

Sunday November 19, 2023



The Parable of the Talents. Willem de Poorter. 17th century

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 Fuga a 2 Voci J. Pepusch
Voluntary in D J. Alcock

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Let us praise the God of Truth!

Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.

Let us praise the God of Peace!

Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.

Let us praise the God of Love!

**Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so
we offer our praise!**

Hymn Thy Kingdom come 784

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box (Children's Time)

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lessons Psalm 123 Wendy
Matthew 25:14-30

Hymn God in great love for us 719

Message "The Harsh Master?"

Anthem Tell Out, my Soul arr. D. Cameron

Invitation to the Offering, Dedication

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

Prayers of the People

Hymn Glory be to God the Father 298

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Psalm XIX B. Marcello

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 123

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

Matthew 25:14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

Anthem – Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word.
In God, my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might;
Power and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, his mercy sure;
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord,
To children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Music: "Woodlands" by Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Arranged by David Cameron

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The two **Preludes** this morning come from the Baroque period in England. The first is a bit deceptive, with an Italian title composed by an English composer with an odd last name, who was actually from Berlin, Germany. John Christopher Pepusch (1667-1752) came to England in 1700 and became a well-known organist, composer and teacher. He helped to found the *Academy of Ancient Music* in 1710. John Alcock (1715-1806) studied with the famous John Stanley and eventually became organist at Lichfield Cathedral.

When Ian Bevell left St. Andrew's, he was replaced by substitute organist Dr. David Cameron. David had been organist at Chalmers United Church for many years and did much to teach his craft and support the Royal Canadian College of Organists. While at St.

Andrew's, he composed a setting of the great hymn *Tell Out my Soul* which had been sadly omitted from our present Book of Praise. This is a very fine arrangement of a hymn with words by retired English Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith who has written over 400 hymns. The text is based on Luke 1:46-56. Shortly before turning things over to me, he graciously dedicated this anthem to our choir.

The **Postlude** is another organ arrangement of a Psalm by Italian composer Benedetto Marcello. Last week we heard Psalm 20 arranged by Alexandre Guilmant. Today we hear Psalm 19 arranged by another French organist, Theodore Dubois (1837-1924).

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.

New Congregational Directory

Session will soon be sending out an updated Directory of Members and Adherents for our congregation. Next week will be our last call for information updates. So, if you do **NOT** want your email address included in the Directory, or you have any other changes you wish made, please let the Roll Clerk (Anne-Marie Gabrini) or the Office know before Friday, 17 November. Thank you!

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

Induction Service

This afternoon, at 4:00 pm, the Presbytery of Kingston will be holding a Service of Induction for the Reverend Barry Carr. All members, adherents and friends of St. Andrew's are invited and encouraged to attend this service to record, bless and celebrate the official beginning of the Rev. Carr's ministry with us. There will be a small reception after.

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.

Ecumenical Christian Education Programs

The next event organized by the Kingston Shared Youth Ministry, for grades 7-12, will happen on Friday, 24 November from 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. James Church (10 Union St.) Youth will assemble care baskets for programs that accompany the unhoused.

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.

Contact Information for the Rev. Carr

Rev. Carr will be available in the office each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00-1:00. You can drop in or make an appointment to see him. On Thursdays he will be working from home, but will still take calls and/or emails. You can reach him at:

church: 613-546-6316

cell: 613-451-2067

email: rvrndbcarr@gmail.com

NEW ON THE PCC WEBSITE

There is a wealth of information and opportunities for study under the “Resources” tab of the PCC website. For example:

1) Advent and Christmas Resources - Find Advent studies and reflections, learn how to make your own Advent calendar or Advent wreath, find prayers, liturgies, videos and more.

<https://presbyterian.ca/worship/advent-christmas-resources/>

2) Gifts of Change catalogue - Forget about buying more stuff - give a gift that makes a difference through Gifts of Change! Train a healthcare worker in maternal and child health. Buy a goat for dairy production. Plant an olive tree in Palestine. Support an after-school program for vulnerable children and youth. Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and we'll send them a card on your behalf.

