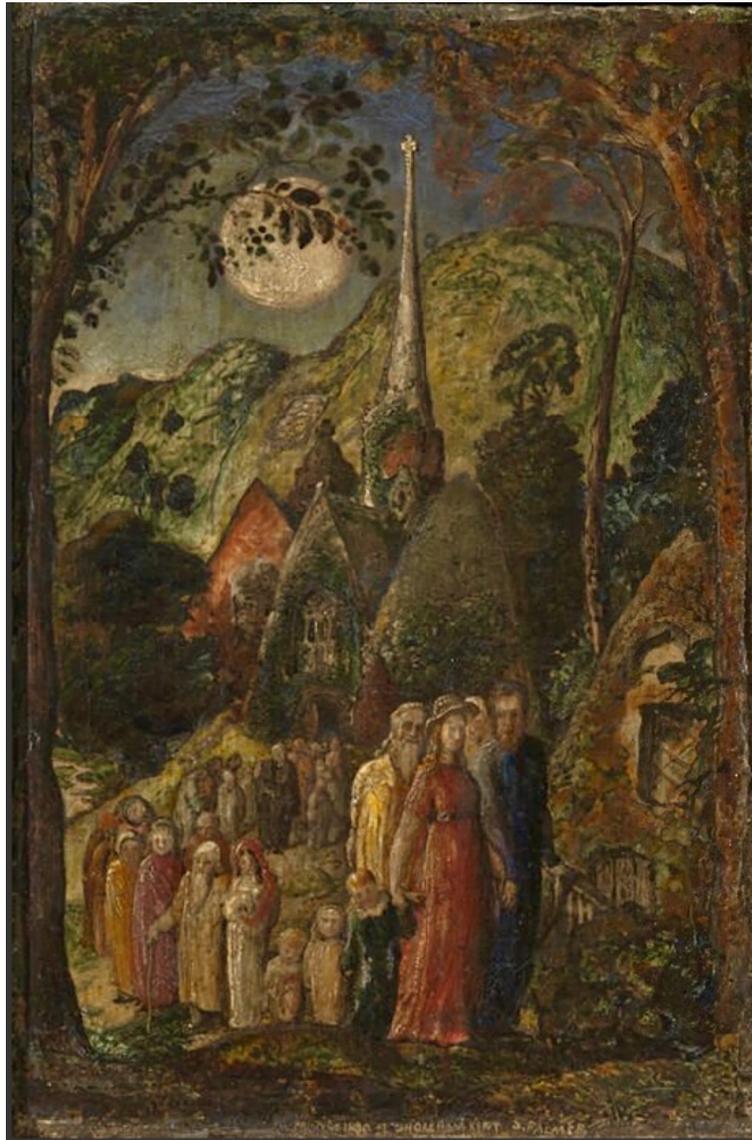


Sunday January 17, 2021



Coming from Evening Church. Samuel Palmer, 1830

**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.

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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

Nehemiah 9:6

And Ezra said: 'You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you.'

Psalm 104 (selected verses)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
**you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,**
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,**
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
**oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

**In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

**when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

I Thessalonians 1:1, 5:8, 13b-28

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. Esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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 Janet leading in the reading of scripture and prayer, Christopher leading in song, John at the organ and Benjamin making this online service technically possible.

Please refer to the minister's monthly newsletter, The Days of January, <https://www.standrewskingston.org/> for other opportunities to grow in Christian praise, faith and life. Here are just a few highlighted ...

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

Les Misérables

Each Tuesday evening, 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!

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

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.

Calvin Symposium on Worship 2021

This year online and free, held January 6-26, 2021, on key topics and themes in worship and the Christian life. This online experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, faculty, artists, musicians, pastors, preachers, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all interested worshippers around the world.

Over 20 livestream worship services and 20 webinar sessions weekdays from January 6-26 as well as on-demand content that allows you to access material at your own pace and time. For example, Catherine Gunsalus González, Justo González, and David Rylaarsdam on "Learning about Worship from the Ancient Church"; Katharine Hayhoe on how worship practices can help heal our broken relationship with the more-than-human creation; The livestream worship services take us around the globe to a variety of worshipping communities, in the US and in Buenos Aires, Dublin, Beirut, Cairo, Hong Kong, Singapore, and several cities in Brazil. Have a look at the over 90 programme possibilities at <https://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/online-calvin-symposium-on-worship-program> And register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgwr1TfhC-PjCEzvKR_5sjr-I6gYlbTfoPFn-ib-JbvwtuYg/viewform

SERVING THIS MORNING

Cantor

Christopher H.

Gratitude

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.

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