

Sunday March 31, 2019



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	Maria zart von edler Art	Arnolt Schlick
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		The Rev. Dr. William Morrow
Hymn	My Soul gives glory	#123
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Introit	Song of Mary	arr. Giles Bryant
Litany for Lent 4		Holly T.
Greetings & Announcements		
Hymn	O Love, how deep	#205
Time with Children		
Scripture Readings		Jennifer C.
Anthem	The Crown of Roses	Tchaikowsky
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession		The Rev. Nancy Hancock
Hymn	In the cross of Christ	#208
Sermon	The Cruciform Life: Ruth	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings & Food Baskets		
Offertory	O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig	Pachelbel
Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	Crown Him with many crowns	#274
Benediction		
Postlude	Prelude in c 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.

Scripture Readings

Ruth 1:8-18; 4:13-17

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where

you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!’ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.’ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, ‘A son has been born to Naomi.’ They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Yesterday, there was a grand celebration of the birthday of J.S. Bach here at St. Andrew’s. Today’s **Postlude** is another of the better-known organ works of Bach (without the lengthy fugue). Last week we heard the music of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck who was one of several composers who influenced Bach. But who influenced

Sweelinck? For that answer we go back another hundred years to an amazing man named Arnolt Schlick who was probably born in Heidelberg around 1455. He was blind, likely from birth, yet despite this handicap composed some extraordinary music (much of it well ahead of his time) and was also an important consultant in the construction of organs in northern Germany and Holland. Schlick made early use of the pedals, clearly establishing pedal parts as an important part of organ music. One of his more innovative works had left foot and right foot playing independent melodic lines – not so easily done (one might say it was quite a feat). The use of fancy pedal parts continued through the Baroque era and today’s **Postlude** begins with a very bold statement for the feet alone. Much of Schlick’s music was liturgically based, going back to old church chants, but today’s **Prelude** is actually based on a German folksong, later used as a hymn.

The opening lines of Schlick’s chorale are: “Maria tender, of noble being, A rose among the thorns.” This imagery of the rose and thorns is also used in a text by the Russian Alexei Plechtéev and set to music with great sensitivity by Peter Tchaikowsky. In today’s **Anthem**, we hear of the cruel actions of some children to the young Jesus, which foreshadow his crucifixion.

Another influence on Bach, particularly his writing of chorales, was the music of Johann Pachelbel. He was a close friend of the Bach family and taught J.S. Bach’s uncle, who in turn passed on his knowledge to young Johann Sebastian. One of Pachelbel’s chorales, *O Lamb of God, Innocent*, is heard for the **Offertory**.

In today’s second reading, we hear the beautiful words of Mary – words that have inspired countless musical settings. One of these settings, constructed like an early chant, was composed by Canadian Giles Bryant (b.1934) for our 1972 Presbyterian Book of Praise. We hear this for the **Introit**.

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.

We are grateful for the ministry of the Rev Dr. Bill Morrow during the month of March. Thank you, Dr. Morrow, for conducting the services and for your thought provoking sermons!

For your Reading Pleasure

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Spring 2019 editions of the Burning Bush and the Presbyterian Connection.

Lenten Devotions

Check out these resources in St. Andrew's Hall and consider picking up a copy of a) Sermon on the Mount b) The Saving Passion.

Property & Maintenance

We will be holding an outside spring cleanup on Saturday May 4th from 9am to 2pm. Bring your gloves and tools and help us beautify our property. NOTE: The back door to the church will be left unlocked before Sunday Services for anyone parking in the lot near the laundromat.

Lenten Bible Study

Led by Dr. Morrow, this study is an exploration of the scripture passages highlighted in the sermons he is preaching at St. Andrew's. The study continues Wednesdays April 3 and April 10, 7-9 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church (10 Union Street West). All are welcome. Each sermon will be posted on the St. James website in advance of the related study for download and discussion: <https://stjameskingston.ca>

Imago Dei

Thursday April 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m. If you desire to know God better and experience a closer walk with God, you are invited to join this growing group. For information contact Dorothy M.

Lost Pilgrims Concert

Saturday April 6, 7:30 p.m. Four Presbyterians (including two ministers, one being Stephen Kendall!) are bringing their fun mix of bluegrass, country, folk and gospel music to St. Andrew's ... and all proceeds will support the church Capital Restoration Fund. Tickets \$15. Bring family and friends for a fun evening.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 14.

Sunday, April 21

Last year we invited anyone who would like to bring a spring plant to church as a celebration of Easter. The flowers were placed at the front of the sanctuary and created a beautiful array of colour. After the service the donor took the plant home to enjoy or passed it on to someone else. We have had requests to repeat this activity and hope you might choose to help us.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would be willing to provide flowers or plants for our worship, please sign up on the congregational bulletin board or speak to Wendy W.

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. Please be conscious of the need for quiet near the prayer corner. Please pass prayer requests to be shared to Dorothy M. or Barb Z.

Ushers

This morning

Philippe G. Sam H. Dixie & Murray D.

April 7

Elaine & Pat C. Karen & David F.

Offering Update

Weekly Giving's

March 24 2019

Year to Date

Budgeted

\$3,440.17

\$52,490.69

Received

\$10,632.65

\$57,050.46

The flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Fern M. in memory of James M.

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support the
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church we
equip, support

and encourage leaders—lay and clergy—to do effective ministry. We send mission staff, short-term volunteers and grants to accompany international and Canadian mission partners. We assist new church developments and support, encourage and enrich congregations as they renew and grow their ministries. Together we speak on issues of justice and support healing and reconciliation ministries between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the Gospel.

In 2018, St. Andrew's Kingston has committed the sum of \$25,000 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.

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