

Sunday October 10, 2021



Thanksgiving Sunday 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

Preludes	Nun danket alle Gott	J. Crüger	
	Nun danket alle Gott	G.F. Kaufmann	
	Now thank we all our God	J.S. Bach	
Entry of the Bible			
Call to Worship			
Hymn	We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land		807
Prayer of Approach			
The Lord's Prayer			
Greetings & Announcements			
Minute for Stewardship 1		Marilyn T	
Hymn	For the beauty of the earth for the beauty of the skies		434
Scripture Lessons	Deuteronomy 26: 5b-11 Psalm 65:1-4; 9-13 Romans 12:1-3	Bailey S	
Duet	We thank you, Lord	Price/Besig	
Sermon	'Be transformed by the renewing of your minds'		
Hymn	For the fruits of all creation thanks be to God		802
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Dedication			
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow		
Hymn	Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices		457
Benediction and Choral Amen			
Postlude	Nun danket alle Gott	Karg-Ellert	

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

Deuteronomy 26:5b-11

You shall make this response before the Lord your God:

'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.'

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer

shall all flesh come.

Our sins are stronger than we are,

but you will blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your courts to dwell there!

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;

the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Morning Prayer

Thanksgiving! What a wonderful holiday! How fitting it is, Gracious God, that we have a day set aside to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. Our ancestors declared a day of worship to celebrate simply having enough to survive; we give thanks for bounty well beyond the necessities of life. We are blessed to be among those who have not only enough, but enough to share. We rejoice at your blessing, Maker of All, and pray that your spirit will lead us in an ardent effort to see that the whole world shares in your abundant gifts.

-Walter C. Sutton

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The hymn *Now thank we all our God* is placed among the world's most popular hymns and on this Thanksgiving Sunday, it is used throughout the service with a variety of styles. The tune *Nun Danket* was composed by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) with an original German text, later translated into English by Catherine Winkworth. One of the most inspiring hymns, *Now thank we all our God*, first appeared in a hymn book by Crüger in 1647. The original German words were written during dark times of the thirty years war. The author of the text, Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) was a pastor in Eilenburg which was pillaged three times. Rinckart kept up the courage of his people despite the fact that he had to bury around 5,000 persons during this time. The words of *Nun Danket alle Gott* were intended as a table grace and were based on Ecclesiasticus 50:22-24. It is assumed that Johann Crüger wrote the tune to go along with Rinckart's words.

The **Duet** was composed for full choir by contemporary musicians Don Besig and Nancy Price. Together, they have had published many fine new and inspiring anthems. The tune *Nun Danket* is used at one point in the anthem. I have arranged it for two voices. The tune has inspired many composers. Felix Mendelssohn used it a few times and it is his harmonization that is most familiar to us, including in our last **Hymn**. The first **Prelude** is the original version by Crüger. The second **Prelude**, by Georg Friedrich Kauffman (1679-1735), is a rather straightforward choral prelude with an introduction and a simple embellishment of the hymn tune. The third **Prelude** is by J.S. Bach who used the tune several times over the years, including this one which was originally composed for choir and orchestra for his Cantata #79. Lani Smith arranged this for organ.

The Postlude by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1879-1933) is a grand great big thank you to God and the hymn tune is merely a fragment, well hidden within the triumphant sounding chords. "Now thank we all our God... who from our mother's arms has blessed us...with countless gifts of love".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who contributed their time, energy, produce and plants to make our sanctuary such a marvellous display of

thanksgiving this morning, and especially to Wendy, Janet and Anne for arranging the contributions. Thank you also to the Garden Divas for tidying up the flowerbeds in front of the church.

Advance Notice

Mid-week Worship

Wednesday October 13&27, 7:30 p.m. A time of song and prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community, led by Susanne C-J and Wendy L-P.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82464811989>

Morning Bible Study

Thursday October 21, 10:30-11:30. You are invited to join with the Minister by Zoom for an hour of reading and reflecting on the Psalms.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138406609?pwd=aTIWZlNFZEszbDYzWXc4V2hHaXlzZz09>

Congregational Meeting

The Session of St. Andrew's Church has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 24 immediately following the service, to receive a motion concerning the use of the Manse. The report and motion will be distributed early this coming week by email and post as appropriate. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and available on Zoom for those at home who wish to participate.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078573993?pwd=dEtsMDRmYTZlZ2hPK3doazZUSnl3UT09> Meeting ID: 870 7857 3993 Passcode: 770655

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

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

Service in the Community

Creation Care

On October 14-16, the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario is hosting an online conference about Christians caring for creation. The theme is “Climate Change: What Can I Do?” Dr. Norman Wirzba, professor of theology and ecology at Duke Divinity School will be the keynote speaker. The conference includes a Climate Change Town Hall and three plenary sessions: “What Kind of World Are We In?”, “What is the Point of the World?” and “Eating Our Way to Heaven”. For more details, and to register for the conference, visit the Synod website: <https://www.presbyterian.ca/qeosynod/synod2021.html>

Furthering Reconciliation

The KAIROS Great Lakes St. Lawrence Region presents its biennial conference on Zoom. Hosted by KAIROS Durham, the conference will take place November 6 & 7; 12:30-4:00 pm daily. It will feature keynote speaker Chief Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nations, and a choice of Sunday workshops, including a virtual experience of the “Blanket Exercise”. All are welcome. To register, visit: <https://secure.kairoscanada.org/sites/all/modules/civCRM/extern/url.php?u=7800&qid=1806752>

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry M
Cantor: Meghan and Christopher H
Livestreaming: Benjamin dO-V, Julilee S
Ushers today: Rory W, Philippe G,
Dorothy M
October 17: Susan & David H, John S

Financial Review to September 30, 2021	Estimated	Received
General Offerings		
and Presbyterians Sharing	\$167, 511	\$173, 063
Special Mission Projects	\$13, 875	\$18,437

Leading Healthy Lives in Guatemala



In the highlands of Guatemala, 43-year-old Adelina López Vásquez lives with her husband Rafael and their family. Adelina is a health and nutrition promoter in her community. Through training workshops, Adelina gained knowledge and skills about how to prepare wholesome and nutritious foods. She learned the importance of maintaining a clean workspace and the benefits of cooking foods made with fresh, local ingredients instead of buying prepared foods. In addition, the

training Adelina received on the topics of home hygiene and nutritious diets have helped both her and her community navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, she shares all she's learned with her community so they can also lead healthy lives. Presbyterian World Service & Development works in partnership with local Mayan organization, AMMID.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing at least \$4,550 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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