

Sunday December 23, 2018



Sandro Botticelli - Madonna and Child, 1470 (Louvre Museum Paris)

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	Nun Komm der Herden Heiland' Noël "Laissez Paître vos bêtes"	Bach Charpentier
Call To Worship		
Hymn	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	#115
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Music	Dance of the Reed Pipes (Tschaikowsky)	Juahn
Poems		Helena and Ben
Music	Angels We Have Heard On High	Sion
Lighting the Advent Candle (4)	Julia, Elaine and Pat Coderre	
Greetings & Announcements		
Update from Interval House		Natasha Maracle
Hymn	Jesus our brother kind and good	#150
Scripture Readings		
	Isaiah 11:1-3a, 35:1-4	Nancy H
	Luke 1:46-55	
Anthem	Good News	Steve A
Sermon		
Hymn	Lo, how a rose e'er blooming	#151
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Noël "Or nous dites Marie"	Dandrieu
Doxology		
Prayers of Dedication		
Hymn	What child is this?	#161
Benediction		
Postlude	Noël X	D'Aquin

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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 35:1-4

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.'

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

During my university days, when I returned home for Christmas, I always looked forward to putting on the Christmas records. One of my favourites was by the fabulous Robert Shaw Chorale and entitled "The Many Moods of Christmas". The hymns, organ music and choral music in today's service are examples of how we celebrate the season with music of many different moods and styles; from early French to modern American. There is a wealth of music for this time of year and we start with a rather serious Chorale Prelude of J.S. Bach based on the chorale *Come now Saviour of the Heathen*. The second **Prelude** is by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet Charpentier (1734-94), considered one of the most important organ composers of the early classical period in France. The **Offertory** is more serious and comes from a set of 42 Noëls by Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733) who was a priest as well as an organist. The **Postlude** is by a true master of the French Noëls, Louis Claude D'Aquin. It is number ten in a set of twelve that were published. Many of his Noëls were improvised and never written down. In his day, people would pack the church early Christmas Eve to hear him play. His compositions are quite fanciful and fun to play and work well to put us in a happy mood.

Another piece in the “happy mood” category is the **Anthem** composed in 2001 by Steve Anderson. This is a lively piece composed in the Southern Gospel Style, with a lullaby section in the middle: two distinct moods in one piece.

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 giver 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 prayer card to Dorothy M., or Barb Z.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

‘From Sickness to Health’ Your contribution in the name of Christ through PWS&D helps bring medical care to remote villages, tackle prevalent childhood diseases and empower communities to prevent the spread of illness. A list of possible projects to support is available in St. Andrew’s Hall. Place your contribution in the giving box in St. Andrew’s Hall, and receive a ball to place on the sanctuary tree!

Gifts under the Christmas Tree

Bring a gift to support the women and families of Interval House. A list has been requested of items in particular need, everything from hairbrushes and slippers to sheets and comforters, along with toys for the 15 children currently in residence. Pick up the list (also available on the website) and place the wrapped and labelled gift under the sanctuary tree.

THIS WEEK

Christmas Eve

Monday December 24, 7:30 p.m. A family service for all. At the end of an hour of carols and readings, we hold candles, and we sing 'Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright'.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday December 30, 10:30 a.m.

The Shepherds' Journey An informal and joyous service with which to conclude this year of grace. We will gather in St. Andrews Hall and sing the carols that celebrate the shepherds journey to Bethlehem, and our journey in Christian faith and service.

Used Stamps

Please consider keeping the stamps from mail received, cut with a centimeter border all round. They are collected from a blue box on the shelves in St. Andrew's Hall and used to support the work of the Canadian Bible Society.

Church Office

The office will be closed this week, reopening January 2, but messages left on the office line at 613-546-6316 will be received and dealt with as needed.

Ushers

This morning - Elaine & Pat C., Karen & David F.

December 24 - (Christmas Eve) Elaine and Pat C., Beatrice J., Christina M.

December 30 - Marilyn T. and John S.

Offering Update

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
December 16, 2018	\$2,905.32	\$10,268.50
Totals	\$231,047.34	\$232,239.11

ADVENT PRAYERS

O Lord, whose coming into the world has produced such wonderful changes - transforming human lives and whole societies - we bow before you as another Christmas is before us. Do we dare to hope, O Lord, that there may be great changes in our lives during these weeks? That those whose hearts are heavy may find relief? That those who walk in the darkness of confusion may see light dawning before them? That those who are angry may find it possible to love and forgive? That those who face hard decisions may be given courage and clarity of mind? We do not deplore our humanity, O Lord, for you have accepted that. You came among us in the form of a child and grew to maturity in a normal family, and dealt with daily life as we must deal with it, and suffered rejection and humiliation and death as we also suffer them. We do not ask that we may be less human but that we may be more human, that we may find the deep centres within ourselves, where you are, where love and compassion and strength abide ...

John Killinger

I believe that God can and will let good arise,
even out of the worst situation.
To this end God needs people
who try to make the best of everything.

I believe that God will give us sufficient powers of fortitude
as we need them.
But God does not give them in advance,
because we are not to depend on ourselves but only on God.

In such faith all fear of the future should be overcome.
I believe that God is no timeless destiny,
but that God waits for and answers
sincere prayers and responsible actions.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING



Seeking justice
for all

Through gifts to
*Presbyterians
Sharing*, The
Presbyterian
Church in Canada
is working to sow
seeds of hope
and respond to
the justice
imperatives of

the gospel. God calls us to name injustices, walk with vulnerable people and work with others for the common good. Over the years, Justice Ministries has prepared responses to overtures or motions adopted by General Assembly. These range from statements on genetics, health care, sanctuary for refugees, violence in computer games, the growing gap between rich and poor in Canada and, more recently, inclusion for Presbyterians who are members of the LGBTQI community, the opioids crisis and forced labour. Through Justice Ministries, our church walks with Indigenous peoples on the path towards healing and reconciliation, partners with ecumenical agencies, produces resources and leads workshops on vital justice issues. As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope. *In 2017, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.*

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