# Sunday November 14, 2021



SDG: Soli Deo Gloria – Johann Sebustian Buch

# 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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**Postlude** Fantasia on B.A.C.H. Franz Liszt

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 LESSONS

# Exodus 15:1-21 (selected verses)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

'I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my might,

and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

awesome in splendour, doing wonders?

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed:

you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession,

the place, O Lord, that you made your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.'

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

### Psalm 147:1-11

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honour God with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem and gathers the exiles of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

The Lord counts the number of stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to the wisdom of God.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

The Lord covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,

making grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind.

The Lord provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse and has no pleasure in human strength,

but finds pleasure in those who fear God, in those who await the gracious favour of the Lord.

# 1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

# Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your

hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

In the field of church music, one man stands above all others, and that is Johann Sebastian Bach. Born in Eisenach in 1685, he dedicated his whole life to enriching people's lives both at home and in the worship of God. Today with the help of our special guests, we will explore some of Bach's music.

Bach's life and musical output comes at the end of a remarkable period in music history. His music is the pinnacle of what we call the Baroque style. His skill at creating a musical composition was incredible, but what is often surprising is the depth of expression in his writing. You can hear that in the **Preludes** presented this morning. The "Adagio" is the middle movement from his lengthy organ piece *Toccata*, *Adagio and Fugue*. Throughout the piece we can feel the grief in his heart, culminating in some startling harmonies which are so unlike the music of the Baroque. He seems to be shaking his fist in anger because of his pain and torment.

One of Bach's outstanding skills was as an arranger of melodies for use as hymns in church (we usually refer to them as "chorales"). Several of them appear in our Book of Praise. Our first hymn uses the tune "Eisenach", which was his place of birth. It was also where Martin Luther spent an important part of his life. The second hymn was another arranged by Bach. The last hymn tune might have been a rare original composition from 1736. He used these chorales throughout his many Cantatas. We are lucky to hear today two excerpts from two of these major works, the "Et Exsultavit" from his Magnificat and "Wachet Auf" from his Cantata for Advent, which we know from our Book of Praise #127.

A great curiosity with note names is the fact that in Germany, what we call "Bb" is known as "B", and what we know as "B" is called "H". Although this can be the source of confusion, it has enabled

many composers to pay homage to J.S. Bach by creating compositions based on the theme B-A-C-H, or as we know it: Bb-A-C-B. These notes are all bunched together on the keyboard and create a rather haunting little theme. Franz Liszt (1811-1886) took a crack at it, and created a major work for organ with his *Fantasia and Fugue based on B.A.C.H.* It is a bit too long for a Postlude (and very difficult) so I have tacked on the last pages of the Fugue onto the end of the Fantasia. I often wonder what good old J.S. would have thought of this music from the Romantic period.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you Helene and Michael P. for the lovely flowering plant in the sanctuary this morning. We thank our Director of Music, John Hall, for organizing this Sunday of special music, as well as Holly and Gordon Gwynne-Timothy, and Andrew Dicker for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

# Opportunities Within the Congregation

# **Morning Bible Study**

Thursday November 18, 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84138406609?pwd=aTlWZlNFZEszbDYzWX c4V2hHaXlzZzo9

# **Legacy Sunday**

Next week, November 21, we welcome Jim MacDonald to conduct a workshop on Planned Giving immediately following the service. Jim is the Development Manager for Stewardship & Planned Giving for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a part-time Master of Divinity student at Knox College, and an elder at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Vaughan ON. The livestream will continue after the Postlude, so those at home can hear his presentation as well.

# Autumn Tuesday Evenings, 7-8pm

Our study concludes on Nov. 23. We have been focussing on DVD presentations by Gary Thomas entitled 'Sacred Pathways' that explore nine different ways to grow in relationship with God. Zoom link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82534049838?pwd=ZncvR1cvQWFRN1RYSzlpZFNEZFhjUTo9

# Mid-Week Worship

Next Wednesday, November 24, 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://usozweb.zoom.us/i/82464811989

# **Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2022 are available and will be on a table outside after the service for the next few Sunday mornings, weather permitting. If you are new to the congregation and would like a set of offering envelopes for 2022 or a form to contribute by PAR (pre-authorized remittances), please contact our book keeper, Candace Comes <a href="mailto:candace@standrewskingston.org">candace@standrewskingston.org</a> or Monday-Wednesday 1-4 p.m. 613-546-6316.

# 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

# **SERVING THIS MORNING**

Beadle: Larry M.

**Cantors:** Holly and Gordon G-T.

**Violinist:** Andrew D.

Livestreaming: Benjamin dO-V., Julilee S.
Ushers today: Susanne C-J, Phyllis and Al H.
November 21: Dorothy M., Alberta & David S.

Financial Review to October 31 General Offerings	2021 Total Budget	Received
and Presbyterians Sharing	\$235,000	\$191,094
Special Mission Projects	\$18,500	\$20,179

# **Equipping a New Leader in Nepal**



In November 2021, the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) will welcome Dhana Lama as its first ever Nepali Executive Director. Dhana will also be the 13th Executive Director since its founding in 1954 and the third woman to lead UMN. Outgoing Executive Director, Joel Hafvenstein, said, "Dhana is a strong and forthright leader who is also a listener, with the humility not to fear change or

the acknowledgement of mistakes. Her passion for service to Nepal's poorest people is unquestionable." As an international, interdenominational Christian mission, UMN receives funding from partners designated for specific projects, which doesn't leave much for staff salaries. Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC will join the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Asia CMS in financially supporting Dhana Lama during her tenure.



In 2021, members of St. Andrew's Kingston have committed to a goal of contributing the sum of \$29,819 to support a witness together through Presbyterians Sharing.

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