Sunday March 19, 2023



Northern Lights. William Montague

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

Preludes O Saviour, Hear Me C.W. von Gluck

Wo Soll ich Fliehen Hin F.W. Zachau

Entry of the Bible

Responsive Call to Worship

The Lord is our Shepherd. **God leads us by still waters.**Christ restores our souls.

The Spirit leads us in right paths.

Let us worship God who is always with us.

We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness

and mercy!

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Prayer of Approach

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Sermon I am the Light of the World

The Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister

Hymn Precious Lord, take my hand 675

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

Hymn In the cross of Christ I glory 208

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Short Prelude and Fugue VII in a J.S. Bach

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

John 9:1-12; 35-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered,

'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him,

'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said,

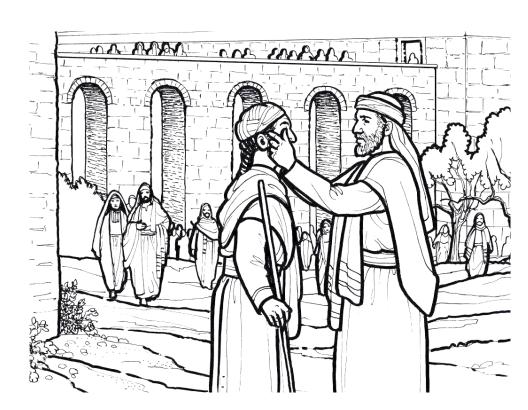
'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'
He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him,

'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said,

'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.'

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them,

'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.



Songs at Children's Time

Jesus loves me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

(chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! (x3)
The Bible tells me so!

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me." (chorus)

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. (chorus)

Skinnamarink

(chorus x2) Skinnamarinky dinky dink Skinnamarinky do, I love you!

I love you in the morning,
And in the afternoon
I love you in the evening,
Underneath the moon (chorus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this week, both in person and online! A special welcome back and thank you to the Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister, founder and senior minister of Spirit Renewal Ministries - a non-denominational ministry serving faith communities in Canada and overseas. Stephen has just recently returned from a mission trip to Kenya and we are pleased to welcome him back to Canada and to St. Andrew's.

We are very grateful also to Paul Payne who has been emceeing our worship services for most of the winter. Thank you Paul!

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.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

March 26 - Julielee Stitt

April 2 - Palm Sunday - The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

April 9 – Easter Sunday - The Revs. Paul and Heather Kern

April 16 – Mark Kotchapaw (camp lawah)

April 23 – Lori-Kim den Otter

Holy Week

<u>Good Friday</u> – 7 April, 10 a.m., Sydenham St. United, 82 Sydenham St. Anyone interested in singing in the joint choir should come for a 9:00 rehearsal.

Summer Camp

Julielee Stitt has agreed to be Chaplain at Rideau Hill camp for a week in August. In lieu of remuneration, she is able to have 2 campers enroll for a weeklong Christian camp experience! More information at: https://rideauhillcamp.com/camps/ Interested? Contact the office (lorikim@standrewskingston.org) to be put in contact with Julielee.

PCC 2024 Wall Calendar call for Submissions

The national church is looking for images to use in its annual calendar. This year's theme is Doors & Crossings: Images from the church's ministries or people which represent opportunities for renewal and change. They are requesting submissions asap. For more info, and to submit, visit: https://presbyterian.ca/2023/01/27/call-for-photos/

Presbyterian Connection

The spring issue of our national church newspaper has some great, thought provoking articles, lots of lovely pictures, profiles of the 3 candidates for Moderator of General Assembly 2023, and even a story about the vestry project here at St. Andrew's. Pick up a copy in the narthex, and sit back with a cuppa, for a quiet Sunday afternoon read.

Masks

Masking is one layer of protection against respiratory illness. To reduce the risk of getting sick, you may want to continue wearing a mask in indoor settings. If you would like one, masks are available at the back of the church.

RECURRING 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/meeting/82464811989#:~:text=https%3A//uso2

web.zoom.us/j/82464811989

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

Imago Dei: 1st of each month, 4:30 – 5:30, by zoom

dotmessenger@gmail.com

Bible Study: Last Thursday of the month, 1:30, by zoom.

lorikim@standrewskingston.org

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND REACH OUT

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

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.

PWS&D Earthquake Response

To read about PWS&D's work in the aftermath of the earthquake in Syria-Türkiye, or to donate to their efforts, visit: presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2023/02/07/syria-turkey-earthquake-response/

Centre for Christianity, Culture and the Arts

... has a beautiful devotional series called The Lent Project, which you can have delivered to your email inbox daily February 21-April 15. This link will bring you to their calendar where there is a big red bar to sign up: https://ccca.biola.edu/lent/

Lent Study Opportunities

- 1) "Aging with Wisdom and Grace" –A 5-week **in-person** study, Thursdays, 1:30-3:00, Feb. 23 Mar. 23 at St. Luke's Anglican.
- 2) "Becoming Rooted: 100 Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth" –A 6- week, **zoom** study, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00, March 1 April 5. Hosted by St. James' Anglican. contact: sharon@stjameskingston.ca

The Mess on PBS

In case you missed it, there was a 5-minute feature about the Mess on WPBS Weekly: Inside the Stories last week!! You can check it out here: https://www.facebook.com/themesskingston/posts/pfbidoQNxdzNFnSd64wF2uhSizzENxAKrZn1Mb69BWcgWYA9JCT8wnfnEMw2k66kaMiAzhl If you aren't on Facebook, The Mess feature begins at approx. 13 minutes into the programme at the WPBS Weekly website: https://watch.wpbstv.org/video/march-7-2023-uyk6k4/

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Larry

Livestreaming: Benjamin, Christopher **Flowers:** various contributors

Ushers this week: Elaine and Pat **Ushers March 26:** Alberta, Eleanor

Financial Review to February 28, 2023	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$38,290	\$28,514
Missions	\$3,250	\$3 , 255

Mission Moment – Presbyterian College Montreal



The Presbyterian College, one of three theological colleges of the PCC, has been shaping transformational leaders since 1865. It is set in the heart of Montreal, on the campus of McGill University, with which it is affiliated. A small college with a diverse student

body, it grants graduate degrees and certificates. With a smaller student body and faculty, it provides a unique experience for students, such as myself, members/elders Julielee Stitt and Ralph Kendall, as well as our former minister, Andrew Johnston. I found it different from other universities: it was easier to get to know my fellow students; professors were very approachable both academically and personally; we learned alongside students of every race and denomination; and we had access to the vast resources available at McGill University.

In their own words, the College is a community of study, prayer, and worship, sharing together as those on the way with the risen

Jesus. Its mission is to prepare women and men for service within local congregations and communities. Through exploration of scripture, theology and culture, students deepen their intellectual understanding of their Christian faith. Through worship and prayer, they grow in their relationship with the risen Christ. As iron sharpens iron, interaction with people of different denominations and cultures, students are challenged and enriched in their own faith traditions.

Presbyterian College also provides workshops, study series, retreats, and courses for non-clergy members and elders of our churches, both in-person and online. All are inclusive and welcoming.

Through our Mission Fund and individual gifts, St. Andrew's supports the Presbyterian College and the education and future ministry of Julielee Stitt. She is growing in her faith and giftedness, as evidenced in her monthly leadership in our worship services. Thank you for your support of the Presbyterian College and of Julielee.

-submitted by: Nancy Hancock

To view a video about the college, visit: https://vimeo.com/430380450



In 2023, through offerings designated "Mission", members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of donating \$1,165 to

the work of Christ through Presbyterians College Montréal.

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