

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**



## **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.

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, the power, the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

## **Lent 2 Liturgy**

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus teaching about the suffering and rejection that he would endure on his way to the cross.

**Like Peter, we resist this teaching.**

**We prefer an easier way without struggle and suffering.**

But Jesus does not hold back. He tells us that to become his followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

**May God help us as we learn more of what it means to be friends and followers of Jesus.**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **Psalms 22:23-31**

I will declare your name to my kindred;

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;

**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither turns away from them;

**when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

My praise is of God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:  
“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

**For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

**My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God;  
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that God has done.

### **Proverbs 8:1-11; 32-36**

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

‘To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.

Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.  
'And now, my children, listen to me:  
happy are those who keep my ways.  
Hear instruction and be wise,  
and do not neglect it.  
Happy is the one who listens to me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.  
For whoever finds me finds life  
and obtains favour from the Lord;  
but those who miss me injure themselves;  
all who hate me love death.'

### **Mark 8:31-38**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## 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

When I was young, one of our family's favourite records was an RCA Victor recording called "60 Years of Music America Loves Best". I dare say, such a collection would not be put together today under that title. I am lucky to have been introduced to artists like Jussi Bjoerling, Enrico Caruso, and Vladimir Horowitz. But one performer that might have had the greatest impact on me was Marian Anderson singing "Go Down, Moses". It was not just a beautiful performance with a beautiful voice, but there was something more than that. She seemed to be singing from the depth of her soul a song that represented voices from centuries of oppressed people. Our **Anthem** is the last spiritual presented as part of Black History Month.

The music of César Franck (1822-1890) is unique among composers of the Romantic period. His major works for orchestra and for organ have lots of drama with plenty of contrasting emotions. The **Preludes** today are from a collection entitled *Five Quiet Pieces from "L'Organiste"*. In contrast, Franck's *Pièce Héroïque* is not so quiet. It is also quite long, so I have had to cut out a few pages to make it a reasonable length for a **Postlude**. The music tells a story of overcoming that which is frightening, threatening or even evil. The details of the story are left to your own imagination.

### ***Introit for Lent***

If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities,  
Lord who may abide it?  
For unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice.

*From "Introits for Festival and General Use"  
by Healey Willan (1950)*

### ***Anthem – Go Down Moses***

When Israel was in Egypt land, Let my people go.  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, Let my people go.  
To lead the Hebrew children through, Let my people go.

As Israel stood by waterside, Let my people go.  
At God's command it did divide, Let my people go.

When they had reached the other shore, Let my people go.  
They let the song of triumph soar,  
Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

***Words & Music: traditional Spiritual***



# 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. A special welcome to Julielee Stitt who is leading the service this morning. Julielee is an elder of this congregation, and a ministry student at Presbyterian College, Montréal. She led our worship numerous Sundays while we were in transition between ministers, and we greatly appreciate her thoughtful and thought provoking messages.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting this year will be held immediately following the service, next week (March 3<sup>rd</sup>), in St. Andrew's Hall. Reports have been distributed electronically. Please contact the office if you need a printed copy. After reading the report, if you have questions for the finance committee please submit them, in writing, by 25 February, so answers can be given prior to the AGM. In this way, we hope to provide complete answers and also conduct the meeting in a concise manner out of respect for everyone's time on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Concert This Afternoon

Melos Choir & Period Instruments is a group of dedicated, professional musicians and auditioned choristers, who perform historically informed renditions of pieces from the 9th-19th centuries. They are having a fund-raising recital, tea and silent auction this afternoon at 3:00 in St. George's Cathedral. Tickets (35\$) are available at the door. As a bonus, our own John Hall will be accompanying some selections on the harpsichord.

## Monthly Potlucks

We invite you to stay for our monthly potluck after the service today. There is always lots to eat, so even if you haven't brought a dish, please join us. We have created a roster and encourage you to sign up for one of the tasks that help make these lunches a success. Starting in March, the potlucks will take place on the **third** Sunday of the month. Questions? Talk to Anne-Marie Gabrini or Susanne Cliff-Jüngling.

