

Sunday September 19, 2021



Walking to the end of summer. Vita Kalmutska

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	Sabbath Calm To a Lone Flower	George S. Schuler Roxana Paridon
Entry of the Bible		
Call to Worship		
Metrical psalm	Let all creation bless the Lord till heaven with praise is ringing	106
Prayer of Approach		
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Scripture Lessons	Exodus 23:10-11 Psalm 8 Revelation 22:1-2 James 5:13-18	Laura T.-C.
Solo	And God Saw Every Thing	J. Haydn
Sermon	Sabbath 3) Creation	
Hymn	We cannot own the sunlit sky ... the gifts of God's creation	717
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Dedication		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	
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Benediction and Choral Amen		
Postlude	Prelude and Fugue in e minor	J.S. Bach

Please wait for the ushers to indicate the time for your pew to leave, starting from the back to the front of the sanctuary.

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

Exodus 23:10-11

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

Responsive Psalm 8

O Lord our God,

how majestic is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mortals that you should be mindful of them,

their children that you should seek them out?

You have made them but little lower than the angels;

you adorn them with glory and honour;

you give them mastery over the works of your hands;

you put all things under their feet;

all sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and all that walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our God,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

James 5:13-18

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Today we have a full course meal of music. The service begins with some chicken broth. The Yiddish word for this is “schmaltz”, and over the past hundred years has been applied to music that is “overly sentimental”. The Preludes are indeed simple sentimental pieces but, although others may disagree, I feel that they still have their place. I don’t know anything about the composers but they would be a part of the great bowl of schmaltz composers of a century ago.

In 1798, fresh from the garden of Eden, a salad of pieces of music was put together in the form of an oratorio by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). His inspiration for an oratorio was after a visit to England when he heard some of the oratorios of Handel. “The Creation” is a rather big salad, so today’s Solo is just a few greens from the end of the oratorio when, on the seventh day, Adam sings thanks to God for his wonderful creation.

The meat and potatoes of so many musical presentations is the music of J.S. Bach. The “Prelude and Fugue in e minor for organ” is one of his shorter longer works for organ. Unfortunately, many of his organ works are too long to present as a Postlude in church today but this one is a smaller portion, still having plenty of substance.

I’m sorry, I am on a diet, so there is no dessert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Andrew’s

‘On either side of the river is the tree of life’ (Revelation 22)

After the service this morning we will plant a tree in thanksgiving to God for generations of faithful witness before us, and of our own commitment in service of the creation and kingdom of God.

Singing and Praying Mid-Week

You are invited to a time of songs and prayers in the tradition of the Taizé community, led by Susanne C-J., with singing support by Wendy L-P.. We meet this Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7:30-8:00pm. The zoom room will open at 7:25 for gathering in silence.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82464811989> ID: 824 6481 1989

Morning Bible Study

Thursday September 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. You are invited to join with the Minister by Zoom for an hour of reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures. Would you choose a study on the psalms or on the parables for this series? Let Andrew know, and also if you would prefer to gather with another member to participate by Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87617937508?pwd=Z0pEeVFhaloyampXNVBkeWFiOG1UZz09> ID: 876 1793 7508

Doors Open Kingston 2021

St. Andrew's figures prominently on the poster for this year's Doors Open in Kingston <https://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/doors-open-kingston>. Tours of our church will be offered on **Saturday September 25. at 11, 1:30 and 3**, led by the Minister. If you would be willing to welcome folks at the doors and escorting them to a pew, your assistance would be appreciated. Speak to Andrew.

Advance Notice

Reception of New Members Next Sunday September 26

If you have just started attending St. Andrew's, or have been participating for a while ... If you feel this is a people with whom you might grow in Christian faith, community and service, please speak to an elder or Andrew. We will be formally welcoming new members at the next Sunday, September 26, and would love to welcome you!

Autumn Tuesday Evenings

Our autumn studies will focus upon DVD presentations by Gary Thomas entitled 'Sacred Pathways' that explore nine different ways to grow in relationship with God. Reserve Tuesday evenings October 26-November 23, 7-8 p.m.!

Serving within the Congregation

Sunday Morning Scripture readers

A new congregational year has begun. Andrew would like to draw up a schedule of readers for Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please call or send a note to Lori-Kim.

Help to Keep our Sanctuary Look Inviting

Throughout the summer, various people have been bringing in flowers for the vases on either side of the pulpit. We very much appreciate these gifts as they brighten the space, and have the added bonus of looking lovely on the livestream! If you are interested in providing flowers or plants for these spots some Sunday this fall, please contact Lori-Kim at the church office. The flowers on the plant stands this Sunday are offered by Barb and Al Z.

St. Andrew's Circle of Prayer

Members of our congregation are requesting prayers for themselves, their families and neighbours, and for our world. Would you be willing to be part of a circle of prayerful support? Please contact Dorothy to join the Circle of Prayer or with any questions 613-767-2835

dotmessenger@gmail.com

Faith in the Community

Season of Creation 2021

The World Council of Churches has designated the weeks between September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi Day) a 'season of creation'. They have crafted some excellent resources for our reflection and action – have a look!

<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/season-of-creation-2021>

Our local Anglican diocese has organized a series of webinars on the Thursday evenings of September (7:00-8:00pm) focussing on this Season of Creation. This week, Sophie Kiwala will speak on working faithfully with government. The Zoom link for these Webinars is <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87880067710> Meeting ID: 878 8006 7710

2021 Federal Election Resources

To help you prepare for all-candidate meetings and/or personal conversations with prospective Members of Parliament, several Christian initiatives have prepared election resources:

a) Citizens for Public Justice is a coalition of Christian individuals based in Ottawa who define public justice as the political dimension of loving your neighbour, caring for creation, and achieving the common good <https://cpj.ca/2021-federal-election/>

b) KAIROS is a Canadian ecumenical initiative for social justice of which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/KAIROS_2021_FederalElectionResource_FINAL.pdf

c) Network is a website by the Christian Reformed churches of North America which seeks to connect Christians on a wide range of social and Biblical justice issues. They have posted a guide to help you prepare questions to ask your local candidates: <https://network.crcna.org/biblical-justice/front-door-preparing-election-season>

Canadian Society of Presbyterian History

You are invited to attend the virtual 46th Annual CSPH conference, this Saturday, September 25th, from noon-3:00pm. Visit the website below to register and receive a zoom link. <https://cspth.ca/annual-conference/>

Prayer for Creation

There is no plant in the ground but tells of your beauty, O Christ. There is no life in the sea but proclaims your goodness. There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky, there is nothing beneath the sun but is full of your blessing. Lighten my understanding of your presence all around, O Christ. Kindle my will to be caring for Creation.

J. Philip Newell from Celtic Prayers from Iona

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: David S.
Cantors: Paul P., Christopher H.
Livestreaming: Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.
Ushers today: Phyllis and Al H., Dorothy M.
September 26: Alberta and David S.

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General Offerings		
and Presbyterians Sharing	\$145, 585	\$159, 021
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