<https://presbyterian.ca/donate/gifts-of-change/>

3) Upcoming Webinar – Faithful Responses to Eco-Anxiety - No matter how people are impacted by environmental destruction or the climate crisis, these experiences can cause high levels of anxiety for everyone. How can we cope, body, mind and spirit? What are faithful responses to eco-anxiety? Join the Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll and Rev. Konnie Vissers on **Thursday, November 30, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM (EST)** to explore these questions and more.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/25/upcoming-webinar-faithful-responses-to-eco-anxiety/>

IN THE COMMUNITY

Kingston Interfaith Potluck

The Kingston Interfaith Community is holding a potluck supper on Thursday, 23 November at the Portuguese Cultural Centre (959 Division St). Bring a dish (and ingredient list) to share, and your own dishes and cutlery for eating. They ask that you arrive between 5:00 and 5:30, for dinner at 6:00. For details and to register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kingston-interfaith-community-annual-potluck-tickets-746163614457?aff=oddtcreator>

Partners in Mission

Did you know that our local foodbank, Partners in Mission, feeds upwards of 100 families per day? Yes! Per day!! 115 volunteers and 6 staff members work hard to help as many people as possible, as quickly and efficiently as possible. With 93 cents of every dollar received going directly to the food hamper program, Partners in Mission has been awarded one of the top 10 Canadian Impact Charities by Charity Intelligence 2 years in a row. They are extremely appreciative of the food and financial donations from community organizations, including St. Andrew's, as they receive zero government funding. As we approach the Christmas season – traditionally their busiest time of year – Partners in Mission is especially grateful for donations. In addition to monetary donations (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/11240>) some of their most needed items include:

Canned meat/fish	Canned Tomatoes
Peanut Butter	Pasta Sauce
Cereal	100% Fruit Juice
Baby Food	Soup
Stews/Chunky Soups	

There's a great article about Partners in Mission in the Whig: <https://www.thewhig.com/news/partners-in-mission-food-bank-kingston-continues-to-make-an-impact>

Financial Review to Oct 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$178,122	\$162,135
Missions	\$15,000	\$13,635

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Christopher
Flowers:	Various contributors
Ushers this week:	John, Dorothy
Ushers Nov 26:	Alberta, Eleanor

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

Imago Dei – A gathering to read Scripture, discuss, study and spend time in contemplative prayer. 1st Thursday monthly, 4:30-5:30. Contact: 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: Nov 24, Dec 29, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28.

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.

Convener of Property and Maintenance – John Sanger

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Mission Moment – Interval House



Kingston Interval House (KIH) provides essential, responsive, and empowering services to women, children and youth who have experienced the impact of violence against women. KIH seeks to interrupt the cycle of domestic abuse and gender-based violence through the delivery of its core services, which include:

- [Emergency shelter services](#)
- [Transitional programs](#)
- [Community-based outreach and support services](#)
- [Second-stage housing](#)
- [Community engagement and capacity building](#)

(Each of the above links will take you to the appropriate section of the KIH website where you can learn more about the work they do.)

One of the women helped by KIH commented: "The support, advice, and kindness I was shown from Kingston Interval House has been paramount to my recovery from an abusive situation. With the support of my counselor I have learned how to set healthy boundaries, and become a stronger and happier person. I am eternally grateful for the services at Kingston Interval House.

Sincerely, Anonymous"

KINGSTON INTERVAL HOUSE
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS



LA MAISON INTERVAL DE KINGSTON
POUR LES FEMMES ET LES ENFANTS EN CRISE

Contact **Kingston Interval House** if you are a woman, youth, or child experiencing domestic abuse

24-hour crisis line 613 546 1777

KingstonIntervalHouse.com



In 2023, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$1,165 to Interval House.