

Sunday January 29, 2023



The Creation of Light. John Martin, 1825

**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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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

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of

the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

**For you, O Lord, are a great God,
and a great sovereign above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

**The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.**

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

“Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

**They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
‘This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.’

So I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter into my rest.’”

Genesis 2:4b-24

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Anthem ~ O for a Closer Walk

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Tune: from the Scottish Psalter of 1635

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! A special welcome and thank you to Julielee Stitt, a member and elder of our congregation, and currently

studying to be a minister, at Presbyterian College, Montréal. There is a beautiful card from Julielee on the bulletin board in St. Andrew's Hall.

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.

Masks

In keeping with public health guidelines, the Session encourages all who come to St. Andrew's to wear a mask while in the building. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this extraordinary time.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

February 5 - The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern (Communion)

February 12 – The Rev. Nancy Hancock and Dr. Roslyn Schwartz

February 19 – Mark Kitzman – Sat-7 Canada

February 29 – Julielee Stitt



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%2Fus02.web.zoom.us/j/82464811989](https://zoom.us/join/82464811989#?text=https%3A%2F%2Fus02.web.zoom.us/j/82464811989)

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

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

Bible Study: Final Thursday of each month, 1:30, by zoom. Contact the office for the link: lorikim@standrewskingston.org

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.

Lent Book Study 2023 (Online) – Wrestling with Faith

Today many are wrestling with new questions of faith - what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in a church that seems to have gotten so many things wrong? Is there any way to discover an authentic faith in the face of consumerism, doubt, abuse, and pressing secularism? A new online study will explore these ideas through a thoughtful new book by Canadian pastor, writer, and theologian Bradley Jersak: *Out of the Embers: Faith After the Great Deconstruction*. Join The Rev. Dr. Roland deVries, principal of Presbyterian College Montreal for thoughtful engagement with the questions of today's church and conversations about the way forward. It will take place on 5 consecutive Thursdays, at 3:30-4:30, March 2-30th. \$20. The class will be capped at 24 participants.

Financial Review to December 31, 2022	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$240,000	\$235,791
Missions designated	\$15,000	\$20,369

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Benjamin, Christopher
Flowers:	Eva
Ushers this week:	Helene and Michael
Ushers Feb 6:	Elders

A prayer for new beginnings and peace within

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God
that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget
the infinite possibilities
that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts
that you have received,
and pass on the love
that has been given to you

May you be confident
knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul
the freedom to sing, dance,
praise and love.

It is there
for each and every one of us.

*St. Thérèse of Lisieux
and St. Theresa of Avila*

Mission Moment



In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. She first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. Reflecting

upon her experience, Lahia said that she is “thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital.”



In 2022, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston contributed \$6,209 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.

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