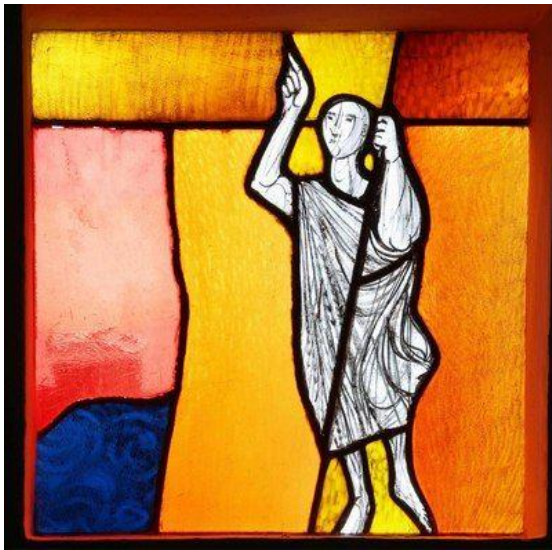


Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community
since 1817

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 2017



John the Baptist

Hans Gottfried von Stockhausen, 1967

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.

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Prelude Noël Grand Choeur
Noëls en Tambourin B.-Charpentier

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn On Jordan's Bank 126

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

Introit Comfort, comfort ye me people J.S. Bach
*Now the herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near
Bidding us to make repentance
since the kingdom now is here.*

Greetings & Announcements

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent Lindsay Robinson

Readings

"Peace" Sion

"Perfect Peace Painting" Juahn

"Promised Peace" Crystal

Hymn Hope is a Star 119

Time With Children Laura Tyner-Clement with Ben

Gospel Reading

Fran Raven

Mark 1:1-8

Anthem Who on Earth Could Know Valerie MacKenzie

Who on earth could know?

Who on earth could see

God's love would be revealed

through a tiny baby?

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Comfort, comfort my people 113

Sermon Faith is a Verb 2) John the Baptizer

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Freu' dich sehr, o meine Seele J.S. Bach

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

Hymn Lo! Christ comes with clouds 120

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Noël Suisse 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 – Dorothy Messenger, Cheng Shyu,
Ralph Kendall, Wendy Worling
December 17 – Philippe Gabrini, Sam Houston
Michael Pizzutto, Helene Pizzutto

Flowers

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of
Orville Messenger by his wife, Dorothy.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet
Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of
you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one
crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the
Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole
Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem
were going out to him, and were baptized by him in
the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was
clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He
proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and
untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you
with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit.'

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

Handel's great oratorio *Messiah* begins with
the prophetic words from Isaiah 40 and a reference
to John the Baptist crying in the wilderness: "Prepare
ye the way of the Lord." Our third **Hymn**, with a
translation by Catherine Winkworth, is a paraphrase
of this text. It was originally written in German by
Johannes Olearius (1611-1644). The tune first
appeared in the Genevan Psalter of 1551 and Louis
Bourgeois may have taken it from a secular song "Ne
l'osaray je dire." It was later known as the tune *Freu'
dich sehr, o meine Seele*. Bach wrote several
arrangements of this tune, using at least one for his
Cantata for the festival of St. John the Baptist. We
use one of these for the **Introit** and another is played
for the **Offertory**.

In 1908 the Pope declared St. John the Baptist
as the patron saint of all French Canadians and so I
think it appropriate to have some French music and
of course some Noëls, it being close to Christmas.
Perhaps the greatest of the Noël composers was
Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772) who composed
today's **Postlude**. In his day, people would pack the
church prior to the Christmas Eve Mass to hear him
play his Noëls which were largely improvised. He
used the full resources of the organ in an often
playful manner. His successor at St. Paul's church
in Paris was Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier
(1734-1794) who was one of the important
composers of the early classical period in France. He
later became one of the organists of Notre Dame.
We hear some of his Noëls for the **Preludes**.

The **Anthem** features beautiful and sensitive
text and music by Canadian composer Valerie
MacKenzie. Valerie is a graduate of Acadia
University and is Director of Music at Park
Royal United Church in Charlottetown. The
important phrase in the Anthem, appropriate for
Advent: "God's love will be revealed through a tiny
baby."

