

Sunday October 28, 2018



REFORMATION SUNDAY

**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

Prelude	Mon Dieu est une solide Fortresse A Mighty Fortress is our God	M. Dupré Diane Bish
Entry of the Bible		
Call To Worship		
Hymn	God is our refuge and our strength	#30
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Introit	Let all creation bless the Lord	Daw/ Luther
Greetings & Announcements		
Responsive Psalm	65	
Hymn	Seek ye first	#625
Time with Children		
Scripture Readings	Ephesian 1:3-6 Romans 8:28-30	Kevin McCluskey
Anthem	Simple Things	Jeanine Tesori
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Hymn	I greet thee who my sure Redeemer art	#678
Sermon	The Spiritual Exercise of... Persevering	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	A Hymn of Confidence	Max Reger
Doxology		
Hymn	A mighty fortress is our God	#315
Benediction		
Postlude	Toccatà in d minor	J. S. Bach

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 #65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come on account of sins.
When our transgressions prevail over us, you forgive them.
Blessed is the one whom you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple!

By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest
seas;
who by your strength you established the mountains;
being girded with might;
who still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the people;

(over)

so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds
are afraid at your signs;
**you make the outgoings of the morning and the evening
to shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain, for thus you have prepared the earth.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.
The pastures of the wilderness drip,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Scripture Readings

Ephesian 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Although our **Anthem** today has the title “Simple Things”, the choir likes to inform me that this is not a simple piece of music. It has a simple message, however: if you lose God in the complexities of everyday life, you can find him through the eyes of a child in seeing simple things. It is a contemporary anthem, and an early composition from a lady of amazing talent. Jeanine Tesori (b.1961) is the most prolific and honoured female theatrical composer in history, having earned 5 Tony award nominations. She has composed music for shows such as *Shrek, the Musical* and films such as *The Little Mermaid*. Her music is mostly for the theatre, but the words she wrote for “Simple Things” are so important: “*I see the wonder of the Lord in all things beautiful, small and beautiful – simple things.*”

Martin Luther looked for simpler things. He was in a monastery for a time, and found that being a part of the Roman Catholic Church was not so simple. Nor was it simple to try to make changes, but today on Reformation Sunday, we celebrate his efforts. Fortunately for us, he wrote a few hymn tunes (would that there had been more!). One of these which illustrate the strength of his simple vocal lines is the **Introit** (hymn #106) which is the canticle called the *Benedicite* with a beautiful English translation by Carl P Daw (b.1944). Of course his most famous hymn is *Ein Feste Burg* which is our closing hymn. It has inspired many composers and we hear three different pieces of music based on Luther’s tune. The first **Prelude** is by the great French virtuoso organist and teacher, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) who was the teacher of one of my teachers. The second **Prelude** is by Diane Bish (b.1941), a famous contemporary concert organist whose music is as dazzling as the many rings on her fingers. Max Reger (1873-1916) was a versatile performer and composer. The **Offertory** is one of his more straightforward works.

With the approach of Hallowe’en, we have what is probably the most famous of all organ pieces, and a particular favourite with Hollywood horror films. Bach might be horrified to know how this piece is often used today but it helps to keep the pipe organ a popular instrument. The Fugue is usually played in concerts but is a bit long for a **Postlude**.

MORNING PRAYER

My God, my Father and my Saviour, since it has pleased thee to preserve me by thy grace through the night just ended and until the present day, grant that I may use it entirely in thy service and that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please thee and to obey thy holy will, so that all my actions may redound to the glory of thy name and the edification of my neighbours. And just as in this earthly life thou causest the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let thy Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of thy righteousness. Thus in everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honour and serve thee, relying only on thy blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to thee.

Grant also, O Lord, that as I labor for my physical needs and for this present life, I may lift up my soul to that heavenly and blessed life which thou hast promised to thy children... And since to begin well means little unless one perseveres, I beseech thee to be my guide not only today but for all my life, daily continuing and increasing thy grace in me until thou hast brought me into full union with thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the true Sun of our souls, shining day and night forever... Amen.

Jean Calvin (1509-1564)

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 M. or

Barb Z.

Tuesday Study Evenings Continue

Join us this Tuesday - '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. Join us this Tuesday for our 2nd study evening – focusing on the good Samaritan. Each evening is independent, so don't worry if you missed the first one.

St. Andrew's on Air!

Tune in October 30th at 8pm as CFRC broadcasts the classic by H.G. Wells, The War of the Worlds (radio drama). The cast includes St. Andrews choir, Kim S. as "Margaret" who calls in from St. Andrew's Church (with the Principal of Queen's, Daniel W).

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Handbell Ringers – ONGOING

Interested in joining a ringing choir? Contact John H. for information.

Ushers

This morning - Christina M., Holly T, Cheng S., Dorothy M.

November 4 – Elders

Offering Update

Weekly Giving's

October 21, 2018

Totals

Budgeted

\$8,243.03

\$193,482.34

Received

\$10,869.25

\$176,852.51



Presbyterians Sharing: A call to music ministry

Music is an important part of our worship and praise to God. In Ephesians (5:19), Paul encourages us to “Sing and make music from your

heart to the Lord.” With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Knox Presbyterian Church in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, is engaging its community through a new music ministry called PALM: peace, art, love and music. Under the PALM banner, the congregation has hosted a variety of music and art-related events for all ages including a youth showcase night, which featured several local youth musicians and included an open-mic segment. Knox has also arranged for local bands, musicians and even puppet show performers to share their gifts at the church’s hot meal gathering, which provides food and entertainment to those living on the margins in their community. *In 2017, St. Andrew’s Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.*

The flowers at the front of the church this morning have been provided with love by Ed and Shirley Brash; In loving memory of those who have gone before us.

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