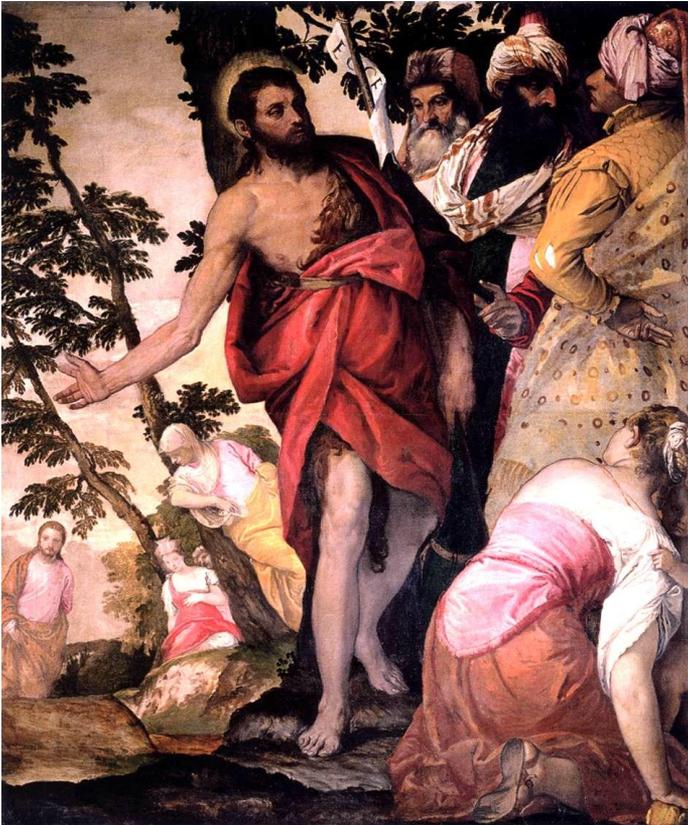


Sunday December 6, 2020



Paolo Veronese (1528-1588) St. John the Baptist Preaching (1562)

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

Prelude	Maria zart von edler Art Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland	A. Schlick A. Kniller
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Hymn	Herald! Sound the note	#117
Prayer of Approach		
The Lord's Prayer		
Greetings & Announcements		
Prayer of Commissioning	Lori-Kim den Otter	
Lighting the Second Candle of Advent		
Time with Children		
Scripture Lesson	Luke 3:1-18 (selected verses)	David H
Quartet	Love divine, all loves excelling	Hall Family
Sermon	Dimensions of the Christian Life 2) John the Baptist and Compassion	
Nicene Creed		#578
Hymn	Let all mortal flesh keep silence	#542
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Hymn	On Jordan's bank	#126
Benediction & Choral Amen		
Postlude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme	J.G. Walther

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 – 'Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel'

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.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Luke 3:1-18 (selected verses)

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The first organ piece today is a bit of a leftover from last Sunday, when in music and spoken word we explored the theme of Gabriel’s announcement to Mary. This is a very early work for lute and voice by Arnolt Schlick, published in 1512. The English translation of the first few lines goes:

*Maria tender, of noble being, a rose without thorns.
By your power you have returned what had been long lost,
Through Adam's fall.*

We get well into Advent with the second **Prelude**. It is based on a well-known chorale, Saviour of the nations, come. Very little is known about the composer. It is thought that he composed this around 1700 and his name was Anton Kniller or maybe Andreas Kneller or Knöller or Knüller. Google lists him as a soccer champ. Though only a few fragments remain of his musical output, I think he must have been, rather, a champ at the organ console.

Saviour of the nations come,
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home!
Wonder at it, heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

The **Quartet** sings the beautiful hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* which gives mention to the theme of "Compassion". We usually sing this to the popular tune *Hyfrydol* which was composed for another hymn. It was Wesley's intention in 1747 that the hymn be sung to another, now forgotten, tune. In 1889, Sir John Stainer was inspired to create a tune specifically for these words and named it *Love Divine*.

The service ends with a Chorale Prelude by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748). The original chorale was written by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, at last!

Get ready! Christmas is coming!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As is our custom on the first Sunday of the month, this morning we celebrate a time of Holy Communion. The Elders will not be able to gather at the front to serve us, and we will not be able to serve each other, but we pray this may be a time when each of us are able to 'taste and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8). Some of us will have brought our own cup and bread, others of us will use the prepared unit received upon entrance. The first tab releases the wafer, the second tab releases the juice.

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.

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 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. We have great discussions. No previous knowledge of the Bible needed. Receive a link from Andrew at a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Meetings of the Month

Monday December 7, 2:30 pm: Stewardship Committee

Wednesday December 9, 6:30 pm: Mission Committee

Monday December 14, 7 pm: Session

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

Advent Devotions

Advent Resources for Adults and Families

Have a look at the church website for various Advent devotions available online. Some are daily devotions with a particular emphasis upon art and music illuminating scripture, others have been produced by the Rev. Dr. Tori Smit, our Synod Christian Education resource staff. Have a look! www.standrewskingston.org

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/>

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

Margaret H

Cantors

Christopher H, Meghan H

Ushers This Morning

December 6

Susan & David H, Anne-Marie & Philippe G, Janet P, Susanne C Elaine C

December 13

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

Financial Review to Nov 30, 2020	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$213,328	\$214,408

Meeting Milestones



In Haiti, more than half of the total population is chronically undernourished, the majority of whom are children. Drastic, unpredictable weather changes caused by climate change have left many families food insecure. Many are not able to produce enough nutritious food for their

families to consume. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works with local partners to bring nutrition to those who are suffering from malnourishment. Life-saving mobile clinics have been established to detect and treat malnutrition. Since the project began, 3,400 children have been treated, giving them the chance to regain their strength, meet developmental milestones and lead a healthy life.

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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