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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 14, 2018



Danylo Movchan (Ukrainian, 1979–), Baptism of Christ. Tempera and gold leaf on

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.

Preludes Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern J.C. Bach

Fantasia on Wie schön Leuchtet

(Allegretto) Buxtehude

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn Herald sound the note of judgement 117

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

Introit Touching grace, we Princes three G.R. Woodward

Touching grace, we Princes three Firstlings of the Gentiles be: Pledge hereby of mercy free For the heathen ye may see.

Greetings & Announcements

Mission Givings Update Holly Turnbull

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Responsive Psalm 86 (selected verses)

Hymn

Out of deep unordered water

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Mark 1:1, 9 - 11

Acts 19:1-7

Anthem The Three Kings Peter Cornelius

Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star; And this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King:

gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Spirit of God, descend 382

Sermon The Embrace of God: Beloved

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Fantasia on Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

(Allegro, tranquillo, piu Allegro) Buxtehude

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

Hymn Christ, when for us you were baptized 183

Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Fantasia on Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

(Allegretto con moto) Buxtehude

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 - David Holland, Susan Holland,

Ada Mallory, Dorothy Messenger

January 21 – William Anthony, Holly Turnbull,

Marilyn Trudeau, Rory Warnock

Scripture Readings

Psalm 86 (select verses) Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Mark 1:1, 9-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God....

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

Most of the music in today's service is based on the old German hymn "Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern" (How brightly shines the morning star) which is #180 in our Book of Praise. It was described by its composer, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) as "A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul... concerning Jesus Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, founded on the 45th Psalm". Nicolai was a Lutheran pastor, theologian and competent musician who had to move several times because of religious persecution. During a severe plague, when he lost over 1300 of his parishioners, he compiled a book entitled "Freudenspiegel" (Mirror of Joy) to try to cheer up his remaining flock. Two very famous hymns were included in this book: "Wachet Auf ruft

uns die Stimme" (our hymn #127) and "Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern" We hear "How brightly shines ..." at the beginning of the service as a **Chorale Prelude** by an uncle of Johann Sebastian, Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703). The second **Prelude** is the first part of a Fantasia by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). Buxtehude was a very great inspiration to Johann Sebastian Bach and many others. Buxtehude's organ works often consist of several sections and can be rather lengthy for use in a church service. I have thus divided the piece into three sections which are played for the **Prelude**, **Offertory** and for the **Postlude**. Throughout the work one can hear fragments of the original tune.

We also hear the chorale in an interesting **Anthem** by Peter Cornelius (1824-1874). It was written for baritone solo with the accompaniment playing the chorale tune. Later, Ivor Atkins cleverly arranged it for solo and chorus. We are very happy to have Bob Clark sing the solo which he did for me about 35 years ago when I was organist at St. Luke's Anglican in Kingston. Bob has always been eager to share his knowledge and experience in church music and recently loaned me a copy of a rare book called "The Cowley Carol Book". This is a most interesting book with splendid arrangements by the Rev. G.R. Woodward and Charles Wood, both of whom have made significant contributions to church music.

The **Introit** is taken from this book. The text goes back to the 12th century and the melody is from the *Bohemian Brothers' Book* of 1566. We can credit good old Rev. Woodward with putting it all together into a lovely carol appropriate for the season of Epiphany.

Today

Election of Elders

We are a congregation led by 'presbyters', elders. After prayerful consideration, members are reminded to hand in ballots for the election of four new elders for spiritual and pastoral leadership in St. Andrew's. We thank God for each individual willing to present themselves for this service.

Cookies for Inter-Varsity

Deirdre of the Manse community would welcome home baked cookies to take into the Queen's residences for the student bible studies. Would you be willing to provide a dozen or two on the second Sunday of a particular month? Sign up in St. Andrew's Hall. We are also in need of a co-ordinator for this - a non-baker welcome!

