

## Epiphany Worship

It is a 'new year of grace' ... so it is only right to begin exploring some of the dimensions of grace! Services will be available online through the church website Sundays by 10:15 a.m.

### **Embracing Grace 1) in Jesus**

Sunday January 10

Grace is not about us, but about God and the love of God for us ... seen in Jesus 'And from his fullness have we all received grace upon grace' (John 1: 16).

### **Embracing Grace 2) in Creation**

Sunday January 17

Grace is something you can never get and only be given. Life as we know it is grace. 'In the beginning ... God created ... and it was very good' (Genesis 1).

### **Embracing Grace 3) in Covenant**

Sunday January 24

God declares to Noah, 'I will remember my covenant' (Genesis 9:15). The faithfulness of God is grace. And we are 'to be ministers of a new covenant' of grace (2 Corinthians 3:2-6).

### **Embracing Grace 4) in Response**

Sunday January 31

God's radical grace demands radical response. Think of Zacchaeus, and the Church as a sycamore tree! (Luke 19).

### **Embracing Grace 5) Lord's Supper**

Sunday February 7

The grace of remembering the work of God, recognising the presence of God, and rejoicing in the promises of God.

## And ...

### **Imago Dei**

This St. Andrew's group is meeting the first Thursday of each month by Zoom, 4:30-5:30. If you would like to join in some reflective reading of scripture, please contact Dorothy for more information at [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

### **St. Andrew's Zoom Fellowship**

Monday, January 11 at 2:30. The conversation is all about books this month. A favourite childhood book and a current favourite. What is/was the appeal? What impression did it have on you? Basically, why do you love it so? Join to enjoy the company! Receive the link from Marilyn [marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com](mailto:marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com)

### **Morning Monthly Bible Study**

Join our Minister and explore the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). No prior experience with Bible study needed. Thursday January 21, 10:30 a.m. by Zoom – email Andrew to receive the link ... [a.johnston@standrewskingston.org](mailto:a.johnston@standrewskingston.org)



## Review

Thanks to Anne-Marie, Anne, Janet and Paul, and Wendy for the amazing sanctuary displays through the Christmas season. Thanks to John Hall and the readers and choir members who contributed to the recorded Christmas Eve service that has been viewed over 325 times. Thanks to soloists Christopher, Paul, Susanne, and Marijke who have assisted with our online services in December. Thanks to Lori-Kim, Elaine and Eva for sharing wonderful 'star word' reflections for Epiphany Sunday. Thanks to Benjamin and Greg whose hours behind the scenes allow us to join in worship week by week. Thanks be to God.

Thanks to members and friends of the congregation for their financial stewardship. Through offerings received by post and by PAR, our end of year contributions totaled \$237,000 of the \$250,000 budgeted. Over \$10,000 was received through online donations, many from beyond the congregation in appreciation for the online services of worship. In addition to our 2020 commitment to Presbyterians Sharing of \$25,500, designated offerings of over another \$20,000 supported Camp Iawah, HomeBase Housing, Cariboo House Churches BC, Flora House Winnipeg, Theological College Beirut, Presbyterian World Service and Development, Presbyterian College Montreal, SAT-7, Salvation Army Prison Ministry Kingston, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship! Thanks be to God.

# Winter Study Series

Tuesday Online Evenings,  
February 16 – March 23



*Everyone is somehow broken, but they matter — you matter; you and I are worth saving. As Victor Hugo writes in the novel, "Life's greatest revelation is to be convinced that we are loved." And this is the gospel!*

Each Tuesday evening we will explore the gospel known in Jesus Christ and as developed in the themes and characters of Hugo's masterpiece –

grace (Valjean), justice (Javert),  
poverty (Fantine), revolution ('les amis'),  
love (Marius and Cosette)  
and hope (the garden).

You are invited (though not necessary) to read the novel (of 365 chapters!) ... or see a film rendition or the musical:

- a DVD can be borrowed from the church office (call to reserve)
- the 2012 musical is found on Netflix
- several free online versions are available, including a CBC & CBC Gem series being screened right now (see the church website, Special Events, for details)

Send an email to Andrew for Zoom link!

## MORNING REFLECTIONS



Sunrise on the Cataraqui River

Photograph by Joan Morrison

From March to September, while the sanctuary was closed, members of St. Andrew's contributed personal reflections to encourage us in Christian faith and life.

Thanks to the generosity of two members of the congregation, these have been beautifully collated and printed, and a copy is now available to each household of St. Andrew's.

Call the church office if you would like to arrange to pick one up (Tuesday to Thursday mornings), or request for one to be delivered.

An envelope for a thank offering will be included, to support the church's online ministry.

From the Desk of the Minister, 2021

## The Days of January



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