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Order of Worship

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

December 17, 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.

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Preludes	Recorder group	
Entry of Holy Scriptures		
Call to Worship		
Greetings & Announcements		
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer		(inside)
Lighting the Third Candle of Advent		Lindsay Robinson
Introit	Ring Out, Ye Wild and Merry Bells	C. Maitland
Choir	Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth	M. Praetorius
Hymn	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	110
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43: 16, 18-21	John Marshall
Choir	Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen	G.R. Woodward
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 23: 5-6	Ada Mallory
Choir	People Look East, the time is near	Besançon carol
Scripture Reading	Zechariah 9: 9-10	
Choir	The Holly and the Ivy	Traditional
Hymn	'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime	144
Scripture Reading	Haggai 2: 6-9	
Choir	King Jesus Hath a Garden	Dutch tune
	Patapan	Burgundian carol
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 35: 1-6	
Choir	Lute Book Lullaby	W. Ballet
	Zither Carol	Czech folk tune
Hymn	Once in Royal David's City	166
Scripture Reading	Luke 1: 26-35, 38	
Choir	Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary	Italian Carol
Anthem	Laudamus Te (duet)	Vivaldi
Scripture Reading	Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15	
Choir	Carol of the Bagpipers	Neapolitan melody
	Unto us is born a Son	from Piae Cantiones, 1582
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Ding Dong Merrily on High	16 th cent. French tune
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	(inside)
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	Hark the Glad Sound	118
Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen		
Postlude	Noël "Votre bonté Grand Dieu"	Balbastre

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 – Philippe Gabrini, Sam Houston
Michael Pizzutto, Helene Pizzutto
December 24 – William Anthony, Holly Turnbull,
Marilyn Trudeau, Rory Warnock

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert William Clark who served in the 146 battalion during the Great War. The Colours of the 146th are displayed in our Sanctuary. Given by Robert, Dennis, Peter and Carolyn.

Scripture Reading

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

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19th century by the Bishop of Truro in England. In 1918, King's College Cambridge modified it and performed the first Nine Lesson and Carol service which later became a traditional radio broadcast, continuing to this day. Another set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. Between the readings is a collection of hymns and carols from various sources and countries from early Christian times up until modern times.

The **Anthem** is a beautiful duet which is part of a major well-known work, Vivaldi's *Gloria*. This is music of Praise and celebration. We can also celebrate with the playing of musical instruments or, as is the case today, we can sing about musical instruments. All of the carols sung in today's service have some mention of musical instruments. Bells are the most frequently mentioned, but we also sing about drums, oboes, and many other instruments - even bagpipes.

The first hymn, sung by the choir, uses a text translated from the original Latin text of St. Ambrose (340-397) and uses a melody adapted by M. Praetorius (1571-1621) who also wrote "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming". The first carol, "Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen" is from the *Piae Cantiones* of 1582. Another carol sung later is "Unto us is born a Son" which is from the same source.

One of the few carols that we like to claim as one of Canada's own actually uses a tune from an old French Carol, *Une Jeune Pucelle*. The words were written by Jesuit missionary St. Jean de Brébeuf (c. 1643) in the Huron language and a rather free translation which has little resemblance to the original text, was written in 1926 by Canadian poet J. Edgar Middleton.

Thanks to our amazing choir and soloists, and to Lisa Szeker-Madden and her recorder students.

Today

White Gifts 2017

Each year, we reach out to neighbours with some of the joy we know in the coming of Christ. This morning we present our envelopes 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.

Presbyterian Connection

This is the new and free newspaper of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Pick up a copy today, with stories of the work of Christ through the Church here and around the world. On page 3 you can find the information to have a copy sent directly to your home address. Also included is the booklet 'Gifts of

Change' that offers lots of possibilities of alternative gifts for Christmas and through the year.

Congregational Potluck

Please join us after the service for our congregational pot luck lunch. Bring what you can, but your presence is the gift.

A Blue Christmas Worship

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

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.

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.

Advance Notice

Sunday December 24, 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship (Faith is Verb - Mary) with nursery.

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.

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.

Also...

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.

Presbyterians Sharing



Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing equip and nurture future church leaders who in turn will equip and nurture others to witness faithfully in the world. In 2017, 18 students graduated from our three theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, The Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. These colleges provide a strong academic and practical foundation to prepare students to serve our congregations. The PCC supports ministry candidates and their presbyteries as they work to discern the candidate's call. In 2017, 16 candidates attended the PCC's Guidance Conference, which helps participants recognize their abilities, strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan of growth as they move forward. Together, we also encourage and support new clergy who have just begun their ministries. In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing as part of our witness.

Weekly Givings

	Budgeted	Received
December 10 2017	\$3,736.00	\$2,778.35
Year to Date	\$218,204.00	\$206,535.51

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An Anniversary Moment

The soundscape of Kingston is enriched by the addition of our bells, especially at Christmas

The ringing of "O Come O Come Emanuel" as I went up our Clergy Street steps last Sunday made me pause and thank God for these 9 bells which have taken their place in the downtown soundscape. Years of hard work by many hands made this happen. Planning for the 'chime of the bells' began in 1890 when a bell committee was formed to oversee all the ups and downs. Four were ordered in 1893, and another five 1911 from a clockmaker in Croydon, England, arriving after a long sea voyage aboard the S.S. Montrose. Once installed, there were constant challenges, due to an open belfry, snow and ice freezing the bell ropes. And there was the sound of the bells themselves - initially in the key of G (which was not considered a good Presbyterian tone), they were altered to a half tone deeper than those of St Mary's. Still ringing now in the 21st century, a stranger stopped me this summer to shared his delight in their music. As we stood together, listening, I thought of my favorite carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," written by the poet, Longfellow when his youngest son was fighting in the Civil War. No news had come as to whether or not the boy still lived. He went ahead in faith and wrote the words: "God is NOT dead nor does he sleep..." and the bells in his little village rang out.

- Rose DeShaw

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.