

Sunday, 28 April, 2024



St. Philip with Simeon Bachos the Eunuch. in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo tradition

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preludes Draw us to Thee
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won! J.G. Walther

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Now is Christ Risen

Call to Worship

Like spring breaking through winter's power,
**God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives
in surprising ways.**

Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,
God's Word upholds the church in strength.

Let us worship God who makes all things new.

We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

Hymn Christ for the world we sing (*Tune: Moscow #291*) 772

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons Psalm 22:25-31
Acts 8:26-40 Andy

Hymn God, who made the Earth 705

Message "Go."

Music Ministry O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Tom Council

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn God bless your church with strength 491

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Easter Hymn Healey Willan

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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.

Introit for Easter V

Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death,
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20-21

Anthem – O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days
Our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise.
To thee, in jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: Latin, Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)
Music: French Noël 1623 arr. Tom Council

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This past Monday was Earth Day when we think about plastic bags. We should also think about the wonderful place God gave us to take care of. Our **second Hymn** will help remind us of what we must be grateful for.

With Easter Day a month behind us, it is hard to feel that we are technically still within the Easter season. Our Orthodox friends will not have their Easter for another week. Easter is a time when we can enjoy some really good hymns and arrangements of those hymns. The **Anthem** is a brief arrangement by Dallas composer Tom Council of the 15th century French carol, “O filii et Filiae” or as it is more commonly known, “O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing” or as our Book of Praise prefers to call it “Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” (#261).

All of the organ music selections are Choral Preludes, based on Easter hymns. The two **Preludes** are by German composer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) who was a relative of J.S. Bach. Like Melchior Vulpius, the composer of that great Easter hymn “The strife is o’er the Battle Done”, Walther came from Weimar in Germany. The **Postlude**, by Canadian Healey Willan, is based on what is probably the best known Easter hymn and the tune is called simply “Easter Hymn” (#243). It comes from a collection of hymns from 1708 called *Lyra Davidica* which came from Latin and German sources. The compiler of

this collection states in his Preface that it was his intention to introduce “a little freer air than the grave movement of the Psalm-tunes. ... In Germany, where they have abundance of divine songs and hymns, set to short and pleasant tunes, the peasant at his plow, the servants at their labour, the children in the street... make use of these (hymns) for the expression of their mirth; and have no such custom as we unhappily labour under, of ballads and profane songs”.

So I encourage you to sing or whistle these happy Easter tunes as you walk down the street, rake your lawn or pull your plow this week.

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.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The beautiful florals which grace our sanctuary every Sunday are often donated by people in the congregation. Sometimes we have potted plants, blooms from a garden, or even wildflower bouquets. If you would like to participate this way, please jot your name down next to a given Sunday on the clipboard by the “St. Andrew’s” bulletin board in the Hall. There are many vases in the kitchen for use, and someone is always available to lend an artistic hand with arrangements.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2024

Sunday School – a multi-grade class, each Sunday immediately after Children’s Time. We also have a nursery for infants and pre-schoolers, staffed by a certified ECE.

Choir – Thursdays 7:00 pm, St. Andrew’s Hall, mjchall@telusplanet.net

Bible Study – Tuesdays, 10:30 & 7:00 in St. Andrew’s Hall

Imago Dei – A gathering to read Scripture, discuss, study and spend time in contemplative prayer. 1st Thursday monthly, 4:30-5:30. Contact: dotmessenger@gmail.com

Prayer in Song – A meditative ecumenical gathering of singing and prayer in the Taizé tradition. Last Friday of each month, 5:15-6:00 pm, in the chapel of St. Andrew’s. Enter via doors on Princess St. Dates for 2024 are: Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28.

Session – 2nd Monday monthly, 7:00, St. Andrew’s Hall. If you have something you would like to bring to Session, please contact your elder by the Friday before the meeting so it can be put on the agenda.

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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle: Dennis

Livestreaming: Christopher

Flowers: Decorating Committee

Ushers today: Dorothy, Andy

Ushers 28 April: Elders

Mission Moment



The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a congregation of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been providing temporary shelter and food for people displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program includes hot food deliveries to elderly congregation members who live alone and are unable to cook for themselves.



In 2024, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have a goal of contributing \$23,000 towards the work of the church in the world through PWS&D

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