

Sunday February 21, 2021



Transfiguration by Raphael, 1520

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

Preludes	Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen Cornet Voluntary	J.C Kittel William Walond
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
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Prayer of Approach		
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Litany for Lent 1		Insert
Scripture Lessons	Daniel 7:9, 13-14 Mark 9:2-10	
Hymn	We have come at Christ's own bidding	187
Sermon	"It is good for us to be here" (Mark 9:5)	
Meditative Music	Meditation	C.F. Becker
Words of Gratitude		
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Hymn	Be thou my vision	461
Benediction		
Choral Amen		
Postlude	Prelude and fugue in e minor	J.S. Bach

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

Daniel 7:9; 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire ...

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We continue the themes from last week: the little-known composer for organ, the spiritual, and Bach's Prelude and Fugues. The past two weeks the service has ended with one of the "8 Short Preludes and Fugues" of J.S. Bach. Today's **Postlude** is one of Bach's not-so-short Preludes and Fugues. His Fugue in e minor is actually one of the shortest of the many not-so-short, several of which extend to over 10 minutes in length. There is growing speculation that the 8 Short were composed by a pupil of Bach, possibly Johann Krebs. Another of Bach's pupils was Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809) who was probably Bach's last pupil. One of his few surviving compositions is our first **Prelude**.

Another little-known composer is English organist William Walond (1725-1768) who composed the second **Prelude**. The "cornet" is an organ stop which is a special combination of pipes so that when one key is depressed, two or more pipes sound simultaneously. It is intended to be used to give a prominent solo line. For clarification: a "cornett" is an early wooden trumpet-like instrument with holes instead of valves. A mellow type of trumpet is also called a "cornet". A coronet is a small crown. I hope that this clears things up.

Carl Frederic Becker (1804-1877) was a German organist who trained in Leipzig and played the organ at the St. Nicholas Church where Bach had once played. Few of his organ pieces were published. His *Meditation* is heard after the **Sermon**.

The celebration of Black History Month continues with Christopher singing the famous *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*.

MONTHLY MISSION HIGHLIGHT

Launch New Worshipping Communities is a new church planting program offered by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The purpose of this ministry is to assist with the creation of a variety of ministries ranging from new independent congregations to innovative worshipping communities.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Opportunities for Worship, Study and Fellowship during Lent

1) This Afternoon: Lent with the Moderator

You are invited to spend an hour with the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the General Assembly, and begin the Season of Lent together with Presbyterians across the country. Although Lent is a time for confession and penitence, it is first and foremost a time for turning and returning to God. We will reflect on several covenant texts, considering both the blessings and obligations that come with covenant relationship.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/02/01/lent-with-the-moderator/>

2) St. Andrew's Winter Tuesday Evenings 7pm

Once a week until March 23, we will explore the gospel through the themes and characters of Hugo's masterpiece, *Les Misérables* –

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

You are invited to read the novel 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!

3) Joint Bible Study Wednesday Evening 7-9pm

With members of St Andrew's, St. James and St. Paul's Sydenham (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

Zoom link and study materials available at

<https://stjameskingston.ca/lenten-series/> Each evening will begin with a short vesper service in the tradition of the host congregation, with St. Andrew's hosting this Wednesday, February 24.

4) Joint Lenten Worship

St. Andrew's is joining with other congregations to offer a series of services by the sponsoring community of faith: recordings found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWRIJZoKQxFCskoV_GI_xQQAs

Wednesday, February 17

was with St. Paul's Sydenham and Princess St United

Maundy Thursday, April 1

with St. Mark's Lutheran and Chalmers United

Good Friday April 2

all congregations with St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Faith United

Easter Vigil Sunday April 3

with St. James Anglican and Sydenham Street United

Sunday after Easter Lessons and Carols - April 11 with all churches

Morning Reflections

There are still copies available. 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.

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

Bi làidir (Scots Gaelic for 'Be Strong')

This is a weekly suggestion area of how you or someone you know can Be Strong during these interesting times we are living ...

Pause

Make sure to take time for yourself during the day to listen to music, take a few deep breaths, meditate, write in a gratitude journal, do a few stretches, take a brisk walk or do some other activity that will restore you.

"You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1

SERVING THIS MORNING

Cantor:	Christopher H
Bell Ringer:	Margaret H
Ushers Today	Holly T, Susan and David H
Feb 28	Andy V, Phyllis and Allen H

Certainty in the Midst of Change



We live in a world that is constantly changing. The past year brought unprecedented change, and we had to learn to adapt in our lives, jobs and congregations. In the midst of so much change, Presbyterians Sharing has continued to support the mission and ministry we do together—

often in new and adaptive ways. What hasn't changed is our commitment to one another, discerning together, moving forward together, being in community together, sharing God's message together, confronting injustice together and caring for vulnerable people together. That's what Presbyterians Sharing is all about. As we put our gifts into God's hands, God is doing remarkable things.

In 2020, St. Andrew's Kingston contributed a sum of \$25,500 to support a witness together through Presbyterians Sharing.

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