

Sunday January 31, 2021



## 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** Chaconne in F Louis Coupérin

**Entry of the Bible**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** Stand up and bless the Lord 411

**Prayer of Approach**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Quartet** Hide not thou face from us, O Lord  
R. Farrant

**Scripture Lessons** Genesis 18:1-15 Elaine C.

Psalm 1:1-3

Luke 19:1-10

**Hymn** Will you come and follow me 634

**Sermon** Embracing Grace 4) the Tree

**Meditative Music** Chaconne in d Louis Coupérin

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Hymn** I heard the voice of Jesus say 671

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Chaconne in g minor Louis Coupérin

**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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.'

So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?'

The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

### **Psalm 1:1-3**

Blessed are those

who walk not in the counsel of the wicked,

**nor stand in the way of sinners,**

**nor sit in the seat of scoffers,**

but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

and who meditate of that law day and night.

**They are like a tree**

**planted by streams of water,**

**that yields its fruit in its season,**

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that they do they prosper.

### **Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'

Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We may not be able to gather together in the sanctuary, but it is good to be able to gather together this morning in spirit. Our thanks to Elaine leading in the reading of scripture, Paul leading in song, John at the organ and Benjamin making this online service technically possible.

### **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

### **Online Opportunities for Worship, Study and Fellowship during Lent** **a) St. Andrew's Tuesday Evenings 7pm**

Once a week as we prepare for Easter, February 16 – March 23, 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, (<https://www.standrewskingston.org/winter-study-series-les-miserables/>)). Send an email to Andrew for Zoom link!

### **b) Joint Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7-9pm**

With members of St Andrew's, St. James (Anglican), St Mark's (Lutheran), Chalmers and Sydenham Street (United), you are invited to evenings led by Bill Morrow, Professor Emeritus of the Queen's School of Theology, exploring the Gospel in selected hard passages of Genesis

Feb 24	Divine Violence in the Flood (Genesis 6)
March 3	The Expulsion of Hagar (Genesis 21)
March 10	The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
March 17	Does God Reward Tricksters? (Genesis 28)
March 24	General Discussion: The Morality of God in the Book of Genesis

The evening will begin with a short vesper service in the tradition of the host congregation, with St. Andrew's hosting on Wednesday February 24.

### **c) Joint Lenten Worship**

St. Andrew's is joining with other congregations to offer a series of services by the sponsoring community of faith:

Ash Wednesday with St. James Anglican - February 17

Maundy Thursday with St. Mark's Lutheran - April 1

Good Friday with St. Andrew's Presbyterian - April 2

Easter Vigil with St Paul's Sydenham Anglican - April 3

Sunday after Easter Lessons and Carols - April 11

### **Morning Reflections**

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 mailed (\$5.75), or delivered. An envelope for a thank offering will be included, to support the church's online ministry.

### **Organ Donations**

The Province of Nova Scotia has initiated our nation's first opt-out organ donation programme. This may be a major advance in having organs available to meet the need.

At their meeting this past week the Elders of St. Andrew's agreed to share that a member of our congregation has indicated that he needs a kidney transplant within the next year or two to avoid dialysis. If you become aware of anyone open to the idea of donating, information that could be passed on is available

at <https://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/> and <https://kingstonhsc.ca/renal/living-kidney-donation> , and please feel free to speak to the Minister.

**# 634 (vs. 1,2,3,5)**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown;  
will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Words: Iona Community (Scotland)*

*Music: Scottish traditional*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

**Cantor** Paul P.  
**Quartet** The Hall family

<b>Financial Review to Dec 31, 2020</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings	\$250,000	\$246,709
Designated Missions	\$18,500	\$23,643

# Knowledge Nourishes Babies and Families



When Cristina Flete gave birth to her first baby, she wasn't aware of how crucial exclusive breastfeeding and developmental activities could be to her child's long-term health. When her second child was born, Cristina attended

a workshop facilitated by Presbyterian World Service & Development's (PWS&D) local partner in Nicaragua. With other mothers, Cristina learned the importance of breastmilk for a child's developing brain and how to create materials to stimulate her child's mind. Additionally, culinary classes empower parents with tools to help with their families' overall health. With PWS&D support, families are combating malnutrition and chronic illness, giving their babies the best chance for a future of good health.

*In 2020, St. Andrew's Kingston committed the sum of \$25,500 to participate in a witness through Presbyterians Sharing.*

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