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WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 11, 2018



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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Order of Worship

Preludes	Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein Improvisation Oh God, Look down from Heaven	Pachelbel J.S. Bach
Entry of Holy Scriptures		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	God of mercy, God of grace	39
Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer		(inside)
Introit	God be in my Head <i>God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at my end and at my departing.</i>	Walford Davies
Greetings & Announcements		
Litany for Lent 4		
Hymn	When Jesus the healer	203
Time with Children		
Scripture Readings		Wendy Worling
	Exodus 34:4-9	
	Matthew 5:7	
	I Peter 1:3-5	
Anthem	O Lord, Increase Our Faith <i>O Lord, increase our faith, Strengthen us and confirm us in Thy true faith; Endue us with wisdom, Charity, chastity, and patience. In all our adversities, Sweet Jesus say Amen.</i>	Henry Loosemore
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Hymn	New every morning is the love	815
Sermon	Blessings 4) The Merciful	
Narration of Steps		
Preamble and Questions		
Ordination and Induction of Elders		
	Anne-Marie Gabrini, David Holland, Janet Payne, Marilyn Trudeau	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Voluntary No. 2 in D	Thomas Weelkes
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow	(inside)
Hymn	Christ, you call us all to service	585
Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen		
Postlude	Fugue in C Major	Bohm

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 – Ralph Kendall, Dorothy Messenger,
 Marilyn Trudeau, Wendy Worling
March 18 – Philippe Gabrini, Sam Houston,
 Mike & Helene Pizzutto

Flowers

Flowers today are given with thanksgiving to God for all who are called and willing to serve.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:4-9

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,

'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped. He said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

New Testament Readings

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

I Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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

On this special ordination Sunday, the service begins with music based on the Martin Luther's chorale *Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein* which is a paraphrase of Psalm 12. A translation from 1876 begins: "O God, look down from heaven and view, and let thy pity waken; Behold thy saints, how very few, like wretches are forsaken.". The first **Prelude** is a little fugue based on this tune composed by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). This is followed by an improvisation on the tune by the organist, culminating in a harmonized chorale version by J.S. Bach.

To help set the tone of the ordination service, the choir sings the **Introit** which is hymn #580 in our Book of Praise. The words are by an unknown author and first appeared in the *Book of Hours* in 1514. Henry Walford Davies composed the tune especially for the words around 1910. Davies was born in Shropshire in 1869 and eventually became organist at St. George's Windsor (where there will soon be another Royal wedding).

Orlando Gibbons is usually credited with composing the **Anthem**, but recent scholarship attempts to persuade us that it was composed by Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670) who was organist for a time at King's College Cambridge and Exeter Cathedral.

Thomas Weelkes became organist at Chichester Cathedral in 1602. Chichester was

mentioned in my notes a couple of weeks ago along with its bishop Richard. The famous composer Gustav Holst is buried there and it is also remembered for the Chichester Psalms composed by Leonard Bernstein. It may also be remembered for the mercy and forgiveness extended to the composer of the **Offertory**, who apparently had a drinking problem which caused some rowdiness, unauthorized absences and bad language in the choir loft. The fact that the cathedral kept him on must prove his abilities as a musician (and the cathedral's ability to show mercy).

Georg Böhm, like his contemporary J.S. Bach, was a man of great faith and considerable musical talent. He has sometimes been referred to as the "little Bach". The Prelude in C Major was heard recently and today we hear the Fugue for the **Postlude**.

Today 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.

Mission Initiatives

In addition to our commitment to Presbyterians Sharing, many of us designate part of our offerings to support a set of 11 congregational mission initiatives. In March, a poster in St. Andrew's Hall highlights the relief and development work we do in the name of Christ beyond the church through PWSD

This Week

Winter Tuesday Evenings Studies

A series of six evenings continuing this Tuesday, March 13th, 7-8:30 p.m. This winter we will be following presentations around the DVD presented theme 'Towards Belief'. The sessions explore some of the most common 'belief blockers' of our time, and through interviews with more than thirty articulate Christians, seek a way to better understand ... the bible, suffering, religious violence etc. Led by the minister, all welcome!

Advance Notice

Congregational Potluck

Be sure to join us next Sunday, March 18th for the congregational potluck lunch immediately following

the morning service. Contribute if you can, but your presence is the gift!

