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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 Pierre Dandrieu Noël

> The Journey to Bethlehem N. Lebègue

The star proclaims the King is here Pachelbel

Entry of the Bible Call to Worship

Immortal, invisible, God only wise. Hymn

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days

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Prayer of Approach

The Lord's Prayer see insert

Anthem Thine forever, God of love Mary Maude

Greetings & Announcements

Mission Minute Holly T SAT-7

I danced in the morning Hymn 250

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Scripture Lessons Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14 Holly T

> Psalm 90:1-4, 12-17 Hebrews 13:1-8, 14-16

Sermon Jesus Christ – the same vesterday, today and

tomorrow

Hymn Let Christian faith and hope dispel 368

Christ loved us from the first of time;

Christ loves us to the last (vs. 1-2,3,5-6)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow

(vs.1-2,4,5-7) 612 Hymn Christ is the King

Christ through all ages is the same

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Pachelbel Toccata

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

I understand that whatever God does will endure for eternity; nothing can be added to it, nothing can be taken away. God makes it this way to keep reverence for the sacred alive in us.

Responsive Psalm 90:1-4; 12-17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 14-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Anthem - Thine forever! God of love

Thine for ever! God of love, hear us from thy throne above; thine for ever may we be here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O how blest they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep us thy frail and trembling sheep; safe alone beneath thy care, let us all thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide, all our wants by thee supplied, all our sins by thee forgiven, lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Mary Fawler Maude (1819-1913)

Concerning this hymn, Mrs. Maude says: -- "It was written in 1847 for my class in the Girls' Sunday School of St. Thomas, Newport, Isle of Wight, and published in 1848 at the beginning of a little book called 'Twelve Letters on Confirmation,' by a Sunday School Teacher, and reprinted in the Memorials, 1852."

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The wise men's journey to Bethlehem is indeed a long one and so we hear more music about their travels. The first and second **Preludes** are actually based on a Noël *Or nous dites Marie.* We hear first a portion of a Noël by Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733) and then a treatment by Nicolas Lebègue (1630-1702) based on the same tune. The third **Prelude** is by the man who composed much more than a Canon in d, the great contemporary of J.S. Bach, Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

There are some hymns that retain their popularity throughout several centuries. There are many that were once popular, but are largely forgotten today. One hymn that no longer appears in present-day hymn books is today's anthem, "Thine forever". Some, like me, might remember it from their youth, but by the 1960's it began to disappear from most hymn books. This is a great old hymn with the theme of God's eternal love, but apparently the hymn itself has not lasted forever.

One of the most curious organ stops, found on only a few organs, is the "Zimbelstern". It consists of a set of tiny bells which are struck at random using some kind of rotating wheel. There are many different kinds, but most have angel or cherub figures slowly whirling around as on a merry-go-round, striking bells as they go. The purpose of the zimbelstern is to add a tinkling effect to the music, most effectively used during the Christmas season. The idea of adding this stop to the pipe organ, probably originated in north Germany in the 17th century. It may well have been used as part of the original performance of Pachelbel's Toccata. Since St. Andrew's organ lacks a zimbelstern, for a similar effect, I have asked some of our junior members to ring some tiny toy bells during the **Postlude**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, January 20, 10:30 am. An opportunity to gather with the minister and other to read through the Psalm 30. Zoom link https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83112374364?pwd=TGYoWVdhOEpVaWZyNkowRWZ4OW9JZzo9

Something New - After Service Fellowship Online

Having church on the couch may be the best we can enjoy right now, but many of us miss the fellowship, especially after the service. In response, beginning January 23, the Session is inviting you to join a 15-minute discussion with the Minister each Sunday at 11:45 a.m. after the livestream ends, followed by small groups for casual conversation. Here is the link!