**Sunday morning volunteers**

We are urgently seeking volunteers to open the church on Sunday mornings for at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. We are in the process of hiring a replacement weekend custodian while Larry is recuperating; and while Glen has been filling in, he will be away for several weeks.

Duties would include:

- Being at church at 9:00 to check for outdoor garbage on stairs
- Turning on the lights in the sanctuary, hallways and Hall,
- Putting water glasses at the pulpit
- Unlocking door when the first people start to arrive.
- Locking up after we all leave.

If you’re willing and able to help, please contact the office.

**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)

**Seeking Scripture Readers**

There is now a sign up sheet for all the remaining Sundays of the year, so please fill in a couple blanks. And don’t worry, the office will email you during the week before you read to remind you!

**Flowers**

The flowers this morning are lovingly placed by Nancy Hancock, in memory of her mother, Bessie Budwin and her brother, Peter Budwin.

Financial Review to Jan. 31, 2024	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$14,461	\$13,068
Missions (to Dec 31, 2023)	\$15,000	\$23,296

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Beadle:</b>         | Dennis Tysick             |
| <b>Livestreaming:</b>  | Christopher Hall          |
| <b>Flowers:</b>        | Nancy Hancock             |
| <b>Ushers today:</b>   | Helene & Michael Pizzutto |
| <b>Ushers 3 March:</b> | Elders                    |

## From the back of the Lent Liturgy

### From Crop Harvest to Small Business

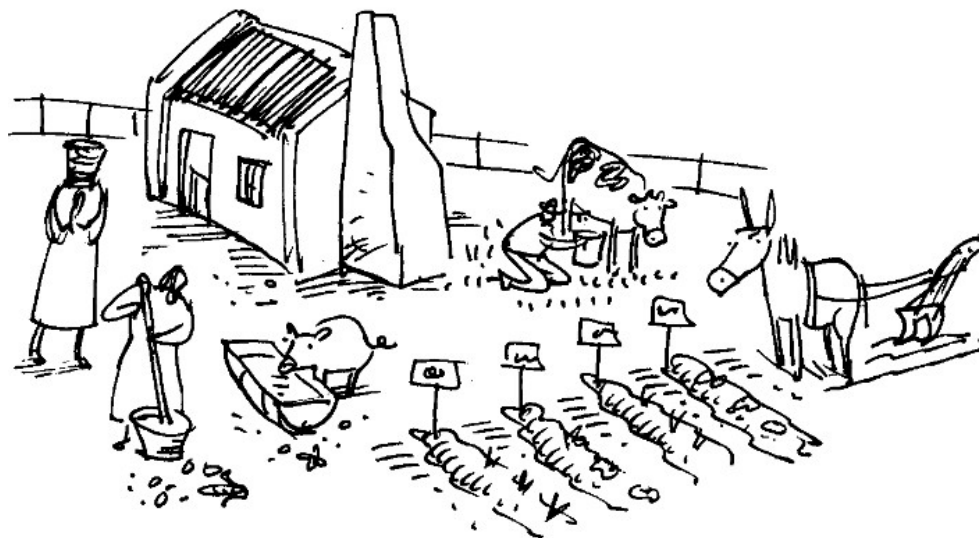
In Pakistan, Mohammad Saleh owns three acres of land in his village, where he grows guar beans. Despite sporadic rains, he had a relatively successful harvest—some of the beans were sold in the market for cash. The rest was used for food at home.

Farming is part-time in the desert area of Umerkot because farmers are challenged by unpredictable rains, droughts and floods, and can't grow enough to sustain themselves. Many work as unskilled labourers to make ends meet while waiting for their crops to ripen.

Unfortunately, the crops were not enough to last the year and Saleh worried about providing for his family when the guar ran out.

Saleh and his family received food aid through PWS&D's partner Community World Service Asia, which enabled them to access food in difficult times. Since then, he managed to save some money and set up a small store in his home, which his wife could manage while he continued to work in construction, providing the family with a sustainable income.

**This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call. PWS&D is working closely with local partners to provide communities with the resources and training they need to build better futures.**



## Mission Moment



For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family

members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future. “We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids,” shared a grateful parent.



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In 2023, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston reached their goal of contributing \$4,515 towards the work of PWS&D in the world.

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