

Sunday October 15, 2023



Intarsia panel from the Gubbio Studiolo, designed by Francesco di Giorgio Martini (1439–1501). New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudonosaunee peoples.

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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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

**Serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.**

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

**the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Isaiah 46

Bel bows down, Nebo stoops,
their idols are on beasts and cattle;

these things you carry are loaded
as burdens on weary animals.

They stoop, they bow down together;
they cannot save the burden,
but themselves go into captivity.

Listen to me, O house of Jacob,

all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from your birth,
carried from the womb;
even to your old age I am he,
even when you turn grey I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.
To whom will you liken me and make me equal,
and compare me, as though we were alike?
Those who lavish gold from the purse,
and weigh out silver in the scales—
they hire a goldsmith, who makes it into a god;
then they fall down and worship!
They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it,
they set it in its place, and it stands there;
it cannot move from its place.
If one cries out to it, it does not answer
or save anyone from trouble.
Remember this and consider,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like me,
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My purpose shall stand,
and I will fulfil my intention',
calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man for my purpose from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have planned, and I will do it.
Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from deliverance:
I bring near my deliverance, it is not far off,
and my salvation will not tarry;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory.

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Anthem – I was Glad (Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord
Our feet shall stand in your gates Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city altogether
Where the people of the Lord go up
To praise and adore the name of the Lord
According to the Law giv'n to Israel.
There the thrones for judgement stand
The thrones of David's house.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
May those who love you be secure
May there be peace within your walls
For the sake of my brothers and my friends.

Words: Psalm 122

Music: melody by Louis Lewendowski

Arranged by: John Hall

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

I was excited this week to discover the music of Polish composer Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894). His music has flourished in the Jewish Synagogues and because of the Hebrew texts, his compositions have rarely reached listeners in the Christian churches. Yet his music is well crafted with beautiful melodies and harmonies, showing a great and religious sentiment very much like the music of Mendelssohn. In fact, it was Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) who requested his admission to the Berlin Academy. Lewandowski was the first Jew to be admitted to this institution. After graduating, he was appointed choirmaster at the Neue Synagogue in Berlin and it was there that he did most of his writing.

I discovered in our choir library, a simple arrangement of Lewandowski's setting of Psalm 122. Although Lewandowski was noted

for his beautiful harmonies, only a melody exists for this Psalm. I have made an arrangement for our **Anthem** today, using an harmonic style close to what the composer might have used.

The organ music today is by Mendelssohn who by the way was raised in a Jewish family which eventually converted to Christianity and changed the family name to “Mendelssohn-Bartholdy”. The first **Prelude** is from his great cantata “Elijah” and the second **Prelude** is from his famous violin concerto. What wonderful sentimental sincere melodies! The **Postlude** is a fugue, quite unlike the fugues of Bach, but a great piece of music nevertheless.

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 Julielee Stitt who is leading our service this morning. Julielee is an elder of this congregation who is currently studying at Presbyterian College Montreal, as she prepares to become a minister. We are enormously grateful to Julielee for ministering to us so often during this time of transition.

New Congregational Directory

Session wishes to distribute an updated Directory of Members and Adherents for our congregation. As it has been suggested to include email addresses, please indicate to the Roll Clerk (Anne-Marie Gabrini) or the Office Secretary (Lori-Kim den Otter) if you do **NOT** want your email address included in the Directory.

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 29 – Lori-Kim den Otter

November 4 – the Rev. Barry Carr

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

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

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

Kingston Shared Youth Ministries

Hallowe’en event for youth in grades 7-12: Tuesday, 31 October, 5:00-7:00 at Christ Church, 990 Sydenham Rd. Pizza, trick or treating for the food bank Food Insecurity. More information is available at <https://kingstonlutherans.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/KULA-Family-Fall-2023.png>

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.

A Cry to End Violence

Along with many other Christian groups, the PCC has signed an ecumenical statement on the escalation of violence between Hamas and Israel. It is entitled “A Cry to End the Violence and to uphold the rights of all civilians to life and freedom from violence and discrimination.” It reads in part:

KAIROS Canada and its member churches and agencies... are following reports of the escalation of violence between Hamas and Israel and the mounting civilian death tolls in Israel, Gaza, the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem with deepening alarm and profound grief. We condemn the violence, particularly against Israeli and Palestinian civilians, which constitutes a war crime. The level of human loss and suffering is unconscionable and must stop. We lament the loss of Palestinian voices for peace in international media that fails to distinguish between Hamas and Palestinian civilians... We join the voices of those ... urging the Canadian Government to support a ceasefire and a negotiated resolution to this violence. The pain and tragedy of the growing numbers of civilian lives, Israeli and Palestinian, lost in the violence to date are evidence of the need for an immediate ceasefire... We call all people of goodwill to:

- pray and work for a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis;
- write to their Member of Parliament to urge Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Melanie Joly to call for:
 - an immediate ceasefire;
 - a safe corridor to provide humanitarian relief to Gaza;
 - an end to the misery of the current blockade;
 - the immediate and safe release of all hostages;
 - the rights to life and freedom of both Palestinians and Israelis;
- support and amplify the voices of faith based and grassroots civil society peace and development organizations in Palestine and Israel who are calling for an end to the violence and a just and lasting peace. In addition to condemning the spiraling violence and doing everything in its power for an immediate ceasefire, Canada must work with renewed effort toward peace with justice that upholds the rights of both Palestinians and Israelis to life and to freedom from violence and discrimination, and an end to the occupation.

The entire statement can be found at:

<https://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/14/ecumenical-statement-escalation-of-violence-between-hamas-and-israel/>

Prayer for Peace

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.

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: Worship Committee
Ushers this week: Elaine and Pat
Ushers Oct 29: Holly, Philippe

Mission Moment – Food (in)security



World hunger is a more pressing global challenge than ever. An increasing number of people around the world suffer from worsening and chronic food insecurity and malnutrition. Climate change, conflict, and poverty exacerbated by global inflation are key factors worsening this crisis. Hunger threatens physical and mental

well-being and hinders social and economic development. Through its partners, PWS&D is responding to the hunger crisis in East Africa, where millions of people are suffering from increased food insecurity. Conflicts, such as those in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are forcing hundreds of thousands of families from their homes. Furthermore, extreme climate weather events across the Horn of Africa have created high hunger levels. Through PWS&D, we are helping to provide emergency support to people affected by the food crisis.

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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