

Sunday May 14, 2023



The Return of the Prodigal Son. Rembrandt van Rijn. 1668

**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	Trumpet Sonata Largo	Henry Purcell G.F. Handel
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Greetings & Announcements		Paul Payne
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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

Baptism Liturgy

Introduction

The presentation of Oliver

The minister says:

Who comes to receive the gift of baptism?

An elder presents the candidate for baptism saying:

On behalf of the session, I present Oliver to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The minister addresses Meghan and Jeremy:

Do you desire that Oliver be baptized?

Parents: I do.

Renunciation and Affirmation

The minister addresses Meghan and Jeremy:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God who has been faithful to us in all generations, do you turn away from sin, renounce all evil powers in the world which rebel against God or oppose God's rule of justice and love?

Parents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin which separate you from the love of God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ, accepting him as Lord and Saviour, trusting in his grace and love?

Parents: I do.

Do you desire, in dependence on the Holy Spirit, to mature as a Christian in the church, to seek the guidance of Christ as you listen for his Word, to celebrate his death and life at the table he provides, and to engage in his mission to the world?

Parents: I do.

Do you promise to raise your child (children) in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ within the home and the fellowship of the church?

Parents: I do.

The minister asks the congregation to stand and questions them:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Oliver by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging him to follow the way of Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: We do.

The minister calls all present to profess their faith by saying:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,***

***he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Act of Baptizing

Declaration and welcome

Aaronic Blessing

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The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.

A traditional Celtic baptismal blessing

May God grant you always
a sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm you,
a sheltering angel
so nothing can harm you;
laughter to cheer you,
faithful friends near you,
and when you pray,
heaven to hear you.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples;

make the voice of God's praise to be heard;

who holds our souls in life,

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water;

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows,

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God,

and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me,

The One to whom I called out with my mouth

and whose praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart,

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me

and has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

nor withheld steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3:13-18

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts, sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good

conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Luke 15:11-24

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Today we celebrate three things: Communion, Baptism and Mother's Day. The Hymns are relevant to the first two things and I have

chosen the organ music in memory of my own mother. Her favourite organ pieces were Handel's Largo, which is the second **Prelude**, and Trumpet Voluntary which is today's **Postlude**.

For many years, the well-known Trumpet Voluntary was attributed to Henry Purcell (1658-1695). In fact, when I first learned this piece in the 1960's, it was commonly referred to as Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary. Recent scholarship however, now gives the credit to Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707) who was organist of St. Paul's and composer at the Theatre Royal. Not to ignore Purcell, who is acknowledged as one of England's greatest composers, I have chosen his Trumpet Sonata in D as the first **Prelude**. We are blessed with 6 different trumpet stops on our pipe organ. The Purcell is played with the little trumpet which is at the very top of the organ case, and the Clarke is played on the big Tuba stop which is part of the Choir Division. The festive nature of the trumpet pieces help the Hall family celebrate the Baptism of baby Oliver as well as the family's memory of his great-grandma.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! We are happy to have you with us, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to Heather and Paul Kern for once again leading the service. It has been such a blessing to have the consistency of the Revs Paul and Heather Kern to lead our service on the first 2 Sundays of each month over the past year.

St. Andrew's S.T.A.Y.S

St. Andrew's STAYS – Social Time After Your Service! We are back to having social time after church, so anyone who would like to help in any way, please check in with Susanne and let her know. You can just bake, or just host the social hour without baking, or help with washing up afterwards. There's a job for everyone! We have a sign-up sheet in St. Andrew's Hall – you can write down what Sunday you would like to help and in what ways you will contribute. Then stay and socialize!

Upcoming Worship Leaders

May 21 – The Rev. Marianne Emig-Carr (Interim Moderator)

May 28 – Julilee Stitt

June 4 & 11 – The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

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.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. If you would like to join our circle, or if you have a prayer request (confidentiality assured), please contact our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Food Basket

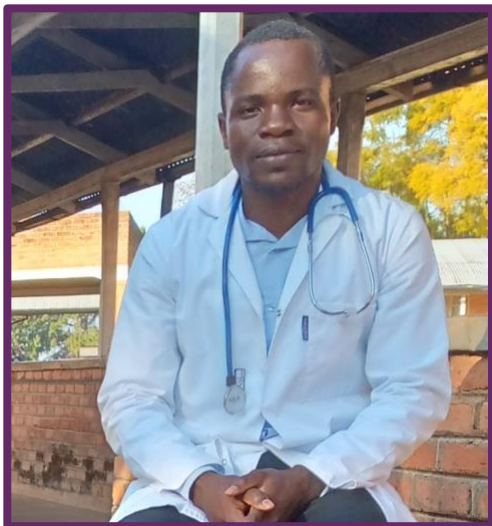
Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings.

Financial Review to April 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$73,653	\$54,790

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry Moore
Livestreaming: Christopher Hall and Benjamin den Otter
Flowers: Wendy Worling
Ushers this week: Elders
Ushers May 21: Philippe Gabrini, Rory Warnock

Mission Moment – Health-care in Malawi



One of the pressing problems in Malawi is the lack of health-care workers. With only 600 doctors to look after a population of 19 million, Presbyterians Sharing is doing what it can to help fill this sizable gap by supporting Moses Silungwe as he pursues a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery – a 6-year program at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia. His dream of becoming a general surgeon began when he was working as a

senior clinician at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, where he was later appointed acting head of the hospital’s clinical department. Moses is grateful and excited to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor and serving the people of Malawi.



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$2330 to the work of Christ through Presbyterians Sharing.

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