

Sunday December 1, 2019



Annunciation - John William Waterhouse, 1914

**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	Air and Gavotte	Samuel Wesley
Entry of the Bible		
Call To Worship		
Hymn	O come, o come, Emmanuel	#122
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Introit	Introit for Advent <i>Behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations</i>	H. Willan
Greetings & Announcements		
Litany for Advent 1		Benjamin V.
Hymn	Hope is a star	#119
Time with Children		
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38	
Anthem	Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness <i>For I acknowledge my sins</i>	S .S. Wesley
Sermon	Journeys of Grace 1) Gabriel to Mary	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Pastoral	Charles Wesley
Doxology		#830
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	Let all mortal flesh keep silence	#542
The Nicene Creed		#578
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Sharing of Bread & Cup		
Hymn	I, the Lord of sea and sky	#592
Benediction		
Postlude	Choral Song	S. S. Wesley

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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will

conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The organ music today is by the famous Wesley family. This British family of theologians, authors, composers and other musicians spanned five generations and it is easy to get them mixed up. The brothers John (1703-91) and Charles (1707-88) were the founders of the Methodist movement and many of their hymn texts appear in our Book of Praise. The two pieces which are the **Preludes** today, were written by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) who was the son of Charles. His organ teacher was his older brother Charles Jr. (1757-1834) who wrote today’s **Offertory** piece. A third generation of the family included Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the son of Samuel. He was born in London in 1810 and was the most important of this large family of musicians. His middle name was chosen as a tribute to J.S. Bach. The **Anthem** is a favourite among choirs throughout the world. Wesley used Psalm 51: 2,3 for the text. His organ piece, “Choral Song”, heard as the **Postlude**, remains a favourite of many organists today. Most organists are not aware that the design of the organ pedal board is thanks to S.S Wesley.

It was in 1851 that the famous organ builder ‘Father’ Willis exhibited a large pipe organ at the Great Exhibition. Samuel Wesley was organist at Winchester Cathedral at the time and managed to obtain the organ for the Cathedral at the conclusion of the exhibition. He thus got to know ‘Father’ Willis and became a consultant for future installations in other churches. It was Wesley’s idea to redesign the

pedal board so that it was no longer flat, but concave with the pedals radiating outward. This meant less leg and foot movement for the player making it much easier to play and the idea quickly caught on. The organ builder wanted to call the new design the “Wesley-Willis” pedal board but Wesley decided against it. Wesley also insisted on a full pedal board of at least 25 notes. With minor variations, the revised design has become a standard throughout the English speaking world. Some years ago, the American Guild of Organists established clearly defined dimensions which we call AGO standard. The pedal board at St. Andrew’s was provided by the T. Eaton Company in 1955 and is not AGO standard.

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, & a programme for young children led by Laura Tyner-Clement—please speak to an usher for information.

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 left of the pulpit. Prayer team members are Dorothy M. David S. Dennis T. and Barb Z.

Defibrillator Demonstration

The Property and Maintenance Committee is planning a gathering for a demonstration of the use of our new defibrillator. Signup sheet for those who are interested will be posted in St Andrews Hall. A convenient daytime date will be arranged.

Celebrating Abundance

This is the title of a daily Advent devotional, written by Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. Presbyterians across Canada are being invited to join in this daily reading to begin December 1. Have a look at the book in St. Andrew’s Hall, \$14. One copy left!

Letters of Greeting and Care

Ben M. has accepted deployment to Iraq, and has written a wonderful letter to the congregation. If you would like to take a turn

as part of a letter-writing team, please speak to Andrew.

Christmas Creches

We are planning to offer a display of creches from around the world in St. Andrew's December 8. If you have one you might contribute, please speak to Phyllis Ann M. who is co-ordinating.

Crafting and Conversation

Friday December 13, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Hall. The first gathering was a great success. Let's do it again! Bring a friend. Bring a craft or just join in the conversation. Speak to Marilyn T. for information.

Gifts of Change

Pick up this brochure at the church and support a project of hope and change in Canada or around the world –\$20 to feed a child in rural Romania, \$40 to provide parenting classes at an indigenous centre of ministry, \$50 for a chaplain to provide mats and food for a prisoner in Malawi.

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

"Freely you have received, freely give."

(Matthew 10:8) This Advent season, the Elders of St. Andrew's are suggesting that we support Home Base Housing, through whom we can reach out to many of the un-housed folk who frequent our downtown corner. Donations will be received starting the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. An ornament will be placed on the tree in the sanctuary to commemorate each gift. Let's fill the tree with ornaments!

Mission Update

The members of St. Andrew's have been faithfully supporting the following eleven missions this year: Camp Iawah, Home Base Housing, Mission Exposure Tours, Caribou House Churches, Edmonton Native Ministry, Equipping Leaders in the Middle East, PWS&D, Navigators, Presbyterian College Montreal, SAT 7 and Flora House. This generous sharing of gifts has allowed us to show the love of Christ to those with needs in our city, our country and our world.

Holy T., for The Mission Committee

Ride Requested A member of the congregation is wondering about receiving a ride on Sunday morning from the Gardiners and Bath Rd area. Please speak to Alberta for information.

ALSO

Candlelighting Ceremony

Tomorrow December 2, 7 p.m. James Reid Funeral Home, 1900 John Counter Blvd. A quiet ceremony to honour your loved one and acknowledge your grief as you face an emotionally challenging season. All welcome. See poster for details and RSVP or speak to Nancy H.

Christmas Portraits

Thursday, Dec. 5th from 10 am to 4:30 pm. in St. Andrew's Hall. The Mess Studio Photography Group will be offering portraits - there is no cost for this but donations would be gratefully received. Festive props will be available! A 5X7 portrait will be available the following week. Images can also be sent to an email address for participants to print themselves.

A Christmas Carol

A Domino Theatre production that features Eva Barnes and Bill Morrow among others. 52 Church St. Tickets available from the Grand, \$20. Dec 5-7, 12-13 @ 7:30 p.m., Dec 14 @ 2 p.m.

Offering Update Monthly Givings	Budgeted	Received
November 30, 2019	\$213,905.78	\$204,500.43
Amounts shown only represent the Offerings portion of the budget. As the congregation approved a budget that forecasts an overall deficit of \$16,373, meeting the Offerings portion of the budget may still result in a year-end deficit.		
2020 offering envelopes are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.		

Ushers This Morning

Dec 1

Elders

Dec 8

Elaine & Pat C. Christina M. Holly T.



World AIDS Day

When Elube brought her sick granddaughter, Sheila, to the PWS&D-supported Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, she was diagnosed

as HIV positive and acutely malnourished. Sheila received antiretroviral treatment and highly nutritious food at a nearby orphan care centre supported by PWS&D. Her health is improving and Elube is better equipped to meet her granddaughter's needs.

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 this morning are placed with love by Rea E. with thanks to God for the gift of the Christmas Season.

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