

Sunday October 18, 2020



**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 Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir J.S. Bach
Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir Johann Pachelbel
Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir J.G. Walther

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn I waited for the Lord my God #23

Prayer of Approach

Greetings & Announcements

Minute for Mission Home Base Housing

Responsive Psalm 40: 1-3. 8-10 Insert

Time with Children

The Lord's Prayer

Solo Hear My Prayer Felix Mendelssohn
Meghan H.

Scripture Readings Nehemiah 1 (selected verses) Bailey S.
Philippians 4:4-9

Hymn Lord, listen to your children praying #449

Sermon Prayer 6) Petition

Music for Meditation Prayer C. Franck

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus #746

Benediction

Choral Amen

You are invited to remain seated for a brief congregational meeting (see notice inside), after which ushers will lead pews out of the sanctuary.

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 as we honour the guidance of public health authorities and denominational leadership. Please review these guidelines, as summarized on the inside of the back page of this bulletin.

Psalm 40: 1-3, 8-10

I waited patiently for the Lord;
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**God drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,**

and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

**God put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.**

Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

**I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'**

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

**I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 1 (selected verses)

When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, 'O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your people, which we have sinned against you. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses ... O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.'

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

With our present procedure for giving of offerings at the end of the service, we are no longer singing the Doxology. However, this morning we hear three arrangements of the "Old Hundred" tune for our **Preludes** as we continue our theme of thanksgiving. The tune goes back to the Genevan Psalter of 1551, and was probably composed by Louis Bourgeois. It was used by J.S. Bach to go with the German

text “Her Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir” and it was also used by his contemporaries Pachelbel and Walther for chorale preludes.

In continuing the theme of “Prayer”, the first two pages of the lovely **anthem** “Hear my Prayer” by Mendelssohn conveys a certain innocence which compliments the **hymn** “Lord, listen to your children praying”. There are many organ pieces simply titled “Prayer” and I have been playing a series of these after the sermon. Today, we hear one such piece by Belgian composer César Franck, one of the great organists and composers of the late Romantic era. The church had a great influence on his music – music which always conveys a certain sincerity and conservatism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

You are invited to remain in your seat after the Benediction for a brief congregational meeting to review the 2019 financial statements of the Trust Funds of St. Andrew's, appoint a new treasurer, and consider supporting Lionhearts, who have taken up the provision of meals these last months in the place of Special Meals. On your way out you are invited to pick up from the usher a year-to-date financial statement of our offerings and income

Monthly Morning Bible Study

This year we are studying the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and are finding the conversations on Zoom are as full as ever. No prior biblical knowledge is needed. Contact Andrew if you would like to receive the link. This month, Thursday October 22, 10:30 a.m.

Autumn Tuesday Evenings

Our study this autumn will be based on Brian McLaren’s recent book, The Great Spiritual Migration. ‘A leading voice in contemporary spirituality and religion, McLaren argues that— notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance—Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun.’ We will use a 10-minute DVD presentation at the start of each evening as the basis of our discussions. Tuesday evenings of November, 7 – 8 p.m. by Zoom. Register with Andrew to receive a link, a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Ushers Needed

Additional ushers are needed for the teams that are at work to support the continued opening of St. Andrew's on Sunday mornings. Please contact Dorothy M. for information, dotmessenger@gmail.com . A full orientation will be provided.

Days of November

The Minister has received feed-back that the trifold format of the 'Days of' is preferred to the congregational letter, so ... please have brief announcements about opportunities and events in November to Andrew by Wednesday noon.

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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Bell Ringer David H.
Cantor Paul P.

Ushers This Morning

October 18 Rory W. Anne-Marie & Philippe G. Janet & Paul P. Lori-Kim d.O. Dorothy M.
October 25 Holly T. Ralph K. Wendy W.
Dixie & Murray D. John S. Rory W.

Financial Review to Sept 30, 2020	Budgeted	Received
Community Use Contributions + Manse	\$ 41,333	\$ 23,311
Designated Mission Offerings	\$ 12,333	\$ 11,736
General Offerings	\$168,407	\$175,858

Posts on St. Andrew's Website

Each Friday, the Minister posts a short introduction to the forthcoming Sunday service and includes a copy of the full bulletin. Occasionally other announcements and invitations are also posted. Have you signed up for email notices under 'Subscribe' on the right hand side of page? www.standrewskingston.org

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Special St. Andrew's Mission Initiatives

In addition to our congregational contribution of \$25,500 to Presbyterians Sharing, members of St. Andrew's are invited to designate a portion of their offerings to 'Mission'. Each year this supports over a dozen particular initiatives. One of these is...

Home Base Housing



Home Base Housing is a local not-for profit organization that provides a range of supportive programs and services for people struggling with housing problems. Located at 540 Montreal Street, this is the new home of **In From The Cold**, the 24 bed emergency shelter for single adults where they have access to shower and laundry facilities. A light meal in the evening and breakfast in the morning for shelter clients is provided.

Housing Help staff at this same location assist with a range of services from walk-in queries about affordable housing to placing a homeless individual in their own 1 bedroom apartment through the Supportive Housing program.

Lily's Place, a 7 bedroom house with 19 beds is temporary lodgings for women and families. Outreach services and partnerships with agencies will assist those staying at the shelter to move into a home. Staff at **Youth Services** is dedicated to helping youth between the ages of 16 to 24 years obtain safe housing and support services so that they progress to independent, capable individuals. During this past summer, outreach workers have seen youth camping around the city, including Belle Park. Youth workers from Home Base ensured that 18 of them had a place to stay over the past few month's. All 29 beds of Home Base Housing supportive housing for youth are full.

Thank you for your support to Missions. You help to provide services for those in need.