

Sunday March 15, 2020



‘Take up your cross and follow me’

**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	Sinfonia Praeludium	J.S. Bach J.S. Bach
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Let us to the Lord our God	#194
Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer		
Introit	Lead me, Lord <i>Lead me in Thy righteousness</i>	S.S. Wesley
Greetings & Announcements		
Litany for Lent 3		
Hymn	When Jesus the healer	#203
Time with Children		
Mission Update	Caribou House Church	Holly Turnbull
Gospel Lessons		
	Mark 8:27-36 James 2:8,14-17	
Anthem	He Leadeth Me All the Way <i>His faithful follower I would be</i>	arr. M. Cox
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Hymn	Take up your cross	#211
Sermon	Mending the Heart... Recognising Life	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	Arioso	J.S. Bach
Doxology		#830
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	Will you come and follow me?	#634
Benediction		
Postlude	Fantasy in C Major	J.S. Bach

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

Lead me Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou Lord, Thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 8: 27-36

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

James 2:8, 14-17

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Anthem

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

All the way my Saviour leads me; Oh, the fullness of His love!

Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.

When my spirit clothed immortal, Wings its flight in realms of day,

This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

Notes from the Director of Music

Jesus leads and we follow. This is the theme for our Introit and Anthem today. Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 – 1876) took the words from Psalm 5:8 and Psalm 4:8 and created one of the most enduring of short anthems. In the same time period on the other side of the Atlantic, one of the most prolific of hymn writers, Fanny Crosby, wrote the famous *All the way my Saviour leads Me*. Frances Jane Crosby was born in the state of New York in 1823 and lost her eyesight shortly after birth. She eventually became a teacher at a school for the blind and married a blind musician. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a religious experience in 1850 inspired her to start writing hymns. By the end of her life, she had produced over 8,440 hymns. Her writing has been criticized for lacking substance and gushing with flowery emotionalism, but the strength of these hymns is their simplicity and earnestness. Many have been set to music by a variety of composers, but most have been forgotten over time. Four of her hymns appear in our Book of Praise, including *To God be the Glory*, sung last week when our choir were guests at Trinity Presbyterian in Amherstview. One of the many composers who devised tunes for her words was Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister who

lived in the latter half of the 19th century when so many hymns were being turned out. "All the way my Saviour leads me" has been combined with "He Leadeth Me", another popular hymn from the same time. The arranger is Michael Cox who is a recently retired professor of music from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Church Music.

Yesterday I joined some of our choir members and members of other choirs to perform a rather challenging cantata by J.S. Bach conducted by David Cameron at St. George's Cathedral. This coming Saturday afternoon is the annual Bach Marathon which is sometimes held here at St. Andrew's, but this year will be at Sydenham St. United Church (see the poster for details). I thought that this should be a "Back to Bach" Sunday so the **Preludes, Offertory** and **Postlude** are all by this greatest of church musicians.

Last Sunday was a good experience for our choir who enjoyed the excellent acoustics at this rather small church in Amherstview. With a better blend, the choir never sounded better and truly did the rafters ring.

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 Messenger, David Saunders, Dennis Tysick and Barb Zabel.

Daily Devotions for Lent

One copy of 'Lent for Everyone' by N.T. Wright is available, \$10 in St. Andrew's Hall. Through the weeks before Easter, the Presbyterian

Church in Canada is offering a webinar and study guide, and hosting a Facebook group so individuals can participate in online discussions from across the nation –

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>

Congregational Luncheon

Immediately after the service this morning, we will gather in St. Andrew's Hall for our monthly potluck luncheon. If you are visiting, a special welcome to you. You are asked to use your serviette when using the serving spoons and with the carafes when pouring drinks.

Photo Directory

This Sunday and next, after the service. We are producing a new photo directory – be sure to be included! Janet Payne will be our photographer. Photos will be taken in the choir room – please enter from the sanctuary, and complete one of the permission slips.

This Week ...

Lenten Bible Study

'Where is the Gospel in Genesis?' Wednesdays until Easter, 7-9 p.m. This year we will join in reflection with members of other downtown churches – Anglican, Lutheran and United as well as Presbyterian. Each evening will rotate among our churches, beginning with worship, a presentation by the Rev. Dr. William Morrow, and some table discussion. This Wednesday, The Flood and Divine Violence (Genesis 6-9) at Chalmers United. A great opportunity to grow in Christian faith, and community!

Morning Bible Study

Thursday March 19, 10-11:30 a.m. Join the Minister and others for a look at two passages from the Gospel of Mark (7:24-30, 8:22-26). No biblical experience needed. Great discussions!

In Advance ...

Update on General Assembly Remits

After the service Sunday March 29, the Minister has been asked by Session to provide an update on the procedure around the Remits

from General Assembly concerning human sexuality. The planned discussion **Reducing Use of Plastics** will be rescheduled.

Also ...

The Great Bach Marathon

Saturday March 21, 12-6 p.m. at The Spire, 82 Sydenham. Come when you can, leave when you wish. No registration or admission fees. A variety of local musicians and instruments will be heard over the afternoon. For all Bach lovers! Organised by the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Kingston Centre.

Springarama

An opportunity for women to gather and enjoy Christian fellowship and growth together. This year the weekend will feature 'The Mess' whose home is here at St. Andrew's. Brochures detailing the speakers, musicians and events can be found at www.wmi-fmcic.com

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

International Young Adult Gathering, Palestine/Israel

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is inviting young adults between 18 and 35 to apply to attend the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Centre's First International Young Adult Gathering June 17-25. It will be an opportunity to engage with local young Palestinian Christians and travel to visit sites through the Holy Land. Check this link, and speak to Andrew for further details - <https://presbyterian.ca/2020/02/21/sabeel-international-young-adult-gathering-palestine-israel/>

Ushers This Morning

Christina McKerrow, John Sanger,
Wendy Worling, Ralph Kendall

Blessed are the peacemakers



Shaun MacDonald was inspired to be an instrument of God's peace by the prayer of St. Francis. He decided to put that into action by serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Hebron, Palestine. From October 2019

to January 2020, Shaun provided a protective presence, monitored human rights violations, and supported local peace and human rights groups as he witnessed life under occupation. Most importantly, he visited Palestinian families and shop keepers to learn their stories so he could share them with Canadians upon his return. The World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Since then, over 1,800 accompaniers from 22 countries have participated. Presbyterians Sharing promotes peace in the Middle East

In 2020, St. Andrew's Kingston has accepted an allocation of \$25,500 to support work like this through Presbyterians Sharing.

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