

Sunday December 18, 2022



Hagar and the Angel. Francesco Maffei. 1657

**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

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| Preludes | Noël | Nicolas LeBègue |
| | Von Himmel Hoch | J.G Walther |
| | Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, Allzugleich | Walther |

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

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| Hymn | Come thou long-expected Jesus | 110 |
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Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer

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| Lighting of the Advent Candle | Crystal |
| | Laura |

Scripture Readings and Carols for Advent

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| (choir) | Introit for Advent | Healey Willan |
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| Scripture | <i>The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile</i> | Isaiah 43:16,18-21 |
| (choir) | Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen | G.R. Woodward |

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| Scripture | <i>The Lord promises to send the world a righteous King</i> | Jeremiah 23:5-6 |
| (choir) | People Look East, the time is near | Besançon carol |

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| Scripture | <i>The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.</i> | Zechariah 9:9-10 |
| (choir) | Infant Holy | Polish Carol |

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| Hymn | 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime | 144 |
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| Scripture | <i>The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God</i> | Isaiah 35:1-6 (KJV) |
| (choir) | Ding Dong Merrily on High | 16 th cent. French |

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| Hymn | Once in Royal David's City | 166 |
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| Scripture | <i>The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | Luke 1:26-35, 38 (KJV) |
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| (choir) | Gabriel's Message | Basque Carol |
| Message | The God Who Sees Us <i>Julielee Stitt</i> | |
| Anthem | He is Born the Divine Christ Child | French traditional |
| Scripture | <i>Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God</i> | Mark 1:9-11, 14-15 (KJV) |
| (choir) | Unto us is born a Son | Piae Cantiones, 1582 |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession | | |
| Doxology | | 830 |
| Hymn | Lo! Christ comes with clouds | 120 |
| Benediction & Congregational Amen | | |
| Postlude: | Noël | Daquin |



Thank you to our Scripture readers today - Eva, Ralph I and Julielee.

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

Isaiah 43:16, 18-21

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 35:1-6

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart,

Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Luke 1:26-35,38

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said,

Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her,

Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel,

How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her,

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And Mary said,

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

And the angel departed from her.

Mark 1:9-11, 14-15

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying,

Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying,

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Notes from the Director of Music

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19th century in England. In 1918, King's College Cambridge performed the first Nine Lesson and Carol service which later became a traditional radio broadcast, continuing to this day. Another set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. Between the readings is a collection of hymns and carols from various sources and countries, from early Christian times up until modern times.

The first carol, **“Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen”** is from the *Piae Cantiones* of 1582. Another carol sung later is **“Unto us is born a Son”** which is from the same source and first published in central Europe.

Several of today's carols come from France. Besançon is an ancient city in Eastern France and is the origin of **“People Look East”**, with the tune “Chantons, burgiés, Noué, Noué”. The Basque area is between France and Spain and is the origin of the music for **“The Angel Gabriel”**. The first **Prelude** is by Nicolas LeBègue who was born in Laon, France. A composer of the Baroque period, he was for a time organist at the Royal Court. From the same period was Parisian composer Louis-Claude Daquin who composed the **Postlude**. Both composers were masters of organ pieces based on French carols popular at the time.

From Poland comes the carol **“Infant Holy”**. This is a beautiful arrangement by Sir David Willcocks. From Canada comes the carol **“’Twas in the moon of wintertime”** which uses a tune that is an old French Carol, “Une Jeune Pucelle”... The original words were written by Jesuit missionary St. Jean de Brébeuf (c. 1643) in the Huron language and a rather free translation which has little resemblance to the original text, was written in 1926 by Canadian poet J. Edgar Middleton. The Carol is introduced by a verse in the original Huron language.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! A special welcome and thank you to ministry student Julielee Stitt, music director John Hall and the St. Andrew's choir for leading this special "Lessons and Carols" service. A great deal of work went into preparing this service and we are very appreciative for their gifts of music and readings.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: 7:00 p.m., in person and live streamed
Christmas Day 10:30 a.m., in person and live streamed

Ornaments for Sanctuary Tree

Each year we decorate the tree in the sanctuary with ornaments representing donations to one of the missions which St. Andrew's supports. Our choice for 2022 is Interval House, which supports women, children and youth impacted by domestic violence. To participate, make a donation, using the envelopes at the back of the church, and place an ornament on the tree. Make cheques payable to St. Andrew's, with *Interval House* in the memo line.

