

Sunday September 20, 2020



Rembrandt 1606-1669, The Return of the Prodigal Son

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: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig Johann Pachelbel
Toccata in C major Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn Through all the changing scenes of life #18

Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Greetings & Announcements

Responsive Psalm 46 Insert

Time for Children

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 64:8-9, Matthew 6:7-13, Julielee
John 20:17, Ephesians 3:14-17

Hymn Dear Father, Lord of humankind #451

Sermon Prayer 2) Our Father In Heaven

Music for Meditation "Prayer" Alfred Rawlings (1860-1924)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn Great is Thy faithfulness #324

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Toccata Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please remain in your seat until after the postlude when the usher will provide guidance for you to leave your pew.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we know that we are dear children of yours and that you are our beloved Father, not because we deserve it, nor ever could merit it, but because our dear Lord, your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, wills to be our brother, and of his own accord offers and makes this blessing known to us. Since we may consider ourselves his brothers and sisters and he regards us as such, you will permit us to become and remain your children for ever. Amen. Martin Luther

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.

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

While it is good to be able to re-open the doors to this sanctuary, this service of worship will not be as we knew worship prior to this pandemic. The Elders thank all present for their willingness to abide by the protocols established (summarized on the inside of the back page of this bulletin), as we honour the guidance of public health authorities and denominational leadership.

Understanding that there will be many members who are not able to return to worship in the sanctuary, the elders agreed to continue with an online worship opportunity. Several significant investments have been made to allow this service to be streamed live from a camera placed high on one of the back pillars, thanks to the skill of Benjamin and Greg, and available for all to view anytime during the week on the St. Andrew's YouTube channel (see our church website for the link – www.standrewskingston.org).

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

The holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of it and it shall not be moved;

God will help it right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks, the earth melts.

The God of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of God,
who has wrought desolations in the earth.

**making wars cease to the end of the earth,
breaking the bow, shattering the spear;
and burning the chariots with fire!**

‘Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.’

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64:8-9

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Matthew 6:7-13

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ‘Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

John 20:17

Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’

Ephesians 3:14-17

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A few weeks back I played music by the great Dutch organist Jan Pietersoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) who founded the North German School of organ playing. One of the more important composers influenced by Sweelinck was Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), a contemporary of Bach. Two of his pieces are played for the **Postludes**.

Another important composer from this time was the Danish born Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) who had a great influence on the organ music of Bach. His Toccata in C major is an example of his often flashy style and we hear it as the **Postlude**.

In contrast to these two famous composers of great organ music, we have the meditative “Prayer” by the prolific and little-known Alfred Rawlings (1860-1924). Rawlings was the impoverished son of a piano tuner who was rescued off the streets of London by a kind lady who gave him food, shelter, and piano lessons. Using every Victorian cliché in use at the time, he churned out hundreds of pieces using at least 28 pseudonyms. Despite all that, his music is approachable, sincere and enjoyable, though not profound. This piece comes from a collection of similar works in volume 23 of “Minster Echoes” which is truly music from a by-gone era.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - THIS WEEK

Our Daily Bread

The autumn edition of this daily devotional (regular and large print) is available this morning. Ask an usher for a copy.

Presbyterian Connections

A new issue of this newspaper of the Presbyterian Church is available this morning. If you do not receive it at home (free!), please ask an usher for one. New this issue is the inclusion of the Daily Prayer and Mission Moment Calendar for this autumn.

The Presbytery of Kingston

Tuesday September 22, 1 p.m. St. Andrew's Church Tweed. If you have any questions or suggestions, please pass them on to your Minister or Representative Elder, Elaine C.

Singing in a Circle

Tuesday September 22, 7-8 p.m. on the church lawn. Bring a lawn chair and your hymn book if you have one. All are welcome, whatever the weather. We sing for the joy of it (remember what that is like?!), not to perform, but to please God. Come, make a joyful noise. Speak to Lori-Kim V. for details, lorikimdenotter@gmail.com

Mission Committee Meeting - Wednesday September 23, 6:30 p.m.

The Days of October

The minister's monthly newsletter will be published on Thursday September 24. If you have any announcements to be shared, please have them to Andrew by Tuesday September 22.

ADVANCE NOTICE

St Andrew's Grounds Clean up

Saturday September 26, 9:30 a.m. Come with some tools and help provide some tender loving care to our church grounds. Speak to Dennis T. for more information.

Canadian Society for Presbyterian History

Saturday September 26 noon online. Two papers being presented that may be of interest: 'Chief Teyoninhokarawen (Major John Norton), An Extraordinary Man' and 'George I. Robinson and the History of Knox College'. Register www.csph.ca

Wheels for Meals

Saturday October 3, 1:30 p.m. Shall we repeat this event again this year? Let Andrew know.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday October 4, 10:30 a.m. Present public health guidelines will not allow us to serve each other bread and wine during the service. Small (tiny!) prepackaged units have been purchased and can be picked up as you enter the sanctuary, but you are also welcome to bring your own bread and fruit of the vine.

Protocol for Worship in the Sanctuary of St. Andrew's during a Time of Pandemic

- you will be greeted by an usher outside the open door of the sanctuary to answer any questions and ensure a measured entrance into the church
- the wearing of face masks at all times in the building is mandatory
- you will be ushered to a seat, filling the front pews first
- there will be no congregational singing or choir: to ensure no sharing of materials, the lyrics to hymns and scripture passages are included in the bulletin
- you will be asked to leave from the same door in which you entered, beginning from the back pews
- our offerings of thanksgiving and dedication will be received at the back of the sanctuary as we leave
- we are asked to leave the sanctuary immediately to avoid close proximity to others in the narrow aisles at the back or in the foyers, and we will have no opportunity for fellowship within the church facilities

Financial Review to August 31, 2020

	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$153,108	\$152,839
Designated Mission Offerings	\$ 12,333	\$ 11,736
Community Use Contributions + Manse	\$ 41,333	\$ 23,311

International Day of Prayer for Peace (September 21)



Today, there are millions of people around the world living in conflict-affected countries. Many have been displaced from their homes and have limited access to basic needs. Children are unable to go to school. Families do not have enough food to eat. There is no telling when home might be safe again. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) continuously

provides emergency relief in conflict-affected areas. By reaching out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and water and sanitation, as well as long-term needs, such as livelihood recovery, education and psychosocial support, we help to restore strength and hope for the future for the world's most vulnerable.

This year, 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.

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