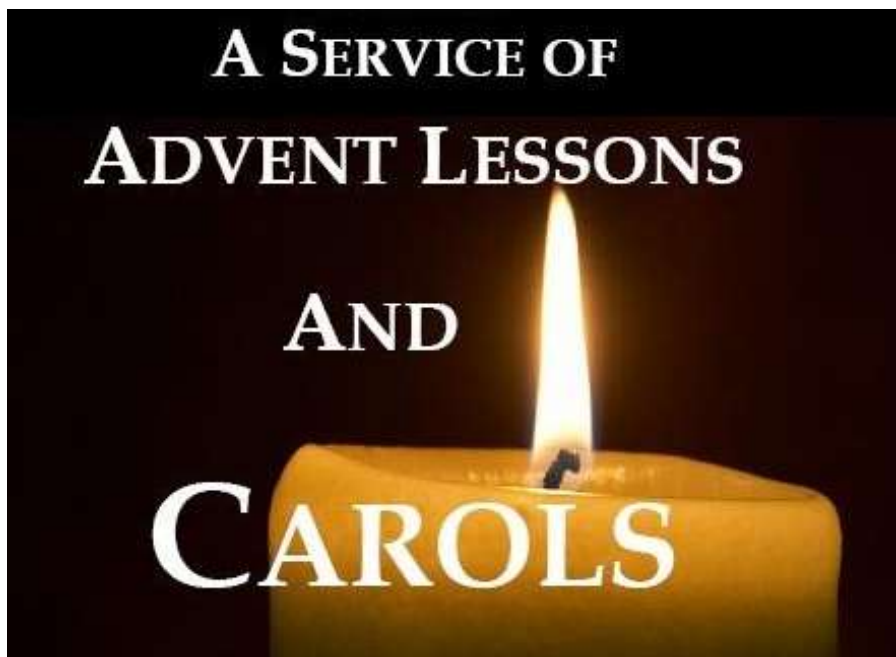


Sunday December 15, 2019



**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 Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Nicolai

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Greetings & Announcements

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle Crystal C.

Scripture Readings & Carols for Advent

Introit Matin Responsory Palestrina

Choir Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth M. Praetorius

Hymn Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #110

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 16, 18-21 Will C.

Choir Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen G.R. Woodward

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23: 5-6 Nancy H.

Choir Wachtet Auf! J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading Zechariah 9: 9-10

Hymn 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime #144

Organ The Journey to Bethlehem Cesar Frank

Choir King Jesus Hath a Garden

Scripture Reading Haggai 2: 6-9

Choir Infant Holy

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35: 1-6

Hymn Hark a Thrilling Voice #116

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 26-35, 38

Choir Hail Blessed Virgin Mary Woodward/Wood

Anthem The Little Road to Bethlehem

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15

Choir Sleepers Wake! Mendelssohn

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Noël en Musette

D'Aquin

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Lo! Christ Comes with Clouds

#120

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude Noël

D'Aquin

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

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.

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, for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43: 16, 18-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal

wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Haggai 2: 6-9

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 35: 1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Mark 1: 9-11, 14-15

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.'

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Today's service has evolved from a form of service first conceived in the late 19th century by the Bishop of Truro in England. In 1918, King's College Cambridge modified it and performed the first Nine Lesson and Carol service which later became a traditional radio broadcast, continuing to this day. Another set of readings was drawn up by King's College for use in Advent and this is what we are using in today's service. Between the readings is a collection of hymns and

carols from various sources and countries from early Christian times up until modern times.

The melody for “Wachet Auf” may go back to Hans Sachs (1494-1576). Philipp Nicolai was born in 1556 and during the years 1596-1597, lived near a churchyard where he witnessed as many as 30 funerals a day because of a serious plague. Fearing that his own time was up, he began to write hymns so that he could leave this world with a sense of joy and accomplishment. He adapted this early tune to his own text in German. We hear this early version for the **Prelude** and another harmonization by August Knabe published in Essen in 1941. Nicolai survived the plague and lived until 1608. Later, J.S. Bach used the same words with a different harmonization which has become the best known (see #127 in our Book of Praise). Several different English translations have been used over the years. Felix Mendelssohn used the chorale in his oratorio *St. Paul*, composed about a hundred years after Bach.

One of the more interesting Noëls composed by Louis Claude D’Aquin (1694-1772) was written in the style of an early bagpipe called the “musette”. It uses only one pedal note throughout the piece. This could be supplemented with other instruments. We hear this piece for the **Offertory** and one of his larger Noëls for the **Postlude**. Christmas is almost here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY

Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. During this service, there is a nursery offered for infants, hosted by certified teacher Elaine Coderre & a programme for young children led by Laura Tyner-Clement—please speak to an usher for information.

Prayer Partnership

If you would like to have a time of personal prayer after the service, you are invited to meet a member of the prayer team at the pillar just to the left of the pulpit. Prayer team members are Dorothy M. David S. Dennis T. and Barb Z.

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

"Freely you have received, freely give."

(Matthew 10:8) This Advent season, the Elders of St. Andrew's are suggesting that we support Home Base Housing, through whom we can reach out to many of the un-housed folk who frequent our downtown corner. Donations will be received this Sunday and next. An ornament will be placed on the tree in the sanctuary to commemorate each gift. Let's fill the tree with ornaments! Speak to Marilyn T. for details.

ALSO

Congregational Potluck

Today, Sunday Dec 15, 2019. All welcome to stay and enjoy this monthly luncheon immediately following the service.

Christmas Eve CORRECTION

Some newsletters contained incorrect information regarding the Christmas Eve Service. **NOTE December 24, 7:00 p.m.**

Used Stamps

Please consider keeping the stamps from mail received, cut with a centimeter border all around. They are collected in a blue box on the shelves in St. Andrew's Hall and used to support the work of the Canadian Bible Society.

Offering Update Monthly Givings	Budgeted	Received
November 30, 2019	\$213,905.78	\$204,500.43

Amounts shown only represent the Offerings portion of the budget. As the congregation approved a budget that forecasts an overall deficit of \$16,373, meeting the Offerings portion of the budget may still result in a year-end deficit.

2020 offering boxes and envelopes for PAR contributors are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.

Ushers This Morning

Dec 15

John S. Joan B.
Wendy W. Ralph K.

Dec 22

Karen & David F.
Dixie & Murray D.

Tower Bell Ringer

Anne M.



Nancy Hancock is a member of the St. Andrew's Missions Committee and our own "Presbyterian World Service and Development Champion". She brings awareness to the work of PWS&D through periodic bulletin blurbs or inserts about special projects or needs. On the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm., all the PWS&D Champions throughout Canada spend time in prayer for the various works of relief; refugees; development work; and work with indigenous groups in Canada.

Amongst all the glossy brochures of this season there is a small and simple one called "Gifts of Change". This catalogue contains some of the projects of our own denomination towards which you can make a gift in memory of someone or as a gift in honour of that person on your gift list who has "everything". Your gift will help our partners carry out the important work of bringing hope and change to people who most need it. Why not pick up a Gifts of Change brochure today, found in St. Andrews Hall? You can also find this brochure online, at www.Presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange .

This year, in addition to our congregational contributions to Presbyterians Sharing of \$25,000, members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$3,700 to the work of Christ through PWS&D through offerings designated "Mission."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert William Clark who served in the 146 battalion during the Great War. The Colours of the 146th are displayed in our Sanctuary. Given by Robert, Dennis, Peter and Carolyn.

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