

Sunday December 29, 2019



Simeon with Infant Jesus - Petr Brandl (1668 - 1735)

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

Preludes

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn Angels from the realms of glory #146

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Introit

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn Go, tell it on the mountain #133

Time with Children

Scripture Lessons Psalm 148

Musical Reflection Benjamin V.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn What child is this? #161

Sermon Journeys of Grace 4) to the Temple

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Doxology Praise God #830

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn Good Christians, all rejoice #141

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

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars! ...

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
monarchs and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for the Lord's name alone is exalted;
the Lord's glory is above earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn for God's people,
praise for all God's faithful,
for the people ... who are close to God.
Praise the Lord!**

Luke 2: 22-38

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

*Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, *This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.*

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of

the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. During this service, certified teacher Elaine Coderre will be overseeing the nursery. There are hearing assist devices available – just ask one of the ushers – and an accessible washroom available right at the entry to St. Andrew’s Hall. After the service, you are invited to linger for a moment and join others in St. Andrew’s Hall for a cup of coffee or tea and allow us to introduce ourselves.

We thank members of the congregation for supporting our worship with their musical talents – Benjamin V. on the violin and Annabelle T. on the piano. And we look forward to the return of our Director of Music and the Choir of St. Andrew’s next Sunday!

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.

Office Hours

The Church Office will be open this week 9:00 a.m.- Noon December 31 & January 2.

Imago Dei

Thursday January 9, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. Speak to Dorothy M. for details.

Defibrillator Demonstration

Jan 13/20 @ 1:30 pm, Victoria of St. John's Ambulance will be giving a simple demonstration on the use of the AED at St. Andrew's. Curious? Come along.

Next Sunday Morning January 5, 10:30 a.m.

The Journey of the Magi. Favourite Epiphany hymns, and perhaps even a slice of 'Galette des Rois' after the service!

Chapel Services

St. Andrew's will be offering brief services to residents of Rideaucrest on Sunday January 12, 1:15 and 2 p.m. And another service will be offered at the Royale Retirement home Tuesday January 14, 11 a.m. If you would like to support this outreach, by befriending some of the folks and joining in the couple of hymns, please speak to Andrew.

Monthly Bible Study

We will resume our reading through of the Gospel According to Mark with the Minister on Thursday January 16, 10 a.m. at the Church. No prior biblical knowledge needed.

Meetings

Budget review Wednesday January 8, 2:00 PM

Mission Committee Wednesday January 8, 6:30 PM

Session Meeting Monday January 13, 7:00 PM

Care for the Street-Involved

During the weeks of Advent, many of us participated in a special offering to extend the care of Christ to vulnerable neighbours in our city, many of whom we meet around the grounds of St. Andrew's. Over \$1,200 was contributed, and will be passed on to HomeBaseHousing to assist with support.

Used Stamps

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

A Christmas Hymn

The feast day of your birth resembles you, Lord.
Because it brings joy to all humanity.
Old people and infants alike enjoy your day.
Your day is celebrated from generation to generation.
King and emperors may pass away,
And the festivals to commemorate them soon lapse.
But your festival will be remembered till the end of time.
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.
At your birth heaven and earth were reconciled,
Since you came from heaven to earth on that day
You forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt.
You gave us so many gifts on your birthday:
A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick;
Spiritual light for those that are blind:
The cup of salvation for the thirsty;
The bread of life for the hungry.
In the winter when trees are bare,
You give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.
In the frost when the earth is barren,
You bring new hope to our souls.
In December when seeds are hidden in the soil,
The staff of life springs forth from the virgin womb.

by Ephrem the Syrian-306-373

Christmas Hymn is one of the earliest Christmas devotions, since the Church had only just begun to celebrate that festival.

Ushers This Morning

Dec 29

Beatrice J. & Marilyn T.

Philippe G. & Sam H.

Jan 5

Elders



Empowering rural

women translates to better food security and the improved well-being of households and communities. It is essential that women farmers are able to make choices about land, resources and crops so that

vulnerable communities can rise above hunger. With the help of PWS&D, transformation is taking place in Kamisimbi County of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a place where many farming families struggle to meet their food needs, Presbyterian World Service and Development is providing seeds and training in conservation agriculture and encouraging women to take the lead in agricultural decision-making.

This year, in addition to our congregational contributions to Presbyterians Sharing, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston contributed in 2019 over \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

This date was the birth day of the father of Jennifer Crowder. In loving memory of him Jennifer, with her mother Jane Cuthbert, present the flowers this morning.

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