Sunday Perspectives

Sunday March 18, 7 p.m. Purchase your own ticket at the Screening Room and see 'The Shape of Water' with members of Chalmers United and St. Mark's Lutheran, followed by a brief time of discussion in the theatre.

Passion according to St. Mark

Our choir joins other choirs to perform this work by Charles Wood at St. George's Cathedral on Sunday March 18 at 2:00 pm. Our choir will also be singing it on Palm Sunday at St. Andrew's.

The Rock and The Sword

We will be making our updated congregational history available to the wider community through Novel Idea. To secure one at the cost price of \$25, please pick one up or reserve one by March 18.

Shame and Prejudice – a Story of Resilience

This is the title of an exhibition at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, featuring the paintings and commentary of Kent Monkman. These works unsettle us into an Indigenous experience of colonization in which Christianity played a significant part in our nation. If you would be interested in meeting with the Minister Sunday March 25, 2 p.m. for a look together at four of these paintings and a brief discussion in front of each, please add your name to the sheet on the bulletin board. Admission is free, and carpooling can be arranged.

Also

Easter Flowers

We would like the church to be glorious with a profusion of spring plants on Easter Sunday. You are invited to bring a potted plant and place it at the front of the sanctuary prior to the service. After the service, please take your plant home as a reminder of the Good News of Easter. Anyone requiring assistance please contact Elaine (613-540-4813) or Wendy (613-548-1507).

Pre-Authorized Remittance

We can easily increase our PAR donations by completing the brochure located just outside the sanctuary with the updated amount, name and envelope number. No need to provide a VOID

An Anniversary Moment

What Was Our First “Church” History?

“How do I go on today? Which way do I turn?” These are the basic questions always on our hearts. The answers, of course are all found in our very first church history, the Bible. These words, now in so many excellent translations, are clearer than ever.

Sometimes St. Andrew’s history, The Rock & The Sword, needs outside reference to clarify the record of what happened in this year or that. But God’s history is concerned with the inner workings of our hearts.

Every day you and I write a new church history as we do the daily deal: praying, listening, holding conversations throughout the week with him, then sharing that personal experience together on Sunday in this thing called “church,” established to do just that.

“I took my troubles to the Lord. I cried out to him and he answered my prayer,” David shares at the start of Psalm 120, long before there even was such a thing as “church.” “If you need wisdom, if you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him and he will gladly tell you,” James says at a time when “church” was a brand new word.

As we celebrate the outward aspects of St Andrew’s these past 200 years, we know our real, true “church” history as a shared faith from centuries past, alive and well in you and me today.

-Rose Deshaw

cheque if the account information remains unchanged. Be sure to sign the form and return it to the Church Office. Questions? please email the bookkeeper: candace@standrewskingston.org

Loblaws Gift Cards:

If any member of the congregation decides to apply for a compensation \$25.00 gift card from Loblaws and would like to donate it to the Special Meals programme, it can be put into an envelope and placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The cards will be given to the coordinator of the Special Meals to buy supplies to support the programme.

St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry

As we continue our meditation on Jesus’ prayer in John 17, Jesus asks the Father to give his disciples HIS joy (v.13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them).

What does this mean for us? The joy that Jesus had was surely to know the love of his Father—that love that would enable him to sacrifice his life for us. This gift of the joy of Jesus Christ is for us as well—a joy in the midst of life’s challenges that allows us to experience the amazing love of God for us. Let us, during this season of Lent, reflect on God’s love for us so that we may, indeed, experience the joy of Jesus Christ that manifests itself in love for those with whom we come in contact each day.

Come From Away

This wonderfully uplifting new broadway musical gem about human kindness can be enjoyed on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 by an escorted group bus tour to Toronto. Lunch included! See poster on bulletin board or contact Eva Barnes: 613-546-4300 or Eva_Barnes@sympatico.ca

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
March 4, 2018	\$8,597.65	\$4,652.00
Totals	\$47,555.26	\$36,354.55

Presbyterians Sharing



Imagine what it would be like if each congregation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada was intentional about equipping their members to share their faith and to invite others to experience the fullness of life in Christ. Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Canadian Ministries is spearheading a program to turn this dream into a reality.