Today

A Congregation-wide Thank You

I would like to thank my church family for the
compassion you gave me in the difficult time during
Aart's passing. Sincerely Rea Everaars.

Devotions for Advent

As a way to prepare for Christmas, two possibilities
are highlighted this year:

PresbyCan Daily

All through the month of December, wonderful Christmas devotionals! Join 6000 subscribers around the world and enjoy thoughts and prayers each day from the Presbyterian Church, delivered free by e-mail to your inbox. Subscribe at www.presbycan.ca/subscriptions

Moving Towards the Manger

Brief reflection by well-known Presbyterian theologian, Frederick Buechner, with accompanying Bible readings and prayers. A depth of wisdom to prepare our hearts to cradle the Christ. Suggested donation, \$3.50

Burning Bush

Be sure to pick up your copy of the December edition of our congregational newsletter. What a great issue! Thanks to all who contributed, and especially to our editor Ada Mallory.

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.

Capital Fund Appeal Update

Last Sunday Ralph Kendall announced with joy that the Cards of Intention received to date totaled commitments of over \$110,000. Since last Sunday additional subscriptions have been received, giving a new total of \$118,000. With the additional amounts received before the programme started, we are now over \$125,000. For those who may not have received a commitment form and envelope, additional copies are available at the back of the church.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Canada has sent its gratitude to the St. Andrew's congregation for supporting the shoebox ministry. Already, over 4300 boxes have been sent from Kingston and later in the new year the final numbers will be made available to us. Thank you to all who supported this outreach ministry.

Advance Notice

Women's Missionary Society

Join us in St. Andrew's Hall December 11, 1:30 p.m., as we consider to how best to support the mission of God through the Church. Speak to Helen Ledford for additional information (613-548-4360)

White Gifts 2017

Each year, we reach out to neighbours with some of the joy we know in the coming of Christ. In the monthly newsletter you will find an envelope to support the residents of Interval House. 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.

Congregational Potluck

Please join us for our congregational pot luck lunch next Sunday, December 17th. Bring what you can, but your presence is the gift.

Also...

A Little Princess at St. Andrew's

Bottle Tree Productions presents a stage adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's children's classic: *A Little Princess*. Starring Emily Flake, Martin Fobert, Fiona Beech, Lynn Kerr, Sid Anjilvel, Catie Parks and directed by Charles Robertson, this play will tug at your hearts strings. Musical Director and pianist is St Andrew's own John Hall. The play runs at St Andrews Presbyterian Church from Dec 14-16 @ 7:30 pm with a Saturday Matinee at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at the Grand Theatre website, or in person at the box office or by phoning 613-530-2050.

An Anniversary Moment

Recovering The Value Of A Members' Choir

Never a church to do anything by halves, St Andrew's initially forbade any singing of human-composed hymns or playing of human-constructed instruments in Sunday services. But then, by 1908 the pendulum had swung so much the other way that 'eminent vocalists' only were being hired for the choir, (along with extra pay for soloists). An annual budget of one thousand dollars was recommended to "cover the cost of professionalization of the casts of 'artists'." It took time for St Andrew's to see what was missing in such an arrangement – the faces and talents of ordinary members singing for the love of serving, singing from their hearts and souls.

- Rose DeShaw

A Blue Christmas Worship

A Blue Christmas worship service will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2360 Middle Road, Sunday December 17th at 4 pm. All are invited.

Welcoming Another Syrian Family

The InterChurch Refugee Partnership is happy to announce that we will be sponsoring our 5th Syrian household, a family with 4 children currently in a refugee camp in Lebanon. This family is from the government's pre-approved list and should be arriving in 4-8 weeks. Please contact Anya Hageman (hagemana@econ.queensu.ca) or your ICRP contact person if you can contribute any of the following: crib with mattress, new twin mattresses or waterproof twin mattress protectors, new queen mattress or mattress protector, twin-size fitted sheets and blankets, mattress protectors for the above (twin ones should be waterproof,) infant car seat new or less than three years old, booster seats new or less than three years old, tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches for family toolkit, flashlights, new vacuum cleaner, new pillows.

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

Presbyterian World Service & Development



Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence. While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover. Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment. This year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
December 3 2017	\$7,725.00	\$4,285.00
Year to Date	\$214,468.00	\$203,757.16

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