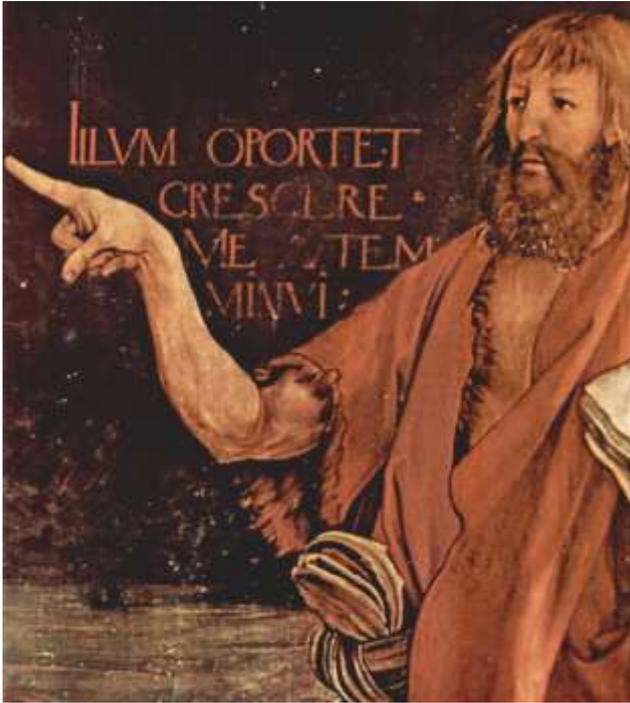


Sunday December 9, 2018



John the Baptist, pointing to Jesus
from the Isenheim Altarpiece 1512-1516

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	Noël	Balbastre
Entry of the Bible		
Call To Worship		
Hymn	Comfort, comfort you my people	#113
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Troait	The Lord will come and not be slow	Bourgeois
Greetings & Announcements		
Lighting the Advent Candle (2)	Ben and Dorothy Messenger	
Time with Children		
Hymn	Hope is a star	#119
Scripture Readings		
	Malachi 3:1-3	Murray Dittburner
	Mark 1:1-8	
Anthem	God is love, his mercy brightens	John Purifoy
Sermon	'The Baptist's cry'	
Hymn	On Jordan's bank	#126
Reception of New Members	Comfort Ansah, Doug Semour, Vera Seymour, Cheryl Sutherland, Bev Wells	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Doxology		
Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Offertory	How beautiful are the feet	G.F. Handel
Hymn	Herald sound the note of ...	#117
Benediction		
Postlude		

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

Malachi 3:1-3

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Mark 1:1-8

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight",
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were

going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The first **Prelude** today is by Claude Balbastre (1729-1799) and is based on "Comment tu oze petite Rose". Balbastre was one of the most famous musicians of his time in France, organist of Notre Dame in Paris and of The Chapelle Royale. During the French revolution he saved his life by playing triumphant revolutionary songs and hymns on the organ – a good thing for all organists to know in times of political upheaval. The second **Prelude** is by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748), a good friend and cousin of J.S. Bach. He was very gifted in composing Chorale Preludes. Some German words are very close to English and the title of this Advent chorale probably does not need translating.

The **Introit** is by a very early hymn composer, Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1561). The words are by John Milton (1608-1674) and are a paraphrase of Psalms 85 and 86. With its early modality, there is a sense of mystery with this tune and it is one of my favourite Advent hymns. Sadly, it has been omitted from the present Book of Praise.

For the **Anthem**, we leap ahead four centuries for a modern arrangement of an old hymn. The tune is from 1715 and the words by Sir John Bowring were written in 1825. A beautiful arrangement has been made by contemporary American composer John Purifoy. The accompaniment has been further enhanced by our handbell choir.

This time of year we can hear many different groups performing Handel's Messiah. Although only part 1 deals with the birth of Christ, the **Offertory** piece is a beautiful selection from part 2 with a text pertinent to the coming of Christmas:

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

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

Sunday Perspectives

Tonight December 9, 7 p.m. at the Screening Room. Film this month, 'Boy Erased' about 'conversion therapy', followed by a brief time of discussion. With St Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United.

Women's Missionary Society

Join us at Strathcona Park PC on Monday December 10, 1:30 p.m. as we continue to study and support the Church's mission. And bring a dozen cookies if you would like to participate in an exchange. Contact Donna Delacretaz for more information.

Morning Bible Study

Thursday December 13, 10 a.m.

An opportunity to gather with the Minister and others to ponder the journey of Joseph and our own lives. No previous experience of the Bible needed.

Light A Candle in the Chapel

Saturday December 15, 3 p.m.

These days can be difficult for those of us who are grieving the loss of loved ones, who struggle with difficult family relationships or illness, who feel the pain of groaning humanity and creation. We will gather to acknowledge the darkness but also to remember that it was into such a world as this that God came in Jesus. Join Andrew and John in the chapel (enter from Princess St).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Congregational Potluck

After the Lessons and Carols service next Sunday, be sure to join in the Christmas Potluck next Sunday, December 16th.

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, we sing 'Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright'.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

This season invites us to open our lives into the mystery of God-with-us. Check out these resources in St. Andrew's Hall: Consider picking up a copy in St. Andrew's Hall of a) Daily Bread (regular and large print), b) various booklets: Family Prayers; extracts of writings by Henri Nouwen; etc. c) Come Lord Jesus Come: contemporary art devotions by Victoria Emily Jones d) online daily devotionals: www.thechurchofscotland.adventcalendar.com or www.ccca.biola.edu/advent/2018.

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.

WIDER COMMUNITY

A Benefit Christmas Concert with Susan Aglukark

A benefit Christmas concert in support of "Arctic Rose Foundation" & Kingston's "Walking The Path of Peace Together" Community of Kingston. Dec 15 at 7:30 pm. The Spire, 82 Sydenham St, Kingston. Tickets <https://aglukarkchristmas.bpt.me> or Novel Idea, 156 Princess.

Ushers

This morning - Christina M., Beatrice J., Cheng S.,
Rory W.

December 16 - Ada M., John S., Myrna A.,
Dorothy M.

Offering Update

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
December 2, 2018	\$2,746.00	\$3,806.45
Totals	\$218,746.42	\$207,610.40

Presbyterian World Service & Development



Human Rights Day
In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in

the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

PWS&D is making a difference for girls around the world

This year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of Orville Messenger by his wife, Dorothy.

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