

**Sunday January 7, 2024**



*The Baptism of Christ.* Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo de Vinci. 1472-75

## **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**     The Old Year Has Passed Away     J.S. Bach  
                  In Dulci Jubilo                                     F.W. Zachau

## Entry of the Bible

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

The time has come!

**The time is now!**

The reign of God has drawn near.

**The kingdom of heaven is here.**

Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

**We will follow Christ and worship in his name.**

**Hymn**            Oh send thy light forth                                     29

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## Words of Assurance

**Scripture Lessons**     Responsive Psalm 29                                     Nancy  
                                  Mark 1:4-11

**Music Ministry**        The Old Year Now Away is Fled                                     *trad.*

**Message**                “Christ’s Own”

## Invitation to the Offering

**Doxology**     Praise God from whom all blessings flow                                     830

## Dedication of Offering

**Hymn**                Christ, when for us you were baptized                                     183

## Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

**Invitation**

**Apostle’s Creed** (*see next page*)

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*responsive, see next page*)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*see next page*)

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Hymn**                Thou whose almighty word                                     291

## Benediction and Choral Amen

**Postlude**     Prelude and Fugue in C Major                                     attr. J.S. Bach

## 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** (responsive)

May the Creator of heaven and earth be with you!

**And also with you!**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who gave his Heart to heal us.**

Let us give thanks to the One who made everything and called it 'good'

**How right it is to give our thanks and praise  
to the One who calls us 'Beloved'**

Into the shadows of silence ... (*minister continues prayer*)... in every time and place, we sing of your love:

**Holy, holy, holy! Creator of Light and life.**

**Heaven and earth sing forever of your love and joy.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to be baptized  
by water and the Holy Spirit.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessedness is your nature ... (*minister continues prayer*)... and the hope which is ours in that mystery we call faith:

**Bathed in your tears, Christ died for us;**

**washed in the resurrection waters, Christ rose for us;**

**bringing the waters of life to us, Christ will come again.**

As your Spirit changed chaos into creation (*minister continues prayer*)  
... God in Community, Holy in One 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.**

**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 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;

**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

**the God of glory thunders;**

**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

**and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

**the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;**

**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

**the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to this people;

**the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.**

### Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,  
‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

### **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 – The Old Year Now Away is Fled***

The old year now away is fled.

The new year it is enter-ed.

Then let us now our sins downtread

And joyfully all appear:

Let's merry be this day, and let us now both sport and play:  
Hang grief, cast care away! God send you a happy New Year!

The nameday now of Christ we keep,

Who for our sins did often weep,

His hands and feet were wounded deep

And his blessed side with a spear;

His head they crowned with thorn,

and at him they did laugh and scorn,

Who for our good was born: God send us a happy New Year!

And now with New Year's gifts each friend

Unto each other they do send:

God grant we may all our lives amend

And that the truth may appear.

Now, like the snake, your skin cast off,

of evil thoughts and sin,

And so the year begin: God send us a happy New Year!

**Words:** from *New Christmas Carols*, 1642

**Tune:** Greensleeves

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

And so another year has come and gone. It would seem that Bach looked back sadly on that year when we hear his treatment of the chorale *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*, our **first Prelude**. It is based on an old German chorale by J. Steurlein (1546-1613). The **second Prelude** is a last happy celebration of Christmas with Zachau's treatment of the well-loved *In Dulci Jubilo*. It is preceded by the chorale, the melody of which comes from the 14<sup>th</sup> century and was later harmonized by J.S. Bach. Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau was appointed organist at the church of Our Lady in Halle in 1684. One day he was approached by a little seven-year-old boy wanting lessons. His name was George Frederick Handel. He became Zachau's star pupil.

From centuries ago comes a familiar tune which has been used with various words for generations. *Greensleeves* was used for a carol found in a collection published in 1642. *The Old Year Now Away is Fled* included verses appealing to "Jack, Dick, Bessy, Mary and Joan" and also of course, the dame of the house.

