

Sunday January 14, 2024



The Recognition of Christ by the Apostle Nathaniel. Coptic icon – uncredited

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	How brightly beams the morning star	P. Nicolai
	Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern	J.C. Bach
	Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern	D. Buxtehude

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Before we were born, God knew us.

God knit us together in the womb.

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.

Hymn	All who the name of Jesus bear	342
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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Dorothy
	John 1:43-51	

Hymn	Open my eyes, that I may see	500
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Message "When Heaven Meets Earth"

Music Ministry	The Gate of the Year	Haskins/Butler
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Invitation to the Offering

Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	830
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Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn	Will you come and follow me	634
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Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude	Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern	Buxtehude
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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.
And 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

**You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
**Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,
**when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
**In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you**

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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 – God Knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day in the lone East.

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So heart be still:
What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until
God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes,
When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise
God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill.

Words: Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

Music: John Butler

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

With Christmas behind us, we are now in the season of Epiphany, a time celebrating the coming of the Wise Men, gift giving and the star that guided them to the Christ Child. A beautiful and inspirational hymn for this time is our hymn #180 *How brightly beams the morning star*. The original German words were by Johann Adolph Schlegel (1721-1793) and beautifully translated by Catherine Winkworth a century later. The tune used was by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) and used for many chorale preludes. The **first Prelude** is the chorale harmonized by J.S. Bach followed by a treatment by his

uncle Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703) and then another by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). The **Postlude** is yet another treatment of Nicolai's tune by Buxtehude. Buxtehude was a great inspiration for Johann Sebastian Bach. When he was 20, Bach walked from Arnstadt to Lübeck, an extraordinary 250 miles, just to hear him play and to study his music.

Another great inspirational work at this time of year is *The Gate of the Year* by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957). The original title of her poem was *God Knows* and it was written in 1908. Apparently the poem was found by Elizabeth the Queen mother, who had her young daughter Elizabeth show it to King George VI as a possible inclusion in his Christmas speech of 1939. The speech was broadcast around the world and Haskin's poem has continued to be an inspiration ever since. In my youth, my family would visit my grandparents in Aylmer Ontario and sitting on the dresser in the spare bedroom was a decorated card with the opening of *The Gate of the Year* printed on it. It was obviously an inspiration to my grandmother. I read it over and over and eventually had it memorized. In talking to my brother the other day, to my surprise he had the same thing still in his memory. It is not a bad thing for anyone to commit to memory. It can certainly help us get through our insecurities about the future. It inspired John Butler, a California Real Estate agent, to set it to music in 1996.

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

Presbyterian College Online Study

The Winter study offered by the college this year is titled “Wisdom Unveiled: Exploring Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Psalms”. We live in a world that longs for deep wisdom; a world that longs to know what a fulfilled human life looks like. Join Rev. Dr. Greg Davidson in exploring the history, content and gifts found in these Bible books. Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm, January 30 – March 4. Cost is \$55/person or \$200/group of any size. Contact the office if you are interested.

Scripture Readers

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

Pastoral Visits

If you would like to have a visit from Rev. Carr, please sign the form at the back of the sanctuary, and indicate the best way to reach you.

Financial Review to Dec. 31, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$235,000	\$225,744
Missions	\$15,000	\$23,296

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry
Livestreaming: Christopher
Flowers: Decorating Committee
Ushers today: Holly, John
Ushers 14 January: Dorothy, Andy

Mission Moment – Food for Thought



Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project,

supported by PWS&D, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful for this support that allowed her to stay out of debt. Now, she dreams of her son's wedding as well as sending her other children to school.



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

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