

Sunday January 6, 2019



Scène du Massacre des Innocents

Léon Cogniet, 1824: Musée des Beaux-Arts, Rennes France

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

130 Clergy Street East, Kingston, ON, K7K 3S3

www.StAndrewsKingston.org

613-546-6316

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 Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, Allzugleich J.C. Bach
Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, Allzugleich J.G. Walther

Entry of the Bible

Call To Worship

Hymn The People that in Darkness #171

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Introit Introit for Epiphany Healey Willan

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn We Three Kings #173

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Psalm 72: 1-13

Matthew 2: 13-21

Anthem O'er the Hill and O'er the Vale Piae Cantiones

Sermon Remembering Rachel, Remembering God

Hymn How Brightly Beams the Morning Star #180

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Let all Together Praise our God D. Buxtehude

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

The Apostles' Creed

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old #172

Benediction

Postlude Ave Maris Stella J. Titelouze

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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 72: 1-13

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to a royal heir!

May the ruler judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

May the ruler defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!

May the ruler live while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

May the ruler be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

In the ruler's days may righteousness flourish,

and peace abound, until the moon be no more!

May the ruler have dominion from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth...

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts...

For the ruler delivers the needy when they call,

the poor and those who have no helper.

and has pity on the weak and the needy,

and saves the lives of the needy.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:13-21

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

NOTES FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR

There has always been considerable mystery surrounding the Wise Men. We are not sure how many there were but “three” seems to be a comfortable and convenient number. We can assume that they were part of a priestly caste, likely from Persia, who studied the stars and represented an ancient culture. In this the beginning of the season of Epiphany, we have music presented which reflects an ancient time as well as the mystery of the Magi and their incredible journey to come and worship the Christ child.

The **Anthem** is a little-known carol from a collection of carols published in 1582 which included “Unto us a Child is born” and several others better known. The music, by an unknown composer, expresses a long tiring journey by the Magi. The words were written by John M. Neale whose many original hymns include “Good King Wenceslas”. In the last verse, there is reference to Myrrh being used for Christ’s eventual grave. So on this Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of Epiphany, we remember not only Christ’s birth, but also his death and resurrection.

The two **Preludes** and the **Offertory** are based on a German Chorale composed around 1554 by Nikolaus Herman. The original text had to do with a celebration of and thanksgiving for the birth of Christ. We hear first the chorale as it was harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach. Then we hear a short Chorale Prelude by his son

Johann Christian. The second **Prelude** is by a cousin and friend, Johann Gottfried Walther who was a master of chorale variations.

The **Postlude** is by Jean Titelouze (1563-1633) who is regarded as the founder of the French School of organ playing. His musical experience comes from the late Renaissance period but his compositions pave the way for the early French Baroque. Titelouze was organist at the cathedral at Rouen for 45 years but he was also a priest and organ builder. The organ he helped design at Rouen was an inspiration to future generations of organ builders. Most of his music is based on the liturgy of the church at the time. The “Ave Maris Stella” is an ancient hymn which gives tribute to Mary and gives praise for her loving and caring ways as a new mother. The original tune is in the bass pedal part.

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.

This Week

Morning Bible Study

Join the Minister and others in an informal look at the continuing story of Joseph in Genesis. Thursday January 17, 10 a.m. at the church.

Sunday Perspectives

If Beale Street Could Talk, based on a novel by James Baldwin, Sunday January 20, 7 p.m. at the Screening Room. A brief discussion to follow in the cinema. Joint with St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

A new list is posted. You are invited to assist. Sign up in St. Andrew's Hall or contact Wendy W.

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. \$1500 by April 1. (Bursaries available from St. Andrew's Mission Committee, speak to Holly T.)

WIDER COMMUNITY

A Taste of Judaism

Jewish or not, all are welcome! Three free weekly classes in Kingston about Jewish spirituality, values and community. Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, & 31, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm. To register, see bulletin board.

Ushers this morning –Elders

January 13 - Philippe G, Sam H, Dixie & Murray D

Offering Update

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
December 30, 2018	\$9,006.02	\$2,640.00
Totals	\$250,000.04	\$238,193.61

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING



January 6: Every gift matters
Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action

by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, “Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts.” Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters! *In 2018, St. Andrew's Kingston committed the sum of \$25,000 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.*

Chair of Property and Maintenance – Peter Trudeau

Treasurer – Sam Houston

Chair of Trustees – Ralph Kendall

Clerk of Session – Alberta Saunders

Executive Assistant – Anne Bullen anne@standrewskingston.org

Bookkeeper – Candace Gomes candace@standrewskingston.org

Weekday Custodian – Ean Chisholm ean@standrewskingston.org

Weekend Custodian – Larry Moore

Director of Music – John Hall - johnhall@canadianpianos.ca

The Rev. Andrew Johnston - a.johnston@standrewskingston.org