Presbyterian Church Calendars

There are 9 PCC 2023 calendars available at the office at \$5.00 each. Contact Lori-Kim (lorikim@standrewskingston.org) to reserve a copy.

Donations

The year end is rapidly approaching and Candace has asked that any special donations you wish to make (including financial support for Julielee) be sent to the office by December 19 so that she can ensure they are deposited in time.

Masks

St. Andrew's has strictly adhered to all public health guidelines during the pandemic. Now, following Dr. Moore's strong recommendation to wear masks in all indoor public settings, the Session encourages those coming to St. Andrew's to wear a mask while in the building. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this time.

Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

Office Hours during Christmas

The church office will be mostly closed from December 27th through January 3rd. For anyone needing to come into the office, they can do so on Thursday, December 29th and Thursday, January 4th. The phone will be monitored during this time, and your calls will be answered.

Anyone need a couch?

You may have notice the two couches sitting in St. Andrew's Hall recently. Originally they were to be donated to the Manse, but the gentlemen there no longer require them. Is there anyone in the congregation who could remove them, either for personal use or to donate them somewhere else? Contact the office if you have an idea.



WINTER ACTIVITIES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday School and Nursery: Sundays after Children's Time

Choir: Thursdays, 7:30, St. Andrew's Hall mjchall@telusplanet.net

Taizé services: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30, sanctuary
[https://zoom.us/meeting/82464811989#:~:text=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us/j/82464811989](https://zoom.us/join/82464811989?text=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us/j/82464811989)

Craft and Chat: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:30, St. Andrew's Hall

Imago Dei: 1st Thursday of each month, 4:30 – 5:30, by zoom
dotmessenger@gmail.com

Bible Study: Resumes January 26, 2023, 1:30, by zoom.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. Please send requests in full confidence to our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Calling all Bakers

Anyone wishing to drop off homemade baked items (please include the ingredient list) for the Manse residents should call Jane Bailey (Manse Administrator) at 613-766-4432 to arrange a drop-off time.

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings. Once a month Ed Brash makes a delivery to the food bank. The items most needed at the food bank are posted on our donation basket.

Webinar through Knox College

Knox College is offering a free webinar on “Local Ecumenism”, Thursday, January 26 at 11: 00a.m, via Zoom. Join Sandra Beardsall, (Professor Emerita of Church History and Ecumenics at St. Andrew’s College, Saskatoon), to explore the pastoral opportunities, practical steps and theological gifts involved in “daring to share” Christian life together with other denominations. Registering will also give you access to a recording of the webinar to view later if the posted date and time are not convenient. For more information, or to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QBRJr7VzQ-qm_DYPFhRC1Q

SERVING THIS MORNING

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| Beadle: | Larry |
| Livestreaming: | Benjamin, Christopher |
| Flowers: | Various contributors |
| Ushers this week: | Dorothy, Lori-Kim |
| Ushers Dec 24: | Lori-Kim |
| Dec 25: | Alberta, John S. |

| Financial Review to November 30, 2022 | Budgeted | Received |
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| General Offerings | \$207,470 | \$205,548 |
| Mission designated | \$17,875 | \$18,172 |

Mission Moment – SAT-7



SAT-7 works through the power of satellite television and online to bring a positive influence to the Middle East, Europe and North African society. It makes the Gospel available to millions of people and addresses social needs from a Christian perspective. SAT-

7 broadcasts God's word straight into homes 24 hours a day, seven days week, offering hope to people who live in poverty, war, illiteracy and oppression. One of the newest programs broadcast by SAT-7, *Today Not Tomorrow*, challenges aggression and brutality across the Arab World. It highlights topics that are rarely discussed even in homes: physical violence and more subtle forms of force. Mark Kitzman, a director with SAT-7, will be joining us on February 19th. He will share more information about the powerful satellite programs and social media initiatives God is using to bring hope to people in the Middle East region. For more information, including some great videos, visit their website at: <https://sat7.org/>

In 2022, St. Andrew's has a goal of donating \$1,520 to the work of Christ through SAT-7.

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