

Sunday January 8, 2023



Transfiguration of Christ. Early 13thC. In the Louvre, Paris

**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

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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.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,

the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,

because of all that the Lord has done for us,

and the great favour to the house of Israel

that he has shown them according to his mercy,

according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,

children who will not deal falsely';

and he became their saviour

in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 2:13-22

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time

that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

1 Peter 1:3-25

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels

long to look! Therefore, prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For

‘All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’
That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Anthem ~ The Gate of the Year

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!”
And he replied, “Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way.”

Text: Minnie Louise Haskins (1876-1957)
(Used by King George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast)

Music: John Butler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! A special welcome and thank you to Heather Kern who is leading the service. We are very grateful to the Reverends Heather and Paul Kern for generously conducting our worship for many Sundays during this time of transition. Heather and Paul have pastored together for 26 years, and both currently serve as Correctional Chaplains: Paul at Collins Bay, and Heather at Millhaven.

Lunch and Learn

Next Sunday, January 15th, our guest speaker will be Guy Smagghe, the Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development. He has also generously agreed to host a Lunch & Learn with the congregation after the service, to share some photos, stories and information about PWS&D's 75 years of service. A lunch of sandwiches, veggies, fruit and cookies will be provided. Please make plans to stay and attend!

Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our giving tree project. We raised \$770.00 for Interval House! These monies will be used to provide support service to women, children and youth in the Kingston area, who have been impacted by domestic violence.

Support for Ministry Student

Various individual members and friends of the congregation also generously donated a total of \$2,560.00 towards Julielee's education fund, to support her studies at Presbyterian College, Montréal.

Pastoral Care

If anyone needs Pastoral Care during this time of transition, please contact either Nancy Hancock at (h) 613-546-4951 (c) 613-893-3683 or Dorothy Messenger at (h) 613-767-2835 (c) 902-830-0692.

Masks

In keeping with public health guidelines, the Session encourages all who come to St. Andrew's to wear a mask while in the building. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this extraordinary time.

WINTER ACTIVITIES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday School and Nursery: Sundays after Children's Time

Choir: Thursdays, 7:30, St. Andrew's Hall mjchall@telusplanet.net

Taizé services: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30, sanctuary
<https://zoom.us/j/82464811989#:~:text=https%3A//us02web.zoom.us/j/82464811989>

Craft and Chat: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:30, St. Andrew's Hall

Imago Dei: 1st Thursday of each month, 4:30 – 5:30, by zoom
dotmessenger@gmail.com

Bible Study: Resumes January 26, 2023, 1:30, by zoom.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

Circle of Prayer

This team of St. Andrew's members is ready to add their prayers to yours. Please send requests in full confidence to our co-ordinator Dorothy at dotmessenger@gmail.com

Calling all Bakers

Anyone wishing to drop off homemade baked items (please include the ingredient list) for the Manse residents should call Jane Bailey (Manse Administrator) at 613-766-4432 to arrange a drop-off time.

Food Basket

Remembering neighbours in need, we have resumed collecting foodstuffs for distribution through the Partners In Mission food bank. You are invited to bring a contribution on Sunday mornings.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Larry
Livestreaming:	Benjamin, Christopher
Flowers:	Various contributors
Ushers this week:	Dorothy and Lori-Kim
Ushers Jan.15:	Elaine and Pat

Financial Review to December 31, 2022	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$240,000	\$235,791

Mission Moment



Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan. "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.



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In 2022, St. Andrew's had a goal of donating \$5,340 to the work of Christ through PWS&D

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