Sunday November 29, 2020

The Annunciation by Jan Pienkowski

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
- Num komm, der Heiden Heiland  A.N. Vetter
- Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary  W.D. MacIagan
- Ave Maria  Luigi Cherubini

Entry of the Bible
Call to Worship
Hymn
- Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  #122

Prayer of Approach
The Lord’s Prayer
Solo
- Macht hoch die Tür (Fling wide the gate)
  Sung in German by Susanne Cliff-Jüngling

Greetings & Announcements
Lighting the First Candle of Advent
Time for Children

Scripture Reading
- Luke 1:26-38  Eva Barnes

Hymn
- Hope is a star  #119

Sermon
- Contemplation: Mary

Music for Meditation
- Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary  Italian Carol

Prayer of Commissioning  Lori-Kim den Otter
Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession
Hymn
- Come, thou long expected Jesus  #110

Benediction
Choral Amen
Postlude
- Trumpet Tune in D  John Stanley

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

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 1:26-38
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in
Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name
was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And
he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with
you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what
sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be
afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will
conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him
Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor
David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his
kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this
be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will
come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow
you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son
of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also
conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to
be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said,
‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to
your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.
Two themes are used in our music today. With the season of Advent now upon us, we have three Advent hymns from our Book of Praise and two German chorales. The first Prelude is by Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710) who was organist at Erfurt. It is a Chorale Prelude based on the hymn Saviour of the Nations, Come. The solo today is sung in the original German and is a popular Advent hymn in Germany. An English translation of the two verses is included with the hymn insert. We are happy to have Susanne sing this for us in her native tongue. The sermon theme deals with the annunciation of Mary. There have been many hymns and anthems dealing with the visitation of the angel Gabriel to Mary. One hymn is presented as the second Prelude and was composed by Archbishop W.D. Maclagan (1826-1910). Another hymn, which is of Italian origin, is presented after the Sermon. An anthem, using the well-known Ave Maria text, was composed by opera composer Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842) and is our third Prelude. Did the angel Gabriel appear quietly to Mary or with a fanfare? -maybe with the sound of the trumpet? It’s a nice thought, but there is no actual biblical reference to Gabriel and his horn. John Stanley composed several popular trumpet tunes in the 18th century and one was heard a couple of weeks ago. Here is another one for the Postlude –but not likely close to what Gabriel might have produced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Envelope
A special mailing was posted last Thursday to all households of the congregation. It includes the monthly newsletter, The Days of December, but also a Christmas card and a collection of greetings from the Elders of St. Andrew’s. If you do not receive it, please let the church office know!

Fifth Annual St. Andrew’s Day Social (Zoom) Tomorrow!!
Visit www.standrewskingston.org tomorrow after noon to receive the link to a celebration of things related to St. Andrew. Contributions by members of our congregation (music, poetry and readings) compiled by Christopher Hall.
Imago Dei (Zoom)
Thursday December 3, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. (Next meeting, January 7). Speak to Dorothy Messenger for details.

Fellowship Time (Zoom)
We will be meeting at 2:30 pm on Monday, December 14. Christmas thoughts and memories are the broad topics, with some members suggesting crafts, decoration ideas, festive food and drink ideas. All are welcome to join. Send Marilyn an email to receive the link at marilyntruedeau@hotmail.com

Monthly Bible Study (Zoom)
An opportunity to gather with the minister and others to read through the Sermon on the Mount. We have great discussions. No previous knowledge of the Bible needed. Send Andrew an email for the link, a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Gifts on the Christmas Tree
This Advent season, the Elders of St. Andrew’s are suggesting that we support Partners in Mission food bank. Donate online at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/11240/donation and be sure to let the church office know so an ornament can be placed on the tree in the sanctuary to commemorate each gift.

Offering Envelopes
The boxes of confidential 2021 offering envelopes are available to be picked up this morning on tables outside. Please be sure to dispose of any 2020 envelopes, as numbers change and offerings will not be tracked. If you would be willing to transfer to PAR, please contact Candace, Mon-Wed, 1-4 pm in the church office at candace@standrewskingston.org

Meetings of the Month
Wednesday December 2, 7 pm : Manse Review Committee
Wednesday December 9, 6:30 : Mission Committee
Monday December 14, 7 p.m.: Session
Wednesday December 16, 2 p.m. : Finance/Budget Committee
Advent Devotions

Advent with the Moderator: Letters of Encouragement
Monday November 30, 3 p.m. Eastern
You are invited to spend an hour with the Rev. Amanda Currie and begin this season together with Presbyterians across the country. In this difficult and uncertain time, we will come together to reflect, pray and encourage one another in faith. We will look at certain Epistle readings and the assurances of the apostles for the earliest Christian communities, listening together for the encouragement we need today. Please register for this gathering to receive your link to join https://presbyterian.ca/2020/11/03/advent-with-the-moderator/

Advent Resources for Families and Children of All Ages
These resources have been produced by the Rev. Dr. Tori Smit, our Synod Christian Education resource staff. Have a look!
Five Advent Living Room Videos - http://www.cnob.org/?p=1933

Online Daily Advent Emails a) works of art and music with scripture http://ccca.biola.edu/advent/2020/ b) a word for reflection each day with some creative initial thoughts https://adventword.org/en/home/

Podcast 'Understanding Christmas: Strange New World #1
A talk about understanding Christmas by beginning with an understanding of the Bible, the world’s most influential, misunderstood book - a podcast tailor-made for skeptics, believers, and everybody in between. Hosted by Matthew Myer Boulton, who’s spent twenty years teaching the Bible and theology to students at Harvard Divinity School and elsewhere. https://www.saltproject.org/podcast-strange-new-world

Celebrating the Light with different Faith Traditions
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 Holland  
Cantor  Paul Payne  
Soloist  Susanne Cliff-Jüngling  

Ushers This Morning
November 29  Wendy Worling, Ralph Kendall, John Sanger, Dixie & Murray Dittburner, Ann & Brian McLean  
December 6  Susan & David Holland, Anne-Marie & Philippe Gabrini, Janet & Paul Payne, Elaine Coderre  

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Responding to COVID-19 Globally

As COVID-19 continues to affect people and communities around the world, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is responding to some of those most impacted. After initially supporting lifesaving and urgent care projects, PWS&D is now helping provide long-term COVID-19 relief through Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance. Given the enormous risk of food insecurity, food aid is being provided. PWS&D is also helping ensure families have access to clean water and sanitation, and that COVID-19 prevention messages are being shared. Additionally, psychosocial support is being offered to help cope with the effects of the pandemic.

In 2020, St. Andrew’s Kingston has a goal of contributing the sum of $25,500 to support a witness together through Presbyterians Sharing.

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