

Sunday September 17, 2023



The Israelites Passing through the Wilderness, Preceded by the Pillar of Light
William West. 1845

**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 Haudonosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preludes	Arioso	J.S. Bach	
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Sermon	"Legends That Lift"		
	<i>The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair</i>		
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Postlude	Rondeau from Abdelazer	H. Purcell	

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

Psalm 114

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord
and Israel the dominion of God.**

The sea beheld it and fled;

Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?

O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
You little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with

the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'

Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the

reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.”

Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The well known story of Moses dividing the Red Sea was set to song by the African-American people sometime before the American civil war. The reference to the escape from bondage of the negro slaves is obvious. It was the chaplain of Fort Munroe, the Rev. Lockwood, who first wrote down the words and with a musical setting by Thomas Baker, the song was published out of New York in 1862. The song seems to have undergone a transformation with an altered melody, rhythm and words and presented again ten years later in the form we know today. Up to 22 verses later appeared in print. The choir will sing the original 1862 version for the first and last verse.

Anthem – Go Down Moses

The Lord by Moses to Pharaoh said:
O let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your first born dead,
Then let my people go!
O! go down, Moses,
Away down to Egypt's land,
And tell King Pharaoh,
To let my people go!
The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go,
To lead the Hebrew children through,
Let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.
As Israel stood by the waterside,
At God's command it did divide.
When they had reached the other shore,
They let the song of triumph soar.
O let us all from bondage flee,
O let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.

Special Announcement on Issuing a Call for Ministry

1) Preaching for the Call

Notice is hereby given that the Session of St. Andrew's, upon recommendation of the Search Committee, has extended an Invitation to a candidate to Preach for the Call. This will take **place next Sunday, 24 September**. While privacy issues restrict us from publishing the name of the candidate, if you would like to know their name, please contact your elder or the church office.

2) Congregational Meeting

Immediately following the service on September 24, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on accepting the Call candidate as minister to the congregation. According to the regulations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to cast a vote, you must be a member in good standing at St. Andrew's, and be present at the meeting. Should the majority vote to accept the candidate, then the next order of business is to collect signatures from the congregation to affirm the vote. To this end, at the meeting, and continuing in the week following, elders will circulate a document for members and adherents to sign, showing that they agree with the decision to accept the new minister. If you have any questions about the process, or would like to come to the service and will need a ride, please contact you elder, or the church office. Enormous thanks go out to the Search Committee for their hard work and diligence throughout this challenging process of discerning God's plan for our congregation.

3) Meet and Greet

Everyone associated with St. Andrew's is invited to an informal gathering in the St. Andrew's Hall on **Saturday, September 23rd, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** This time of fellowship will enable as many people as possible to meet the candidate, introduce themselves, and have a wee chat, so that we are all a little more familiar with each other at the service on the following day. There will be light refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, in person and online. We are happy that you're here, and hope you find the service meaningful and satisfying. Welcome and thank you to the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, Minister Emeritus at Metropolitan Church, Toronto. Malcolm has taught and preached across Canada, at Iona Abbey in Scotland, and in the Uniting Church of Melbourne, Australia. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Toronto from which he received an honorary doctorate in 1997, and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. Thank you also to Paul, Marilyn and Nancy for their contributions to worship today.

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.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

September 24 – Preach for the Call

October 1 & 8 – The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

October 15 – The Rev. William Morrow

October 22 – Julielee Stitt

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 collect non-perishable food for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings. Being summer, donations are down, while need remains the same, and they are very grateful for our weekly contributions.

Online Fall Studies

Once again, Presbyterian College, Montreal, is offering 2 online Bible Studies. Contact the office if you are interested, or visit www.pcmtl.ca

1) "Meaning on Monday" – Thursdays, Oct. 5– Nov. 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m

What does your Christian faith have to do with your work week? Can faith provide meaning and shape the way we work? This 5-week, online study explores such questions by exploring our everyday ideas about work and what theology and the bible have to say about work.

Registration is \$55/person, or \$200 for a group of 4+

2) Meeting the Messiah – Wednesdays, Nov. 1-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
The Gospel of Mark is sometimes called the “action movie gospel” due to its fast pace and direct style. It was written for Christian believers living in a tumultuous world. This online study will introduce participants to the background, key themes, and message of the Gospel of Mark, and will help you think about what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ in our own changing world.
Registration fee is \$90/person, or \$200 for a group of 4+

The Mess

The Mess Art Studio down in Gill Hall has had an incredibly busy summer! Making art in the studio and in the community, building relationships, organizing events... so much amazing work goes on with this group, and it is a blessing to partner with them. Did you know that they have a regular newsletter? You can subscribe to it via their website [The Mess](#) or directly at this link: [The Mess Newsletter](#)
There are 2 upcoming events to help sponsor The Mess:

1) The Mess Studio Art & Photography Exhibit:

where: Gallery Raymond 334 Princess Street

when: Opening reception Friday, 22 September, 7-9 pm., and then open through Monday, 25 September.

