

# Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020



The cover of a plaster sarcophagus in the catacombs of Rome circa 200's A.D., with the inscription "Severa—may you live in God"

## 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>Prelude</b>	Noël for flute stops	D'Aquin
<b>Entry of the Bible</b>		
<b>Call To Worship</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	The first nowell (verses 3-6)	#136
<b>Prayer of Approach &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	Introit for Epiphany <i>Behold He appeareth, the Lord and Ruler</i>	Healey Willan
<b>Greetings &amp; Announcements</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	We three kings (verses 2,3,4 are solos)	#173
<b>Time with Children</b>		
<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	Numbers 24: 15-17a, Matthew 2:1-12	
<b>Anthem</b>	From the eastern mountains <i>Ever journeying onward, guided by a star</i>	Pitts
<b>Sermon</b>	Journeys of Grace 5) The Star	
<b>Presentation of Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	The star proclaims the King is here	Pachelbel
<b>Doxology</b>		#830
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	How brightly beams the Morningstar	#180
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		#578
<b>Great Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Sharing of Bread &amp; Cup</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	As with gladness men of old	#172
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	Noël: Grand Jeu et Duo	D'Aquin

*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**

### **Numbers 24:15-17**

So he uttered his oracle, saying:  
'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor,  
the oracle of the man whose eye is clear,  
the oracle of one who hears the words of God,  
and knows the knowledge of the Most High,  
who sees the vision of the Almighty,  
who falls down, but with his eyes uncovered:  
I see him, but not now;  
I behold him, but not near—  
a star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel;

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least

among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Before we head into a new year and the season of Epiphany, we have a final tribute to the master of the French Noël, Louis Claude D’Aquin. The **Prelude** is a rather gentle piece, played on the wooden flute pipes. By contrast, the **Postlude** uses many pipes including oboes and trumpets and is quite playful and humorous in places, reminding us that the Christmas /Epiphany season should be a happy time. By now most of the congregation have noticed that some of the large display pipes are missing and that some of the pipes look shiny new. These display pipes are from the original Hook and Hastings organ of 1890 and were originally painted in a variety of colours. They were painted over with gold paint at least 90 years ago when the organ was rebuilt and expanded. Over the years the paint has tarnished and so the display pipes are being sanded and repainted. About half of the pipes that you can see make a sound, the rest are purely for decoration. The visible pipes that are speaking pipes are among the lowest notes on the Great division of the organ.

For the celebration of the coming of the magi, we have an **Introit** by Healey Willan, an anthem from our old Book of Praise, and a chorale prelude by Johann Pachelbel. The **Anthem** is a hymn which

has been omitted from the new Book of Praise. The words are by William Pitts who died in 1903. The **Offertory** is based on the German Chorale *Wo Gott zum Haus*.

## **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 program for young children led by Laura Tyner-Clement—please speak to an usher for information. 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.

### **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 Messenger, David Saunders, Dennis Tysick and Barb Zabel.

### **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 Messenger for details.

### **Craft Group**

The first meeting of the new year and the new decade of the Craft group will be January 10 in St Andrew’s Hall, from 9:30-11:30. All are welcome, crafts are encouraged but not mandatory. Come just to visit and get inspired.

### **Sunday Perspectives**

Sunday January 12, 7 p.m., at the Screening Room - A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood. This 2019 film follows a real-life story of how a jaded journalist learns empathy, kindness and decency from Mr. Rogers, the Presbyterian minister of children's TV fame (played by

Tom Hanks). The movie bets on goodness, and wins (The Wall Street Journal). It has received 99% reviews on audience surveys! A joint endeavour with St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmer's United.

### **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.

### **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.

## **ALSO**

### **Christmas Carol-Sing!**

Today Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:30 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Epiphany. Bring your friends and your best voice, carolling without the cold! Refreshments provided and canned good donations accepted.

### **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 befriends some of the folks and joining in the couple of hymns, please speak to Andrew.

### **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.

### **The PCC Wall Calendar**

The national staff are looking for high-resolution photos of what celebrating creation looks like for Presbyterians across the country for the 2021 calendar. This could include stunning images of landscapes, nature, caring for creation initiatives at your church—be creative and have fun! Deadline: **March 13, 2020**

## Star Gift

Epiphany is the celebration of God's presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. This morning you will have been invited to receive a star gift. This is simply a star-shaped piece of paper with a word printed on it. The star comes with an invitation to reflect on that word for the coming year - what significance might this word have in our lives, and how God might be speaking to us through that simple message? We can rejoice throughout the year ahead in the reminder of our generous, giving God—one star gift at a time.

We are encouraged to take the star home and hang it up where we are sure to see it every day. It may be on a bathroom mirror, or next to a computer screen. We might start by looking the word up in the dictionary so that we are clear on its meaning; we hear the word *grace* all the time, but what exactly does it mean? A word that seemed unclear at the beginning may gain new meaning as the year goes on.

We might make a log book of times when we have heard the word used in the world around us, and how God has spoken to us at that time. Perhaps we might share some initial 'findings' half way through the year?

Offering Update Monthly Givings	Budgeted	Received
December 31, 2019	\$250,000.01	\$244,853.85
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. <b>2020 offering boxes and envelopes for PAR contributors are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.</b>		

## Ushers This Morning

January 5

Elders

January 12

Cheng Shyu, Dorothy Messenger

Philippe Gabrini, Sam Houston

Tower Bell Ringer

John Hall

## Every Day Acts of Kindness



Recently the Rev. Tim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event when Wendy and her daughters came through the door to

help. They made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. Sometimes we ignore the small ways that God cares for us. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness.

*This year, through special offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have met their goal of contributing \$17,210 to eleven mission initiatives, in addition to a congregational commitment of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing.*

The flowers this morning are placed by Barb and Al Zabel, with gratitude for having been blessed with parents who lived by faith and love for God and family.

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