

Sunday February 23, 2020



Kume Bryant, Jesus Walking On The Water, 2016
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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

Preludes	Siciliano Adagio	Scarlatti Marcello
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Oh come and sing unto the Lord	#61
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Introit	Steal Away <i>The trumpet sounds within my soul</i>	African-American Spiritual
Greetings & Announcements		
Responsive Psalm	Psalm 85: 8-13	Insert
Hymn	Lord, listen to your children	#449
Time with Children		
Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:45-52	Lorne B.
Anthem	Bring us, O Lord God <i>Bring us into the house and gate of heaven</i>	K. Kosche
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Hymn	Be still my soul	#749
Sermon	Mark 15) Take Heart, It is I	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Steal Away	G. Martin
Doxology		#830
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	Lead us heavenly Father	#647
Benediction		
Postlude	Psalm XIX	Marcello

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.

Introit: Steal Away

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder, Green trees are bending, Poor sinner stands a-trembling, the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. **Wallace Willis**

Psalm 85: 8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
**for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Anthem: Bring us, O Lord God

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening,
into the house and gate of heav'n,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears, no hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitation of thy glory and dominion,
world without end, Amen.

John Donne

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:45-52

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On this the last Sunday in Black History Month, the choir sings the well-known spiritual “Steal Away” as the **Introit**. This was composed by Wallace Willis who was actually a Native American from the Choctaw Nation. His family had been slaves but he was declared a “Freedman” before the end of the American Civil War. This song and other Spirituals that he had been heard singing, were written down and made popular by the Jubilee Singers of Nashville in the 1870’s. These Spirituals remain popular and important to this day, influencing many other styles of music. An example is today’s **Offertory** by Massachusetts-born composer Gilbert Martin. The style of the Spiritual is evident in our second **hymn #449**, *Lord listen to your children praying* by Ken Medema.

Composer and writer Ken Medema was born blind in 1943 and began to play the piano at age five. Music remained an important part of his life, providing a vehicle for his expressing his compassion for others. He especially enjoyed working with troubled teens and in 1970

he was in the middle of a prayer session with a youth group, praying for a young man in hospital when the song came to him spontaneously. Medema continued his work as a music therapist, offering hope and comfort to many in the way of music with a Christian message.

Another important American composer named Ken is the composer of today's **Anthem**. Kenneth T. Kosche used a prayerful text by John Donne (1573-1631). Kosche has composed over 400 works which have been published by several different publishers. He has been much in demand as a choral conductor and clinician throughout the world. In his own music, he gives great importance to melody and sensitivity to text. He likes to stress the importance of quality music in schools and church choirs and most importantly, he is grateful that music he has written and arranged may serve to the glory of God as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel.

Last week we heard some music from sunny Spain and this week, we go to sunny Italy. Domenico Scarlatti was born in Naples in 1685, the same year as Handel. He was music director at St. Peter's in Rome for a time and spent the last 28 years in Spain, influencing music there. He is one of the best known composers for harpsichord, and many have enjoyed his music which is now for the most part played on the piano. The first **Prelude** is an arrangement for organ. The title "Siciliana or Siciliano" is a musical form, usually in six–eight time in a minor key and was inspired by a dance form from Sicily.

Benedetto Marcello was born in Venice in 1686 a year after Scarlatti. Not only was he a talented composer, but he was also well known as a lawyer, magistrate, violinist and singer. He composed for many different instruments and the second **Prelude** is an organ arrangement of one of his instrumental works. How very different it is from the rhythmical and bombastic trumpet sounds of last week's Spanish music. In 1724 he began composing *Estro poeticoarmonico*, a setting for voices and instruments of the first 50 psalms in an Italian paraphrase by G. Giustiniani. Today's **Postlude** is an organ arrangement of one of these Psalms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the service, but there is also offered a nursery for infants, hosted by certified care giver Tran Thao Dinh, and a program for young children, led by Laura Tyner-Clement – please speak to an usher for information if you are interested. There are hearing-assist devices available – just ask one of the ushers – and an accessible washroom available right by the entry to St. Andrew’s Hall. After the service, we invite you to linger and allow us to introduce ourselves over a cup of tea or coffee.

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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our AGM will be held (with sandwiches!) today at 11:45 a.m. All are requested to consider attending, to thank God for the year past and prepare for this year of grace upon us.

Daily Devotions for Lent

6 copies of 'Lent for Everyone' by N.T. Wright are available, \$10 each in St. Andrew's Hall. Through the weeks before Easter, the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be offering a study guide, and hosting a Facebook Group so individuals can participate in online discussions.

Closed Doors, Open Doors

Work in the bell tower foyer will mean those doors will be closed for a couple of weeks. But the door along Princess Street by the chapel remains open, as does the door at the back of the church right beside the surface public parking lot off Queen Street - no need to walk all the way around the block!

Joint Lent Services

St. Andrew’s will be joining with downtown Anglican, Lutheran and United congregations to offer services Ash Wednesday February 26 7 p.m. (St. Mark’s Lutheran), Maundy Thursday Agape Meal 5:30 p.m.

Service 7:00 p.m. (St. James Anglican), Good Friday 10:30 a.m. (St. Andrew's). A wonderful way to journey together towards Easter!

Lenten Bible Study

'Where is the Gospel in Genesis?' Wednesdays from March 4 - April 1, 7-9 p.m. This year we will join in reflection with members of other downtown churches. Each evening will rotate among our churches, beginning with worship in the sanctuary, a presentation by the Rev. Dr. William Morrow, and some table discussion. Have a look at this link by February 19, and indicate which passages interest you most.... <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7F7VGZ>

World Day of Prayer Service

March 6, 1:30 St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church, Front & Day's Road. This year's Theme: "Rise! Take Up Your Mat and Walk," by the Women of Zimbabwe (For parking you have to go west past Days Rd on Front and take the 1st left onto Lakeview and then the 1st left onto Redden and come to the end to get to the parking lot)

Prayer Retreat with National Indigenous Ministry Council

May 7-9, Presbyterians from across Canada are invited to join in this three-day retreat at Sandy-Saulteaux Retreat Centre in Winnipeg. Indigenous Christian leaders will lead participants in worship, prayer, spiritual practices, sharing and discussion. \$125, includes food and accommodation

Charitable Givings Receipts

If you have any questions, please contact Candace by phone at the church office Mon-Wed, 1-4 p.m. or candace@standrewskingston.org

NOTE: It is IMPERATIVE that members use the NEW boxes of 2020 envelopes ONLY, for giving's to be assigned.

Tower Bell Ringer

Margaret H.

Ushers This Morning

Wendy W. Ralph K.

Marilyn T. Christina M.

March 1

Elders

The flowers this morning are presented by Don and Heather H. in memory of their mother Portia H.

Screening for health in Somalia



Samsam, a mother of five, lives in a community in Somalia where access to food is a consistent struggle and many people are malnourished. Samsam jumped at the opportunity to join a PWS&D-supported program to learn about

nutrition for infants and young children. Now, by helping community members screen for malnutrition, Samsam is making sure that people in her village are receiving the care that they need.

This year, in addition to our congregational contributions to Presbyterians Sharing of \$25,500, members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D through offerings designated "Mission."

Offering Update Monthly Givings

January 31, 2020

Budgeted

\$14,427.40

Received

\$15,088.30

2020 offering boxes and envelopes for PAR contributors are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.

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