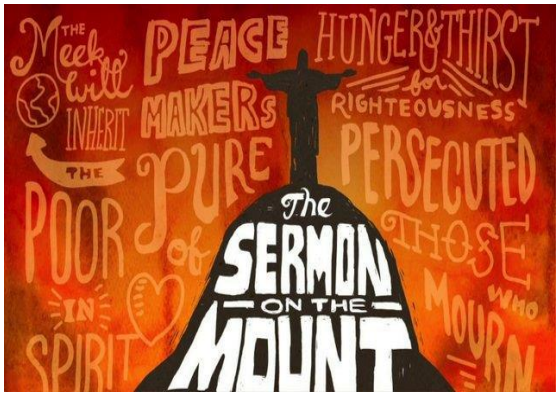


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in this community
since 1817

Order of Worship

WELCOME TO
**ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

February 18, 2018



A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Please join us after the service for refreshments in St Andrew's Hall. Thao Dinh is our certified caregiver for the nursery held just off St. Andrew's Hall in the Polson Davis Room. Infants and children aged three and under are welcome. Laura Tyner-Clement is our church school teacher, whom children are welcome to join immediately after the 'Time for Children' during the service. Please ask one of the ushers for any additional information. We acknowledge that we meet on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory.

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Prelude Adagio from Trio Sonata no.1 J.S. Bach

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn God is our refuge and our strength 30

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer (inside)

Introit Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen Spiritual

*Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
nobody knows but Jesus;
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Glory, Halleluyah!
Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down,
Oh! Yes, Lord.
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground,
Oh! Yes, Lord.*

Greetings & Announcements

Litany for Lent 1

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Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Nancy Hancock

Responsive Psalm 25: 1 - 10

Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester Malcom Archer

*O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May we know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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Benediction & Choral Congregational Amen

Postlude Prelude in C Major Georg Böhm

If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

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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, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ushers

This morning – Elaine Coderre, Pat Coderre,
David Fabian, Karen Fabian
February 25 – David Holland, Doreen Henshaw,
Susan Holland, Dorothy Messenger

Flowers

Two bouquets this morning have been placed in loving memory of Lorna Steadman Barnes, who passed away on February 20th, 2017, by John Allan (Jack) and Eva Barnes.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 25: 1 – 10

To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust,
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O God,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth,
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love
remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O God!**

Good and upright is God,
who therefore instructs sinners in the way.
**God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble God's way.**

All the paths of God are steadfast love
and faithfulness,

**for those who keep God's covenant
and testimonies.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Notes from the Director of Music

On my first trip to England, my family and I visited several cathedrals and none moved us more than Chichester. It wasn't its grandeur, its architecture, its history, its stained glass, nor its music. We put more money in the donation box than any other cathedral because I think we felt sorry for it. Chichester cathedral bears visible scars of several disasters: all three towers have collapsed and had to be rebuilt; there was an early fire which necessitated

a new roof, and there was severe defacement due to Cromwell's men. But through faith, and despite the realization that the cathedral had been built on faulty soil, the congregation and community kept the building going for over 900 years. One of its early Bishops was Richard de Wych who fought hard against corruption in the church and led a life of temperance, frugality and asceticism. He criticized the wealth of the church and focused his attention on the poor. He was buried at the cathedral in 1253 and after people made pilgrimages and reported miracles, he was sainted in 1262. On his deathbed Richard recited his own prayer which was written down in Latin. Over the years, there were different translations made into English, but in 1913, a version using the rhyming words "clearly, dearly, nearly" appeared and in 1931 the words "day by day" were added and eventually this version was used in the musical "Godspell". In 2003, Sir Malcom Archer was commissioned to compose a musical setting to the 1931 translation which is our **Anthem** today.

Continuing our music for Black History Month, the **Introit** expresses the despair of the Negro slaves; surely a people poor in spirit. The words of Jesus must have been their only words of hope.

The **Prelude** is by good ol' Johann Sebastian and the **Offertory** and **Postlude** by one of the great influences on his writing when a young man, Georg Böhm (1661-1733).

St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry

On Ash Wednesday, the 40 days of Lent begin. This year, we are suggesting that as a congregation we focus in our personal prayer times on the "high Priestly" prayer of Jesus found in the 17th chapter of John's gospel. Here Jesus prays for himself, his disciples and future followers. In these words of Jesus, we are given not as much a method of prayer as a portrait of his relationship with God.