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81854705429?pwd=cG5QY2FjWXl6KzJVSGx QMytVUVIJQTo9 Meeting ID: 818 5470 5429 Passcode: 949221 And here is a phone number (may be long distance) +1 647 374 4685 or +1 647 558 0588 - Meeting ID: 818 5470 5429 Passcode: 949221

The Manse - Transitioning to Transitional Housing

Ryandale has a new staff person assigned to the manse, and the first couple of residents moved in this past week!

This was preceded by a great deal of work to ready the manse to hand over to Ryandale. Labour was provided by various members of St. Andrew's, particularly Andy M and Andy V who each dedicated a week of their vacation, and contractors - various light fixtures and switches repaired or replaced, window panes fixed, wall cracks plastered, a bathroom renovated.

Unexpectedly, the wall-to-wall carpet had to be removed. To safeguard the heritage hardwood floors, we have decided to lay floating laminate. A grant of \$10,000 has been received by Ryandale from a donor through the United Way that will be applied to this project, leaving just over the same amount needed to complete the investment.

If you would like to financially support this and future work, you can contribute through St. Andrew's, either by cheque with 'Manse Project' in the memo line, or through our website, using the big blue Donate button.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

This is an annual global ecumenical celebration when we are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, and share in fellowship. The theme this year is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). The Rev. Dr. Rima Nasrallah of the Middle East Council of Churches offers an excellent reflection on this theme here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfll4ul49hk

And these are links to two songs of praise presented by Inshallah, an Ontario based community choir committed to singing global songs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la7GUDLimUY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKiz6RULyeo

More information is available at https://www.weekofprayer.ca/

The Bible for Doubters - Thursdays, February 3-March 24

This is an online Zoom course offered by Presbyterian College (Montréal) that will explore some of the challenging texts of Old and New Testaments. Professor Karen Petersen Finch will offer insights into how these can be understood faithfully, how we can learn from them and grow in faith through them. See the introductory video at https://vimeo.com/663933020

We have taken out a congregational registration, and two members have already signed up – this will be free to you, but please leave your name and email with Lori-Kim in the church office by Jan 23. For more information, visit: https://vimeo.com/663933020 https://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2022/01/06/open-online-courses/

Calvin College Symposium on Worship

January 31-February 4 This year online participation is free and open to all, but you need to register. Have a look at the wonderful selection of worship services based on The Beatitudes, and learning sessions and conversations on a variety of topics led by a variety of scholars and pastors. https://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/

Planning Ahead - Lent In Plain Sight

This is a new and highly acclaimed daily devotional book that looks at the Christian faith through ordinary, daily objects from shoes and oil to towels and stones, published by Presbyterian Publishing. It is available either in print (C\$20 from the church office) or digitally (C\$10). Have a look at the sample first days at the link below. https://www.pcusastore.com/Content/Site119/FilesSamples/231976LentinPla_00000136415.pdf

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

Food Basket

During this time of online-only services, members are encouraged to consider financial gifts to Partners In Mission food bank, instead of our weekly preserved food collection. There is a link on our church website under 'Special Events'.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry M

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SAT-7

The vision of SAT-7 began as Dr. Terence Ascott rushed around busy Cairo streets one day in the late 1980s. Sitting on a cement floor in an unfinished building was a family watching television. He came to a stark realization that the majority of the population in Egypt and across the Middle East could not read and many, like this family, would never have the opportunity to read about the love of God.



SAT-7 supports the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives. Christian media is beamed straight into people's homes, into the centre of family life. In many

areas the local church is severely hampered and Christians face significant challenges. Poverty, war, ethnic division, illiteracy, and political and religious oppression are a daily reality for million in this area of the world and people are desperate for the hope and love provided by SAT-7.

SAT-7 provides Christians across the region – whether they are part of a large church, a small church, or no church – the chance to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. For many, their programs are a lifeline of spiritual support in the midst of everyday circumstances. Today, SAT-7 broadcasts in three languages, through four channels, 365 days a year.

In 2021, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston met our goal of contributing \$1,500 to the work of Christ via the SAT-7 program.