

Sunday October 15, 2023



Adoration of the Golden Calf. Andrea de Lione, copy after Nicolas Poussin. 1626-29.

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.

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

Responsive Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord who is good,
whose mercy endures for ever.

**Who can declare your mighty acts, O Lord,
or show forth all your praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right!

**Remember me, O Lord,
with the favour you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;**

that I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**We have sinned as our ancestors did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshipped a molten image;

**and so they exchanged their Glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

They forgot you, their saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,

**wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

So you would have destroyed them,

had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them,

'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

Anthem – Whatever God Ordains is Right

Whatever God ordains is right.
His holy will abideth;
I will be still, whate'er he doth,
And follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall,
Wherefore to him I leave it all.

Words: Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music: "Was Gott Tut" by Severus Gastorius (1650-1693) setting by J.S. Bach
Arranged by K.Lee Scott

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It is always fascinating to hear what a composer can do with a hymn tune (also called a “chorale”). There are conflicting accounts of the origin of the chorale “*Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*” (Whatever God ordains is good). According to one source, Samuel Rodigast was serving as “adjunctus” and Severus Gastorius was “cantor” in Jena near Weimar when Gastorius took ill in 1674. His friend Rodigast wrote a text to help him recover. Gastorius later set it to a hymn tune based on a melody by Werner Fabricius (1633-1679). The hymn was an instant hit and was used by several composers as a basis for Chorale Preludes and other compositions. We hear three very different compositions based on this hymn tune.

The first **Prelude** is by Bach’s cousin, Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) and the second, more elaborate **Prelude** is by organist and composer Johann Peter Kellner (1705-1772). Kellner was a well-respected organist and had many respected acquaintances including J.S. Bach and Handel. He was possibly a pupil of Bach and did much to popularize Bach’s music after his death. He transcribed and copied several of his works. Bach’s now famous Toccata and Fugue in d minor is so different from his other works and there is speculation that it was in fact composed by Kellner.

We hear one treatment of “*Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*” by Bach as our **Anthem**. The choir sings a beautifully harmonized version of the chorale while the accompaniment does something entirely different.

In 1524, Martin Luther used an old 15th century chant to create a melody to go with the Creed. Bach used this tune “*Wir glauben all an einen Gott*” (We all Believe in One True God) for a beautifully crafted Chorale Prelude. For the **Postlude**, we hear the first few phrases of this version, followed by a very elaborate Fughetta based on the opening few notes of the melody.

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. An especially warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. William Morrow who is leading our service this morning. Rev. Morrow was an ordained Presbyterian minister who is now active as a non-stipendiary priest at St. James Anglican Church on Union St. Until his retirement, he was Professor of Hebrew and Hebrew Scriptures at Queen's School of Religion here in Kingston.

A Word of Thanks

The following is a clip from a lovely email I received from the Kerns:

We just wanted to pass on to the St. Andrews congregation how grateful we are for the thoughtful and beautiful gift of the picture from Copper Sunday - Frame and All! As you may have heard - I (Paul) was away preaching at two of your sister congregations in the Maberly area this morning, so I missed out on the morning service with you. What a blessing it has been to worship with you and serve with you over the transitional period. I know Rev. Carr will be blessed by coming into such a loving and supporting congregation. God has great things in store for St. Andrews, because he is such a good and great God.

Very Sincerely,

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.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

October 22 - Julielee Stitt

October 29 - Lori-Kim den Otter

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FALL 2023

Sunday School – a multi-grade class, taught by Laura Tyner-Clement each Sunday immediately after Children’s Time. We also have a nursery for infants and pre-schoolers, staffed by a certified ECE

Taizé Service – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm, in the chapel. This is a half-hour service of singing and prayer in the Taizé tradition.

