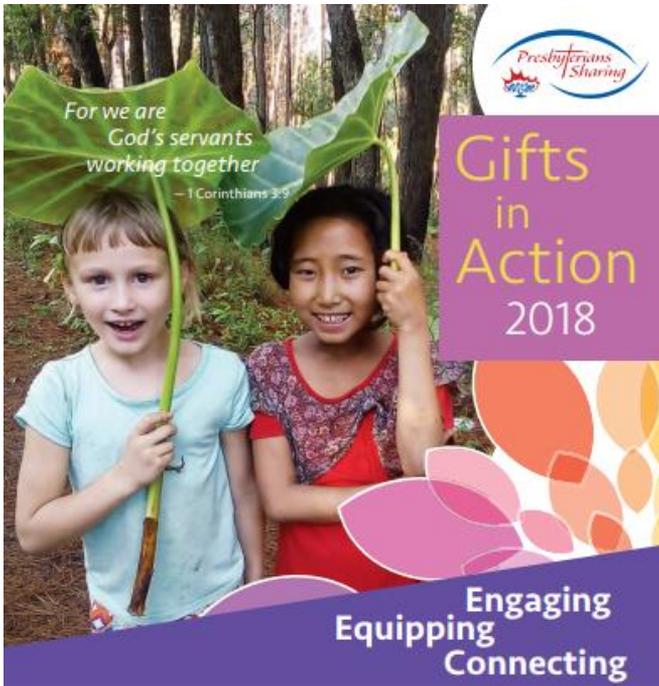


Sunday September 30, 2018



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preludes	Scherzino	Beethoven
Entry of the Bible		
Call To Worship		
Hymn	All people that on earth do dwell	#65
Introit	Give to us laughter	Farquharson
Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer		
Greetings & Announcements		
Responsive Psalm	126	
Hymn	All things bright & beautiful	#435
Time with Children		
Report on Canada Youth 2018		Rebecca Wystma
Scripture Readings		Katie Pilmoor
	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	
	Genesis 21: 1-7	
	Luke 6:20-22	
Anthem	Jubilate Deo	
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Hymn	Brother, sister, let me serve you	#635
Sermon	Spiritual Exercises 3) Laughing	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Scherzo in F Major	Guilmant
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	
Hymn	At the dawning of salvation	#248
Benediction		
Postlude	Scherzoso in A minor	Rheinberger

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.
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, for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Responsive Psalm #126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
**shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Genesis 21: 1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

Luke 6:20-22

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

My father loved the *Reader's Digest* and he loved reading aloud to the rest of the family the jokes from the page "*Laughter is the best medicine*". My father wasn't a prankster or practical joker, nor was he especially good at telling jokes, but he loved to laugh and I learned through him to find humour in many things, including music. There are musical comedians such as Victor Borge for whom I have the greatest respect. There are song writers such as W.S. Gilbert and even Harry Lauder who get people laughing. But there is joy and humour in some music that may not get us laughing, but may bring a smile to our face.

Surprisingly, there is much humour in the music of Beethoven, but it is not always obvious. The **Prelude** is a Scherzo from a piano sonata by Beethoven. The word "Scherzo" in Italian means "joke", and has been frequently used as the title for a bright happy movement or piece, usually in triple time, although it may be more sombre and not necessarily a "joke". The word has been used with music since around 1600, even with sacred music, but it was Beethoven that is considered the father of the Scherzo for his frequent use of it in his symphonies, sonatas and string quartets. Various forms of the Scherzo are heard in today's service by Beethoven, Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911), and Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901).

The **Anthem** is the 100th Psalm, sung as it once was regularly in Presbyterian and other churches as a "canticle". It is taken from the *Book of Praise* of 1918. It expresses the joy of knowing the Lord – even if we aren't laughing about it, at least we can be happy in it.

Today's **Introit** is a hymn about laughter, written by two Canadians in 1974. (We Canadians seem to be especially good at laughing at ourselves.) Walter Farquharson wrote the words and it was set to music by Ron Klusmeier in 1974. The hymn is found in the United Church hymn book:

Give to us Laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. During this service, there is a nursery offered for infants, hosted by certified care Tran Thao Dinh, and a program for children led by Laura Tyner-Clement – please speak to an usher for information if interested. Immediately after the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Andrew’s Hall and allow us the opportunity to introduce ourselves.

Prayer Partnership

If you would like to have a time of personal prayer after the service, you are invited to meet a member of the prayer team at the pillar just to the right of the pulpit. And please pass prayer requests to be shared on the congregational autumn prayer card to Dorothy Messenger or Barb Zabel.

Thanksgiving Sunday

The Congregation is invited to participate next Sunday in the decorating of the Sanctuary by donating canned goods or potted mums. Items can be dropped off Sat October 6th between 10am and 12 noon or Sunday morning. The canned goods will go to the food bank and flowers can be taken back by those who brought them and can be distributed as they wish. Anyone interested in being a part of the decorating committee please meet in the Penny Vestry for a brief meeting following morning service.

We’ve got talent!

Another St. Andrew’s Pop-Up. On Sunday, Oct. 14th, the painters of the congregation are invited to display their works for our enjoyment. We will also feature a few works by our friends at the Mess. Please let Phyllis Ann know to reserve a spot.

Autumn Tuesday Study Evenings

Mark your calendars – our autumn study this year will be ‘Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi’, a DVD resource for group discussion on the parables, led by the

Minster. What makes this study particularly interesting are the insights of Amy-Jill Levine, a renowned Jewish professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning October 23 – each evening is independent, so don't worry if you can't make them all.

2019 Calendars

The new wall calendars have just been received, featuring stained glass from Presbyterian churches across the nation ... including in November, a detail of one of St. Andrew's Kingston! \$5

Sanctuary Flowers

A new list of Sundays has been posted. Please take a Sunday if you can assist, either by providing flowers or a gift of money. Contact Wendy Worling for more information.

Parents and Tots Group

Parents/caregivers and their children are invited to this informal drop-in playgroup at Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church (244 MacMahon Ave). Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 (beginning Oct. 10) For information, contact Heather Paton.

PCC Healing and Reconciliation Tour

Learn more about our past and present relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters, including conversations in Kenora, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Misatawasis. June 15-26, 2019. \$997 if application by December 1, \$1500 by April 1. (Bursaries available from St. Andrew's Mission Committee, speak to Holly Turnbull)

Presbyterian Resources

A monthly newsletter - <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/#pccconnect>

A quarterly newspaper –

<https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/>

A collection of resources, published three times a year –

<https://presbyterian.ca/resources/communications-resources/pcpak/>

A daily electronic devotional - <http://presbycan.ca/>

A daily prayer suggestion - <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/#pp>

Presbyterians Sharing



Attending to physical and spiritual needs in Saskatoon. The cost of living in the province is rising, making it even more challenging for those on the margins to make ends meet. Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry understands that, when

times are tough, people need spiritual as well as physical care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the ministry offers a clothing and food program, a mid-week worship service, an arts program, and crisis and spiritual counseling. Rooted in First Nations' traditions and gospel teachings, SNCM offers prayer, friendship, and radical hospitality to those who are struggling. Presbyterians Sharing reaches out to people in need. *In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.*

Ushers

This morning - Wendy Worling & Ralph Kendall, Ada Mallory, Doreen Henshaw (**October 7** – Elders)

Offering Update

Weekly Giving's	Budgeted	Received
September 23, 2018	\$8,706.33	\$13,934.00
Totals	\$176,390.04	\$160,299.11

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