

Sunday, 7 April, 2024



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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.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Fanfare and Chorale

James Mansfield



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)

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.

On this joyful Sunday of Easter... (*minister continues prayer*)... to raise the song of your unending greatness:

(*Sing the Sanctus: #829*)

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.

Receive our praise and joy this day, O Christ... (*minister continues prayer*)... and so we proclaim our faith and our hope as we sing:

(*Sung response #523*)

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Spirit of Life, rising in us and around... (*minister continues prayer*) ...the love we share in your name as we pray your words:

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.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you

may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 – One bread, one body (BOP 540)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many through-out the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Fruit of the vine,
gathered and crushed,
poured out and blest for all.

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.

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

Exiting the Church

Thanks to the dedicated work of the P&M Committee, we have beautiful new fencing around the church courtyard. However, please note that if you exit via the backdoor, you will find yourself locked in this courtyard! Eek! Please use the Clergy St. exits.

PWS&D response to Gaza

After over four months of war in Gaza, tens of thousands have been killed or injured and more than half a million people face catastrophic hunger. The most recent conflict in Rafah, where over a million people have sought refuge, has only complicated an already dire situation. Humanitarian efforts remain challenged by limited access and mobility, as well as the high cost of goods and the difficulties of getting them into Gaza. The [ACT Alliance Palestine Forum](#) continues to coordinate efforts to alleviate suffering on whatever fronts are possible. PWS&D has been responding as an ACT Alliance member, and through DSPR (Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees) of the Middle East Council of Churches. Ongoing conflict makes these activities incredibly challenging to carry out, but ACT Alliance members continue to do all they can. Members of the ACT Alliance Canada forum, of which PWS&D is also a member, have written to the Government of Canada to “take immediate steps to provide leadership in bringing an end to the suffering. We declare, ‘Enough is Enough!’” The letter is here: <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/private/65fdbd2b92dd1> The PCC stands in solidarity with all the people of the region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued violence and strife. With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality. As the people of Gaza continue to suffer from the impacts of war, the PCC encourages us to join in praying for peace and global solidarity. Together, may our collective prayers and actions bring hope, healing and lasting resolution.

Financial Review to 31 March, 2024	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$38,748	\$35,745
Missions (to 28 Feb)	\$4,875	\$4,975

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Dennis
Livestreaming: Christopher
Flowers: Decorating Committee
Ushers today: Elders
Ushers 14 April: Phyllis and Al

Mission Moment



Katia Bien-Aime, a senior nurse and coordinator for a nutrition program in Haiti, recalls a time when a significant number of children failed to return for follow-up care after initial treatment at the nutrition clinic. She knew something needed to be done. In response, PWS&D's partner, who also runs the original clinic, decided to begin mobile clinics.

In 2024, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,500 towards the work of the church in the world through PWS&D

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