

**Sunday December 8, 2019**



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**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

<b>Preludes</b>	Comfort, Comfort Ye my People Noël: “Une Vierge Pucelle”	Boehm Le Bègue
<b>Entry of the Bible</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	Comfort, comfort you my people	#113
<b>Prayer of Approach &amp; Lord’s Prayer</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	The Lord will come and not be slow Milton/Bourgeois	
<b>Greetings &amp; Announcements</b>		
<b>Litany for Advent 2</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	People in darkness	#124
<b>Time with Children</b>		
<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	Luke 1:39-56	Lori-Kim V.
<b>Anthem</b>	Dearest Lord Jesus <i>Come now for I am of waiting so weary</i>	J.S. Bach
<b>Prayers of Thanksgiving &amp; Intercession</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	Lo, how a rose e’re blooming	#151
<b>Sermon</b>	Journeys of Grace 2) Mary to Elizabeth	
<b>Presentation of Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	Magnificat	D'Andrieu
<b>Doxology</b>		#830
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	Hark the glad sound!	#118
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	Grand Jeu	Du Mage

*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.

## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 1:39-56**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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.’  
And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

## NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The **Introit** today is one of the most gorgeous hymns for Advent. It has sadly been omitted from most contemporary hymn books. Paraphrasing Psalms 85 and 86, the great English poet John Milton wrote the words around 1648 and they are matched with the beautiful tune by Frenchman Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-after1561). Bourgeois was a major contributor to the Genevan Psalter of 1551, although this tune was composed a bit earlier. The first verse follows:

The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.  
Truth from the earth , like to a flower,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice, from her heavenly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.

The rest of today’s music is from a slightly later period. The first **Prelude** is based on a tune from the Genevan Psalter of 1551 (possibly by Bourgeois). The tune is heard in the inner voice part and the piece was composed by German composer Georg Bohm (1661-1733). We sing this tune for our first hymn. The second **Prelude** is one of the many old French Noëls which we love to hear at this time of year. Nicolas Le Bègue (1630-1702) was interested in the different sounds of the pipe organ and was often a consultant for new installations of the instrument.

Another Frenchman of the period, Jean François D’Andrieu, composed the Offertory. It was used as an organ solo in church services to replace the canticle “My soul doth magnify the Lord” or the “Song of Mary”, as heard in today’s reading.

We hear a rather sad and somewhat longing tone in Bach's **Anthem**. The original German title is "Liebster Herr Jesu". The text describes a weariness, waiting for Christ to come and help mankind.

A contemporary of Bach and a pupil of the great Louis Marchand was the little known Pierre Du Mage. We hear how he copied his teacher's bold style in the fiery **Postlude**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

#### **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.

#### **Christmas Creches**

You are invited to linger for a moment in St. Andrew's Hall to enjoy our first annual display of creches from around the world. Thanks to Phyllis-Ann M. for organizing and to all who have contributed.

#### **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! Speak to Marilyn Trudeau for details.

## **Gifts of Change**

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

## **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 Andrew's Hall. A convenient daytime date will be arranged.

## **Sunday Perspectives**

This evening, Sunday December 8, 7 p.m. at the Screening Room. Film this month is 'Harriet', based on the life of Harriet Tubman who escaped slavery and led hundreds of others to freedom. A brief discussion afterwards in the cinema.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Imago Dei**

Thursday December 12, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. (Next meeting, January 9). Speak to Dorothy M. for details.

### **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.

### **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

## ALSO

### **Congregational Potluck**

Sunday Dec 15, 2019. All welcome to stay and enjoy this monthly luncheon immediately following the service.

### **Christmas Eve CORRECTION**

Some newsletters contained incorrect information regarding the Christmas Eve Service. **NOTE** December 24, **7:00 p.m.**

### **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.

<b>Offering Update Monthly Givings</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>November 30, 2019</b>	\$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 boxes and envelopes for PAR contributors are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.**

### **Ushers This Morning**

**Today**

Elaine & Pat C.  
Christina M. Holly T.

**Dec 15**

John S. Joan B.  
Wendy W. Ralph K.

**Tower Bell Ringer**

Benjamin V.

## Human Rights Day (Dec 10)



When their home in Al Raqqa, Syria was bombed, Ahmad, Sarah and their daughters escaped to Kfarbo and forged a home in a cramped, unfurnished apartment. Ahmad and Sarah prayed each day for peace and relief from hunger. Their prayers were

answered when the family received their first food and hygiene basket through a PWS&D-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. “It came at the right moment,” says Ahmad.

*This year, in addition to our congregational contributions to Presbyterians Sharing, 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 in loving memory of Orville Messenger placed by his wife, Dorothy.

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