2) The Mess Pasta Dinner

Come enjoy a homemade pasta dinner and support the Mess Studio at the same time! The 14th annual ‘Viva la Mess’ will be held in St. Andrew’s Hall on Thursday, 12 October, 6-9 pm. Tickets are \$30 and a limited number are available at the office.

New Ecumenical Christian Education Programs

The United, Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Kingston invite St. Andrew’s families of children from preschool to grade 12 to monthly programs held in various churches. The children’s’ programs are for caregivers and children, and the youth events are for youth only. There is no charge. All families and children are encouraged to participate. The first event is for youth in gr. 7-12, on **Saturday September 23, 3:30-6 pm** at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Program will be a “Creation Care” and dinner. For families of preschool and elementary aged children, the

first event takes place on **Sunday September 24, 1:30 - 4:30** at Edith Rankin United Church. Program will be called “Gratitude and Apples”. See the schedules below and mark your calendars!

Programmes for preschool/elementary aged children

KULA* Family Faith Events		
Sunday, September 24 th 1:30-4:30	Gratitude and Apples	<i>Organizer / Host / Location</i> Edith Rankin Memorial United
Saturday, October 14 th 3:00 – 4:30	Earth Encounter Walk <i>Listening with all our Senses and Making Music</i>	<i>St Mark's Lutheran</i> Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area
Sunday, November 26 th 4:00 – 6:00	Advent Prep Craft Event Includes dinner	<i>Organizer / Host / Location</i> Cooke's-Portsmouth United
Sunday, February 12 th 1:30 – 3:00	Winter Light Carnival	<i>Organizer / Host / Location</i> St. Mark's Lutheran
Saturday, March 23 rd Time - TBD	Experience Easter	<i>St James Anglican</i>
Sunday, April 28 th 1:30 – 3:00 Tentative	Earth Day Event	<i>Organizer / Host / Location</i> TBD

*Kingston United, Lutheran, Anglican

Programmes for children in grades 7-12

Kingston Joint Lutheran/Anglican/ United Youth Group (Grades 7-12)		
Saturday, September 23 rd 3:30-6:00	First Gathering, Outdoor Clean-up, Dinner Creation Care, Getting Acquainted	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Brett/St Mark's
Tuesday, October 31 st 5:00-7:00	Pizza, trick or treating for the food bank Food Insecurity	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Lynn/Christ Church
Friday, November 24 th 7:00-9:00	Dinner and Assemble care baskets for programs that accompany the unhoused	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Lisa/St James
Friday, January 12 th 7:00-9:00	Live Clue Night Fellowship event to solve "Who-Done-It"	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Lisa/St James
Sunday, February 11 th 1:30-3:00	Winter Light Carnival - Teens Assisting in hosting Outdoor Event for Families	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Brett/St Mark's
Friday, March 22 nd 7:00-9:00	Crafts & cards for housebound members Caring for those Isolated	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Lynn/Christ Church
Sunday, April 14 th <i>Tentative</i> 1:30-3:30	Visit to Holocaust Museum Reconciliation & Reparation	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Brett/St Mark's
Saturday, May 25 th 4:00-6:00	Outdoor Games & BBQ Fellowship	<i>Organizer & Host:</i> Lynn/Christ Church

The Presbyterian Connection

The Fall 2023 edition of the Presbyterian connection is available now online, through home subscription, and at the church. Once again it is

filled with all manner of articles, news, pictures, stories and events relevant to the PCC. There’s even a contribution from St. Andrew’s on page 18! Pick up a copy and enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon of reading.

Financial Review to August 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$143,478	\$125,378
Missions	\$13,000	\$10,535

SERVING THIS MORNING

- Beadle:**

Larry
- Livestreaming:**

Christopher
- Flowers:**

Dixie and Murray
- Ushers this week:**

John, Rory
- Ushers Sept. 24:**

Alberta, Eleanor

Mission Moment – PWS&D



On September 23, PWS&D is encouraging supporters to walk, run, ride or do another activity they love to raise money for the vital work we do around the world. Currently, the world is experiencing a food crisis triggered by climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts such as the one in Ukraine—and it's only getting worse. This year, funds raised will support PWS&D food security projects around the world. For six years, PWS&D supporters have laced up their shoes to get moving and support the work of PWS&D. Previously, this was organized as Ride for Refuge by the Blue Sea Foundation. This year, join us for PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope! For more information, to create a team, or sponsor an existing team, visit [Journey for Hope](#)



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$4,515 to PWS&D.

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