Mission Initiatives

In addition to our commitment to Presbyterians Sharing, many of us designate part of our offerings to support a set of eleven congregational mission priorities. Each month one of these initiatives will be highlighted by a poster in St. Andrew's Hall. January is 'HomeBaseHousing', a Kingston outreach to our neighbours who are homeless, at risk of losing their housing or in an unsafe situation. Find out more at http://kingstonhomebase.ca

On-Street Parking

With the 'big dig' along Princess Street now underway, please note that additional parking can be found north of Queen Street - the time of day restrictions are not applicable on Sundays. Members are also reminded to leave the church parking lot clear for those with significant mobility issues.

Advance Notice

Congregational Potluck

Be sure to join us next Sunday, January 21st, for the congregational potluck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall immediately following the morning service.

Missionary Society

The WMS meeting has been postponed a week until January 22 until 1:30pm in St Andrew's Hall. Our new study about mission work in Haiti will commence. You are welcome to join us.

Sunday Perspectives - Sunday Jan 21, 7 p.m.

Mission Society - Monday Jan 22, 1:30 p.m.

Morning Bible Study - Thursday Jan 25, 10 a.m.

Special Meals Team #2 - Sunday Jan 28

Budget Preparation (Session, P&M, Trustees,

Finance Committee) - Monday Jan 29, 7 p.m.

Also

Givings Envelopes

For those who require envelopes for weekly givings, please collect them from the main table in St. Andrew's Hall. If they are no longer required, please let our bookkeeper Candace know at Candace@StAndrewsKingston.Org. If you would be willing to switch to PAR (pre-authorized remittance, automatic withdrawal), brochures are also available.



An Anniversary Moment



Celebrating All Those Whose Names We Do Not Know Who Kept Us Going A Mere 200 Years...

One of the most notable things lacking in our history (and indeed in every history of anything but especially churches) - is a list of the unnamed individuals who serve and work without much notice seemingly being taken of their contributions. We see them today, active in St Andrew's in administration, choir, finances, kitchen, mop, broom and recycling, greeting, supporting, setting up and taking down, lending a hand where one is needed, quiet and constant. I think of the stableman who kept Rev. John Barclay's horse in fit shape to make his rounds, the bookkeeper who made ends meet in the financial affairs of a struggling young St Andrew's, those members whose faith & works believed a burned-out church could rise again. Then there was Agnes Machar, daughter of St Andrew's Rev John Machar, visiting the poor and sick, (usually the same people), digging around for funds to support their needs and bringing them up to the congregation. But alongside her so many women also served in love and support. There are the ones who got us an organ, repaired our clock, brought, installed and ring our bells, recently added a stair lift, who teach our little ones, those who bring, bake and clean up after our gatherings, those who are open to listen and comfort. Without their presence among us, no church could even exist, much less witness as the living body of the Living Lord in this community over these past 200 years. When we celebrate our well-known leaders, we pause to remember those whose names while perhaps not recorded here on earth, shine in the book of eternity. - Rose Deshaw

Continuing Education

A Presbyterian's Guide to the End of the World. Over six online sessions beginning January 22, Knox College professor Brian Irwin will guide you on a journey through the fascinating, baffling, and often bizarre world that is End Times speculation. You'll

discover the theological thinking underlying the most dominant theory of how the world will end. Most importantly, you'll explore the books of Daniel and Revelation to learn how they spoke to their first, persecuted readers and what they have to say to us today. For information or to register go to www.knox.utoronto.ca

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January 7 2018	\$5,753.18	\$2,333.00
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Presbyterians Sharing

Presbyterians Sharing is helping to transform the lives



of people in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood. The statistics for Little Burgundy are grim: 2/3 of children and youth live below the poverty line and 32% of

students drop out before finishing high school. But Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre is helping provide community members with the tools they need to realize their dreams, at every life stage. Tyndale's employment programs not only teach job search techniques, but also build self-esteem and life skills. Jane shares, "I came to Tyndale during the lowest time in my life, and I decided to give it a shot. I was looking for something to bring back my self-confidence that would enable me to go back to the workforce. And Tyndale delivered exactly what I was looking for. And now I'm strong, I'm back again, and I'm ready to go back to work!" In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston had committed the sum of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing as part of our witness.

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