As a musician, beginning a new year, I recall an anecdote about Johannes Brahms. Apparently he liked to begin his day by playing some Bach to "clean his ears out". And so I think it appropriate to play some happy Bach for the **Postlude** to begin a new year.

## 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)

## 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.

## The Giving Tree

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to donate 31 tuques, 2 pairs of slippers, 11 scarves, 6 pairs of mittens, 5 pairs of gloves and 96 pairs of socks to warm the heads, hands, necks, feet and hearts of people in need this winter.





## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2024

**Sunday School** – a multi-grade class, 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](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 2024 are: 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 Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings	\$235,000	\$225,744
Missions (Nov 30, 2023)	\$15,000	\$11,241

### SERVING THIS MORNING

**Beadle:** Larry  
**Livestreaming:** Christopher  
**Flowers:** Decorating Committee  
**Ushers today:** Elders  
**Ushers 14 January:** Holly, John

## Mission Moment – An update from Ryandale at the Manse



To the St. Andrew's Community;

It has been almost 2 years since the first of the Ryandale residents moved into the manse and as we look back over the year 2023, we are reminded of the men that have passed through the doors - each one unique in their journey

towards homelessness, and each one unique in their recovery from addictions, mental health or poverty issues that led them to becoming homeless.

How do we measure whether we are being successful? Each day a resident is clean and sober is a success. Each time that someone with mental health issues has a supportive person to talk with, that helps to stabilize them, or simply remind them to take their medication, is a success as this is one more day of remaining housed, building up skills and confidence in themselves to take the next step in their recovery. For others, it is simply living without the stigma of being poor and homeless.

This year, Ryandale achieved a significant goal in opening a third transition house; largely due to the success of the St. Andrew's Ryandale Manse project. The increased needs of many people may require a resident be supportively housed for more than a single year. With the three houses; Victoria Street, the Manse and the new property, Ryandale is now able to provide 3 different levels of supportive housing.

How many people have been directly helped from their time of living in the Manse during 2023? Numbers do not tell the full story. Three men have found sustainable housing; 8 other men have been able to maintain their housing as they overcome their addictions or mental health problems. Four more have been able to move to a lower level of care as they progress through their healing. One resident is currently looking to return to school to earn his GED and then continue to post secondary education.

The St. Andrew's community continued support for the residents of the manse is often talked about by the residents. One of the gifts that continues to be greatly appreciated and anticipated has been the monthly meals provided by some of the wonderful cooks of the St. Andrew's community. Everybody looks forward to this monthly Sunday night meal.



The monthly Sunday night meal is different in that this meal becomes a shared time to sit together. On a day-to-day basis, residents are responsible for cooking their own food so consequently do not always eat supper together. Having this meal arrive, and all they have to do is open the dishes and see what is offered, often brings out similar feelings that you or I may experience when opening gifts. These meals are something that has been given to them, and from the perspective of having so little and so little cared about them, these meals take on an increased importance and value. This meal is something that they have not had to think about or pay for out of their limited financial resources. Even the washing up becomes a communal occasion.

A resident that recently moved in was surprised and grateful for the thought that was put into the welcoming gift that he received from St. Andrew's.

Another weekly gift that continues to mean a lot to the residents is Dawn and her 4-legged helper Joseph. Their visits and conversations are so appreciated. They bring compassion, joy and support. The guys care deeply for Dawn and her friend.

Some of the residents have been able to give back to the St. Andrew's community in small ways. This past spring and fall, some of

the residents were able to help with seasonal yard cleaning. The residents appreciate what they have by living at the manse, and a desire to care for the place comes out as an expression of pride in keeping their “space” looking neat. There are now 3 residents who have volunteered to clear snow from the church parking lot and steps on weekends when Glen is not available.

What are the hopes for this coming year? More of the same in doing our best to help individuals find a place of comfort and security to heal, and to find the on-going personal supports required to support them when it is time to move.

On behalf of Ryandale and the men that have been and continue to be touched by your generosity, thank you.

Ryandale Shelter



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