Choir – Thursdays 7:00 pm, St. Andrew’s Hall, mjchall@telusplanet.net

Imago Dei: 1st Thursday monthly, 4:30 – 5:30, dotmessenger@gmail.com

Session – 2nd Monday monthly, 7:00, St. Andrew’s Hall. If you have something you would like to bring to Session, please contact your elder by the Friday before the meeting so it can be put on the agenda.



WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Presbyterians Read

Did you know that the PCC has a Facebook group, created for the sole purpose of discussing relevant books? True. It is “private”, so only members can see who’s in the group and what they post. You can join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079/>

This fall, they will be reflecting on 2 books, both of which have comprehensive studies on the PCC website:

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>

1) Join Presbyterians across Canada for a journey of praying, walking and reflection with the *Presbyterians Read: We Are Pilgrims* study guide exploring **The Road to Emmaus: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life** by Jim Forest. This study guide has been prepared by the Rev. Amanda Currie, former PCC moderator and minister at First Presbyterian Church in Regina, Sask. The *We Are Pilgrims* study guide includes an introduction and five sessions.

2) Advent Study 2023: *Reflections at Advent on Bonhoeffer’s Meditations*. The guide is designed to accompany the reading of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Advent meditations - **God is in the Manger**. These meditations are largely pulled from Bonhoeffer’s writings during his two-year imprisonment under the Nazi regime, from 1943 to the end of his life in 1945, when the Nazi government hanged him for his participation in the active resistance movement against Hitler from within the Nazi government. Set up in four chapters, one for each week of Advent to accompany the four sets of weekly readings in *God is in the Manger*, the study guide includes suggested spiritual practices and discussion questions to encourage you to engage in Bonhoeffer’s reflections more deeply. You can follow this study guide as an individual, or online.

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

New Ecumenical Christian Education Programs

More information is available at <https://kingstonlutherans.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/KULA-Family-Fall-2023.png>

Financial Review to Sept. 30, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$160,012	\$147,095
Missions	\$14,625	\$11,975

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Christopher
Flowers:	Dixie and Murray
Ushers this week:	Helene and Michael
Ushers Oct 22:	Elaine and Pat

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Peace in the Middle East

As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering because of the longstanding absence of justice, prolonged political conflict and disregard for human rights, The Presbyterian Church in Canada stands in solidarity with all the people of the region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued violence and strife.

With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith.

People within the Presbyterian Church are asked to pray for those directly affected and threatened, and to pray for an end to violence and a just peace in the land of Christ's birth. Here is a sample prayer provided by the PCC to help us begin:

God of truth, mercy and peace,
God of life and of reconciliation,
we mourn the suffering and murder of your people
and we pray a just peace
and reconciliation for the people of Palestine and Israel
who have endured the burden of violence and conflict for so long.
Console those who grieve,
heal the injured,
comfort those who are alone and afraid,
protect those who held hostage, and
restrain those who would cause more violence
or act cynically for political gain and power.
Let wisdom settle on your churches
and on the governments and leaders of this world
so that justice is sought,
reconciliation found,
peace established and
security provided for all.
In the name of Jesus, we pray,
Amen.

Mission Moment – Flora House: *Where We're All Friends*



The Vision of the non-profit organization - Winnipeg Inner City Missions - is to build a community where individuals, children, and their families, have greater opportunities to break the cycle of poverty. They strive to nurture personal strengths and lasting relationships through

community programming, enhanced learning and employment opportunities, in a safe and supportive environment. One of their many programmes is Flora House. This is an after school children's program for youth ages 6 – 12. Children from the inner-city participate in a safe and inclusive environment, enjoying activities including art programming, parkland adventures, and traditional teachings.



Centered around literacy, nutrition and overall well-being, children and youth receive guidance and mentorship from adult supervisors. Flora House kids are encouraged to participate in activities that promote healthy living and take part in field trips that expand their knowledge of the community and the opportunities that await them.



Winnipeg
Inner City Missions

In 2023, through offerings designated
“Mission”, members of St.
Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of

contributing \$1,165 to Flora House