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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2017



Joseph Preparing A Manger
(Detail of a banner crafter by Fern Houston
and Anne-Marie Gabriini)

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 Overture to Cantata No. 142 J.S. Bach

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn O come, o come Emmanuel 122

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

Introit The Cherry Tree Carol Traditional

*Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he,
When he married Mary in the land of Galilee.*

As Joseph was a-walking, He heard an angel sing:

"This night there shall be born on earth our heavenly king

He neither shall be born in housen nor in hall,

Nor in the place of paradise, but in an oxen stall."

Greetings & Announcements

Update on Capital Appeal

Ralph Kendall

Hymn People in darkness 124

Lighting the First Candle of Advent Lindsay Robinson

Scripture Readings

June Nixon

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Mathew 1:18-25

Anthem Jesus Praise I bring J.S. Bach

Jesus praise I bring with singing,

Praise with tranquil heart and mind.

I rejoice in my salvation

The celebration of thy birth is overwhelming comfort.

Sermon Faith is a Verb 1) Joseph

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Gelobet sei Gott J.S. Bach

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow (inside)

Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silence 542

The Apostles' Creed

(inside)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread & Wine

Music: Joseph and Mary Traditional

Hymn Come, thou long-expected Jesus 110

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Joseph est Ben Marié 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 – The Elders
December 10 – Dorothy Messenger, Cheng Shyu,
Ralph Kendall, Wendy Worling

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7: 4 – 10

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord

commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

There is very little music dealing with the subject of Joseph, but if we go back a few hundred years, there seemed to be a bit of tribute to him in the form of carols – particularly carols that told a story. The **Introit** is taken from a rather lengthy carol with 18 verses. The text first appeared in print in the late 18th century and was one of the most popular carols of the time. Later, by the mid 1800's, traditional tunes were found to go with the text. We hear three verses using two of these tunes. The long story about the cherry tree we leave for another time.

Another old carol about old Joseph is heard during **Communion** with a beautiful arrangement by Vaughan Williams. The tune originally went with a 17th century carol with rather unpleasant imagery and so later the compilers of a carol book decided to use

this beautiful tune with words of another traditional carol which might have gone back as far as the 15th century.

The **Postlude** is an arrangement of an old French carol, "Joseph is a Good Bridegroom". This tune was very popular and used by several composers with variations. This particular "Noel" is by Claude Balbastre who was born in Dijon in 1729.

Johann Sebastian Bach composed a huge number of cantatas and today we hear excerpts from his Cantata no.142 which is a Christmas cantata (not to be confused with his big Christmas oratorio). The overture is heard as the **Prelude** and the concluding chorale is heard as the **Offertory**. For today's **Anthem**, Damien sings an alto recitative and aria from this cantata. The recitative is in English and the aria, *Alleluja, gelobet sei Gott* is sung in the original German. Damien will be helping out the folks at Sydenham St. during December so I have kept him extra busy today while we can still enjoy his many talents.

Today

Thanks to all who contributed to the St. Andrew's Day evening on Thursday. The contributions of shortbread and assorted baking, the choir singing, the poetry recited ... the good company enjoyed!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

This morning we begin the season of Advent with our monthly celebration of Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, and all who love the Lord a little, and wish to love the Lord more, are invited to join us. We serve each other in our seats, first bread, then the cup, communing each time together.

The Days of December

The Minister's monthly newsletter has been published, and is available this morning. Visitors can find a copy at either door of the sanctuary. Members and adherents can find their addressed envelopes at the back of the sanctuary. Included is a Christmas card from the Elders, featuring a dynamic line drawing of St. Andrew's Church by one of our own, Greg Matthews. Thank you Greg!

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

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.

Advanced Notice

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.

Also...

Welcoming Another Syrian Family

The InterChurch Refugee Partnership is happy to announce that we 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

An Anniversary Moment

The Debates of A Church Without A Home

There was a lot going on at St Andrew's in 1889. Money had to be found for a new church after the fire. The desire to have a building that presented 'a handsome appearance on Clergy and Princess Streets' led some to fear an 'edifice complex.' Others criticized the planned stained glass windows as 'a weak imitation of that worst of evils, medieval ritualism.' Then there was the amount of time for construction of the new building. Actually, just as St George's and St Mary's were cathedral churches in their faiths, everyone took it for granted that St Andrew's was the cathedral church for Presbyterians (except for the fact that Presbyterians do not have cathedrals). \$30,000 was committed for a new St Andrew's with an additional \$5,000 for an organ 'of Boston make' (in other words, the best that could be found.) Weekly progress reports were demanded by those who 'feared a long walk in winter,' to city hall where alternate quarters had been arranged. Protesters were likely the same ones who complained about the 'heat, flies and discomforts' of St Andrew's Hall in summer, into which the congregation has been briefly squeezed.

- Rose DeShaw

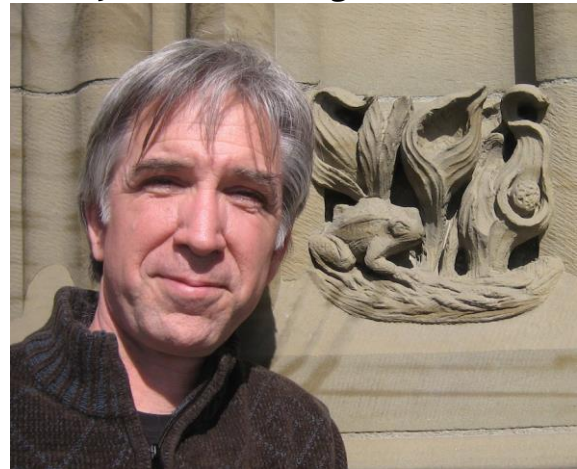
sheets and blankets, mattress protectors for the above (twin ones should be waterproof,) infant car seat new or less than three years old, booster seats new or less than three years old, tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches for family toolkit, flashlights, new vacuum cleaner, new pillows.

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.

Presbyterians Sharing



Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners. David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call. 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
November 26 2017	\$3,998.00	\$8,219.50*
Year to Date	\$206,743.00	\$199,972.16

*Includes monthly PAR givings

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