In an attitude of humility and adoration, Jesus pours out his heart before his heavenly Father. Each week of Lent, we will focus on a particular verse from this prayer.

This week, let us pray for our personal concerns and needs as we reflect on the richness and grace of John 17:3

"And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Today

Congregational Potluck

Be sure to linger for the congregational potluck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall immediately following the morning service.

Prayer

If you would feel supported by a time of personal prayer after the service, for yourself or others, please join a member of the prayer team by the 'prayer pillar' at the front of the sanctuary.

Mission Initiatives

In addition to our commitment to Presbyterians Sharing, many of us designate part of our offerings to support a set of 11 congregational mission initiatives. In February, a poster in St. Andrew's Hall highlights Mustard Seed International, an inter-denominational mission that is at work transforming education for Christians in South East Asia. www.mustardseed.org

On-Street Parking

With the 'big dig' along Princess Street now underway, please note that additional parking can be found north of Queen Street - the time of day restrictions are not applicable on Sundays. Members are also reminded to leave the church parking lot clear for those with significant mobility issues.

This Week

Winter Tuesday Evenings Studies

A series of six evenings beginning this Tuesday, February 20, 7-8:30 p.m. This winter we will be following presentations around the DVD presented theme 'Towards Belief'. The sessions explore some of the most common 'belief blockers' of our time, and through interviews with more than thirty articulate Christians, seek a way to better understand ... the bible, suffering, religious violence etc. Led by the minister, all welcome!

Morning Bible Study

Thursday, February 22, 10 am Rev Nancy Hancock will be leading an informal study of a passage from the Letter of James (3:1-18) no bible knowledge needed.

An Anniversary Moment

Canadian Destiny Once Thought To Be
'Easily Foreseeable'

In the nineteenth century, little was known about what the needs of our physical world might be. In 1832, the Rev John Machar extolled the greatness of our country from St Andrew's pulpit: "Blessed with a climate already very salubrious – [ie 'pleasant & healthy' (!)] - as the woods are cleared away and the marshes dried up... it is not difficult to foresee the destiny that awaits Canada among the nations of the world." Such a perspective could easily become the basis of Joni Mitchell singing "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." It is interesting to note, however, that the Rev. Machar's own daughter, Agnes Maule Machar, came to be an acknowledged environmentalist as well as author and social advocate. As we move forward in this current "salubrious" winter, we are grateful as Christians for an ever-deepening understanding of how to respect and heal the world around us. The littlest thing makes a difference, such as switching from Styrofoam cups in our St. Andrew's kitchen.

Isaiah 1:18 promises that when we turn from wrongdoing and seek forgiveness, God makes us as clean as 'freshly fallen snow.' – Rose DeShaw

Advance Notice

Annual General Meeting

The St. Andrew's AGM will be held after worship on Sunday February 25, 12:30 p.m. Be sure to pick up the reports the week before. Sandwiches provided!

Imago Dei

Thursday, March 1, 4:30 – 5:30.p.m. If you are desiring to know God better and experience a closer walk with God, you are invited to join this growing group. Contact Dorothy for more information by email: dotmessenger@gmail.com

2018 World Day of Prayer

Join in an ecumenical and global hour of praise and prayer - 'All God's Creation Is Very Good'. Friday March 2, 2 p.m. at Strathcona Park Presbyterian Church, 244 McMahon Ave. The Rev. Heidi De Jonge preaching, and special music by Jenny Shepherd of Picton. Information: Donna Delacretaz, adelacretaz@cogeco.ca 613-536-1626.

Also

WMS Treasurer Needed

Our mission supporters are in need of a treasurer. Not too demanding. Attendance at meetings not absolutely necessary. Please speak to Louise Axford (613-634-5782) or the Minister.

Weekly Givings	Budgeted	Received
February 4 2018	\$2,825.01	\$2,503.00
Totals	\$28,242.18	\$21,880.75

Presbyterian World Service & Development



In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities. This all changed when she participated in PWS&D-supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live. While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. "We are highly grateful to PWS&D for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists." In 2017, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston had a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D.