

Sunday December 13, 2020



Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream. Rembrandt c.1645

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

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| Prelude | Fantasia on Christmas Carols All in the Morning Voluntary in d minor | R.V. Williams R.V. Williams W. Boyce |
| Entry of the Bible | | |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Hymn | Hark the glad sound | #118 |
| Prayer of Approach | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Solo | Joseph and Mary | R.V. Williams |
| Greetings & Announcements | | |
| Moment for Mission - PWS&D | | Holly T. |
| Lighting the Third Candle of Advent | | Bailey S. |
| Time with Children | | |
| Scripture Lessons | Matthew 1:18-25 1 Peter 1: 13-16 | Myrna A. |
| Hymn | The hands that first held Mary's child | #158 |
| Sermon | Dimensions of the Christian Life 3) Joseph and Holiness | |
| Music for Meditation | Snow in the Street | R.V. Williams |
| Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession | | |
| Hymn | Hail to the Lord's anointed | #115 |
| Benediction & Choral Amen | | |
| Postlude | Voluntary in D major | W. Boyce |

Please remain in your seat until after the postlude
When the usher will provide guidance for you to leave your pew.
Outside, after the service – 'While shepherds watched'

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. The Minister will be conducting worship from the pulpit, as now required when speaking while not wearing a mask.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

1Peter 1: 13-16

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

There are many moods of Christmas, from '*Twas in the moon of Wintertime* to *Deck the Halls*. The more mysterious side of Christmas is represented today by music arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Considered one of the greatest composers of the last century, Vaughan Williams studied music with Maurice Ravel in Paris, who steered him away from music of a Teutonic nature. Early in his career as a composer, he traveled the English countryside, collecting folk songs. A number of these later appeared in *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928) which he helped to edit. He credits the source of the tunes and words and in his special way, arranged them for choral singing. The second **Prelude** came from a Mr. Hall from Derbyshire. The tune for the **Solo** came from Mrs. Smith who sang it for Vaughan Williams while in Weobly. The text came from another source and like many carols of this genre, had too many verses. Some of the verses dealing with Joseph's doubts were omitted from the Oxford Book of Carols. Vaughan Williams put four carols together in a fantasia. The first of these, *The Truth Sent from Above*, is from Herefordshire and is played as the first **Prelude**. The music after the **Sermon** is another carol dealing with the Christmas story. In most of these narrative carols, little is said about Joseph except that he was old. The first verse of *Snow in the Street* sets up the nativity scene with these words:

There was an old man there beside;

His hair was white, and his hood was wide.

A much happier mood is presented with music by William Boyce (1710-1779). He was an important teacher and arranger in his day but is now mostly forgotten. His career as a musician was cut short by deafness, but he continued on as an arranger of works by other composers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

This Advent season, the Elders of St. Andrew's are inviting us to support the 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.

Fellowship Time (Zoom)

We will be meeting at 2:30 pm tomorrow! Christmas thoughts and memories are the topics, with some members suggesting crafts, decorations, festive food and drink ideas. All are welcome to join. Send Marilyn an email for the link at marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com

Monthly Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday December 17, 10:30 a.m. An opportunity to gather with the minister and others to read through the Sermon on the Mount. No previous knowledge of the Bible needed. Receive a link from Andrew at a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Meetings of the Month

Monday December 14, 7 pm: Session

Wednesday December 16, 2:00 pm: Finance/Budget Committee

Christmas Eve

Thursday December 24

Outdoor Carol Sing and Candles

4:30 p.m. on the Church Lawn

Socially distanced, with masks on, but singing (!) our joy and hope, and we will conclude with 'Silent night, Holy night'

Readings and Music

7:30 p.m. online only

Finally, our waiting is over and the Christ Candle is lit. We hear again how the Holy One came to us, as one of us, to bring God's love into our lives.

The link is at www.standrewskingston.org

Advent Devotions

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!

Advent Devotional Booklet - <http://www.cnob.org/?p=1907>

Five Advent Living Room Videos - <http://www.cnob.org/?p=1933>

Making An Advent Wreath Video - <http://www.cnob.org/?p=1923>

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/>

Epiphany Sunday January 3

Last Epiphany small paper stars were distributed with a word that might prompt reflection and inspiration through the year. Would you be willing to share some thoughts that came to you for this Epiphany? Please let Andrew know – a.johnston@standrewskingston.org and receive a new star-word, in person or by email.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Bell Ringer

David H.

Cantor

Christopher H.

Ushers Today

Béatrice J., Phyllis & Allen H.,
Andy V., Lori-Kim D.,
Ralph K., Wendy W.

December 20

John S., Murray & Dixie D., Dorothy M., Rory W.,
Susan & David H.

| Financial Review to Nov 30, 2020 | Budgeted | Received |
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| Community Use Contributions + Manse | \$56,833 | \$32,645 |
| Designated Mission Offerings | \$16,958 | \$21,644 |
| General Offerings | \$213,328 | \$214,408 |

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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday December 22-24, 9-noon

Thursday December 31, 9-noon

Tuesday-Thursday January 5-7, 9-noon

Chair of Property and Maintenance - Dennis Tysick

Treasurer - Paul Payne

Chair of Trustees - Ralph Kendall

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Weekend Custodian - Larry Moore

Director of Music - John Hall - johnhall@canadianpianos.ca

The Rev. Andrew Johnston -

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Missions Update by Nancy H.



It's that time of year again, when we buy gifts for those we love and consider donations to our favourite non-profit organisations. I am the Champion of Presbyterian World Service and Development for our congregation, and so I

offer you one suggestion: **The Gifts of Change** booklet, produced by PWS&D. It is colourful, engaging, and filled with projects which PWS&D supports. There are tangible items you can donate towards to help globally and locally. Our church has copies of this booklet. Why not send your children or grandchildren the booklet or the link: presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange and suggest they read the stories of mission on each page, and choose one item or project which they are interested in. Then, for Christmas, you make the donation to that project, and PWS&D will send a Christmas greeting to the person on whose behalf you made that donation, telling them about the difference that gift will make. It's the gift that keeps on giving! We ask you to join the Champions as we pray for the urgent needs in the countries PWS&D supports. Our congregation supports the work of PWS&D through your offerings on the Missions line on your envelope or through PAR.

Another program our church has supported for several years, is SAT-7. Founded in 1995, SAT-7 is a Christian satellite television ministry which broadcasts educational and Christian programming in Arabic, Farsi, and Turkish languages throughout the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, along with 50 countries in Europe. Their mission is to provide the churches and Christians of these countries an opportunity to grow in their faith and witness to Jesus Christ through inspirational, informative and educational television services. Christians in these regions often face poverty, war, illiteracy, and religious oppression on a daily basis. Again, our church partners with SAT-7 to bring hope to those who are desperate for hope.