

**Sunday December 3, 2023**



**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

<b>Preludes</b>	Noël	Claude Balbastre
	Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, Allzugleich	J.G. Walther
	Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying	P. Nicolai

## Entry of the Bible

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle #1 – Hope

(see insert)

<b>Hymn</b>	O come, o come, Emmanuel (omit verse 2)	122
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## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## Words of Assurance

<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Eva
	Mark 13:24-37	

<b>Anthem</b>	Sleepers Wake	arr. Mendelssohn
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<b>Message</b>	“Last Minute of Play”
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## Invitation to the Offering and Dedication

<b>Doxology</b>	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
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<b>Hymn</b>	For the bread which you have broken	549
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## The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Apostles’ creed (see insert)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

The Lord’s Prayer (see insert)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

<b>Hymn</b>	Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending	120
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## Benediction and Choral Amen

<b>Postlude</b>	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme	J.G. Walther
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## The Apostles' Creed

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

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

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.



## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you;

***and also with you.***

Lift up your hearts;

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

(Minister continues prayer) It is our calling and our greatest joy... and so we join our voices with those from every time and place,

to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

(Sung. Setting #829 in hymn book)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,***

***God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

(Minister continues prayer) We praise you and give you thanks... and to proclaim the mystery of our faith:

***Christ has died;***

***Christ is risen;***

***Christ will come again.***

(Minister continues prayer) God of all the ages past... who taught us when we pray together to say:

**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 80:1-7, 17-19**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### **Mark 13:24-37**

'But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

### **Response to readings**

For the word of God in Scripture

For the word of God within us

For the word of God around us

**Thanks be to God**

### **NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

This Sunday we look at the chorale “Wachet auf” which we know in English as “Sleeper’s Wake”. This chorale has a long history. The original chorale was written around 1598 by German composer Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) who based it on a melody by Hans Sachs (1494-1576). The original tune is played as the **third Prelude**. A more recent translation of the text by Carl P. Daw, with a harmonization by J.S. Bach appears in our Book of Praise, #127. The hymn inspired many composers. Felix Mendelssohn arranged it for his oratorio St. Paul and we hear it today for our **Anthem**. German organist and composer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) made a chorale prelude

arrangement of “Wachet auf” which is presented as the **Postlude**. The **second Prelude** is another of his compositions, based on a Christmas Chorale “Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, Allzugleich” (Let all Christians praise our God).

Throughout the Christmas season, I will be presenting several organ pieces based on French carols (Noels). The **first Prelude** today is by Claude Balbastre (1729-1799) and is based on “Comment tu oze petite Rose”. Balbastre was one of the most famous musicians of his time in France, organist of Notre Dame in Paris and of The Chapelle Royale. During the French revolution he saved his life by playing triumphant revolutionary songs and hymns on the organ – a good thing for all organists to know.

***Anthem – Sleepers, Wake!***

Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling  
It is the watchman on the walls.

Thou City of Jerusalem!

For lo! The Bridegroom comes!

Arise and take your lamps!

Hallelujah!

Awake! His kingdom is at hand!

Go forth, go forth, to meet you Lord!

*Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) trans. unknown*

*Music: Philipp Nicolai, arr. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

## **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. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in St. Andrew's Hall after the service so that we might greet each other.



### **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](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

### **Finance Committee Request**

The finance committee is working diligently on the 2024 budget. They remind all church groups to consider their financial needs for next year and to make their request to the committee as soon as possible.

### **After Church Potlucks**

Beginning in January, our St. Andrew's monthly after church potlucks will resume!! On the last Sunday of each month, bring along some food to share as we join together in a time of fellowship and feasting. More details will be available closer to the date.

### **Advent Tree**

Beginning this week, you will see an urn with bare tree branches in the entryway. You are invited to peg up new, even home-knit, socks, mitts, hats etc., which will be distributed this winter to those in need of them.

### **Our Daily Bread**

The large print version of Our Daily Bread for Jan-March 2024 is available in the church office if you would like a copy.

### **Scripture Readers**

Seeking Scripture readers for 2024. If you would like to participate, please sign the roster at the back of the church.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Partners in Mission Foodbank

As we approach the Christmas season – traditionally their busiest time of year – Partners in Mission is especially grateful for donations. Their most needed items include:

Canned meat/fish

Peanut Butter

Cereal

Baby Food

Stews/Chunky Soups

Canned Tomatoes

Pasta Sauce

100% Fruit Juice

Soup

Monetary donations

(<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/11240>)

### Carols in the Shed

Come join together for an outdoor Christmas carol sing-along in one of the historic horse sheds at Sand Hill Presbyterian Church, 2720 Sand Hill Road. Saturday, 9 December at 7:00 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a lawn chair. Hot chocolate to follow.

### Veronica's Veil

St Mary's runs an overnight shelter for homeless men in the Parish Centre on 260 Brock Street. They would like to open on December 4th, and continue until the end of April. Unfortunately, they do not yet have enough volunteers to operate, and are looking for 20 men able to dedicate their time once a week. Training will be provided. Please contact Ann Lyng at [veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:veronicasveil@stmaryscathedral.ca) to sign up or for more information. Specific times needing to be filled are:

1. First Shift 8:30 - 12:30 pm

Monday – 1 volunteer

Saturday- 1 volunteer

2. Second Shift 12:30 - 4:30 am

Sunday – 2 volunteers

Monday – 1 volunteer

Tuesday – 1 volunteer

Thursday – 2 volunteers

Saturday – 3 volunteers

3. Third Shift 04:30 - 8:30 am

Sunday – 3 volunteers

Tuesday – 3 volunteers

Wednesday – 3 volunteers

Friday – 3 volunteers

Saturday – 4 volunteers

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FALL 2023

**Sunday School** – a multi-grade class, each Sunday immediately after Children’s Time. (except Dec. 10) 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](mailto:mjchall@telusplanet.net)

**Imago Dei** – A gathering to read Scripture, discuss, study and spend time in contemplative prayer. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly, 4:30-5:30. Contact: [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

**Prayer in Song** – A meditative ecumenical gathering of singing and prayer in the Taizé tradition. Last Friday of each month, 5:15-6:00 pm, in the chapel of St. Andrew’s. Enter via doors on Princess St. Dates for 2023/4: Dec 29, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28.

**Session** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>Financial Review to Nov 30, 2023</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings	\$204,858	\$179,245
Missions (to Oct 31)	\$15,000	\$13,635

### SERVING THIS MORNING

**Beadle:** Larry  
**Livestreaming:** Christopher  
**Flowers:** Decorating Committee  
**Ushers this week:** Elders  
**Ushers 10 Dec:** Dixie and Murray

## Mission Moment – World Humanitarian Day



On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to

rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.



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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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