianPianos.ca
The Rev.	Andrew Johnston 613-546-6564 (home) A.Johnston@StAndrewsKingston.org