



St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa

The Presbyterian Church in Canada/L'Église presbytérienne au Canada

November 12, 2023 – 10:30AM



***WORSHIPPING, CARING, GROWING, REACHING OUT,
IN THE NAME OF CHRIST***

Territorial Acknowledgement: Today we worship on the traditional and unceded lands of the Algonquin people.

Order of Service

When the foolish took their lamps they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. Matthew 25:3-4

The Gathering: We Come into God's Presence

*You are invited to stand if you are able.

Opening Voluntary Romanze in G, Op. 40
Ralitsa Tcholakova, Violin,

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Welcome and Announcements

Stuart McLeod

***Hymn 293** Come, thou almighty King "Moscow" Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)
Words: Anonymous

***Entry of the Holy Scriptures**

***Call to Worship**

Aerin Abalao

Introit O how amiable are thy dwellings R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. (From Ps. 84, 90, and Isaac Watts).

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

We Hear God's Word

Hymn 655* Give me oil in my lamp "Give me oil" Traditional
 Arr: Christian Strover (1932 -) Words: Anonymous

A Time for Children

Rev. Heather Paton

Psalm 84 (Refrain 2)

Prayer for Illumination

Ian Jarvis

Scripture Readings Matthew 25:1-13

NT Pg. 27

Hymn 127* Sleepers, wake! "Wachet auf" Hans Sachs (1494-1576)
 Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), trans. Carl P. Daw Jr. (1944-)

Sermon Lighting the way

We Respond to God's Word

Anthem And I saw a new heaven Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will dwell with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain: for the former things have passed away.' (from Rev. 21).

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

***Doxology (830)**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending: We Go out into God's World

***Hymn 386** Come down, O Love divine "Down ampiey" R. Vaughan Williams
Words: Bianco da Siena (13??-1434) trans. R.F. Littledale (1833-1890)

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Voluntary Finale (from Symphonie VI, Op. 42) C. M. Widor (1844-1937)

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Welcome to St. Andrew's

The ushers greeting you at the door this morning are **Janice McFarlane, Anthea Odai, Joan Rivard and James Tambong**. They will be happy to help you find your way and locate what you need. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Hearing Assist devices & Large Print hymn books are available by the south entrance to the sanctuary. Our ushers are glad to help you identify them.

Hospitality: Through the south doors of the sanctuary you will find Grant Hall where coffee, tea, juice and cookies are served and fellowship shared after the service.

Washrooms are located on the same floor as the sanctuary. Through the south doors of the sanctuary, through the lobby, turn right and pass through the fellowship hall and down the hallway. They will be on your left.

Children's bulletins and colouring sheets are available at both sanctuary entrances.

Worship at St. Andrew's

Thanks to those who served today including:

Pealing the Bell: Joan Rivard
Hospitality: Noral Rebin
Sunday School: Rev. Heather Paton and Aisling Boomgaardt
Outdoor Greeter: Ian Jarvis
Assisting at the Organ: Nathan Jeffrey

The 10:30 am Sunday Service is livestreamed and can be found through the week on our website www.standrewsottawa.ca.

Communion Sunday, December 3 at 10:30am. Please join us for the celebration of Communion. If you are attending in person, please be sure to see the Elder on duty at the Sanctuary's South and North Doors to record your attendance at Communion. Recording attendance is a long-standing tradition within the Presbyterian Church. And you might recall this replaces the use of Communion Cards to record attendance. And if you are joining us online, please participate with us by having your own wine or juice and bread nearby.

Advent Carol Service: Sunday, December 3 at 4:00pm.

For Children: Church School and Nursery

Children are invited to attend Sunday School in two separate classes, one for children ten to thirteen years old and the other for children nine and under. After the children's time in worship, we move to St. Andrew's Hall through the west doors and down the stairs. After the service, parents are asked to meet their children in Grant Hall (out the east doors) at coffee hour. Parents/guardians are always welcome to attend with their children and children welcome to stay in worship. There are colouring sheets and children's bulletins at both sanctuary entrances.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals: Commence Sunday, November 12. Meet for lunch and introductions downstairs right after the service. Afterward, we will move up to the Sanctuary. Next Sunday, November 19 the Pageant Director, Riley Brockington, will be out of town. We are planning a shorter rehearsal that will include a script reading, allowing all actors an opportunity to practice their lines. Contact Aisling Boomgaardt (aisboom@hotmail.com) for more information.

Scripture Reader Workshop: Sunday, November 12 (today!) after worship in the Currie Room. Lunch provided.

Living the Questions: Invitation to Journey. Wednesday evenings: come for dinner at 6:00pm and stay for the discussion from 7:00 to 8:15pm, or participate in the discussion only for November 15, 22 and 29. This week's topic: Creation Stories.

Living the Questions is designed as an alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. The study materials include videos featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts. Register on the St. Andrew's website.

Book Club: Friday, November 17. Hybrid at 7:00pm. "Eye of the Needle" by Ken Follett. Contact Laura McGregor for details ljm90star@gmail.com.

Calendars for sale: The 2024 PCC wall calendars have arrived! It features wonderful photos of church doors, crossings, thresholds...and a photo of St. Andrew's! Youth will be selling them after worship for \$8, in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre.

Fair Trade Table: Open in Grant Hall after service. Pick up great stocking stuffers for Christmas including coffee, chocolate, olive oil, spices and more! Proceeds go towards the St. Andrew's Refugee fund.

Music as Sanctuary

Tuesdays at 12:10pm. November 14: Suren Barry, Harpsichord. We're bringing music to downtown every Tuesday lunchtime in this beautiful space. Freewill offering. Seasonal Soup lunch to follow, also freewill offering, \$5.00 suggested.
Next week: Adam Sperry, Tenor and Andrew Ager, Piano.

Celebration of Life

For Merle Jones: Saturday, December 9, 1:00pm at Erling's Variety, 225 Strathcona Ave. Join her family for a buffet lunch and a glass of rum punch. RSVP to Ken at thekenjonesexperience@gmail.com or Beth at jones_beth@yahoo.com.

Opportunities to Participate and Volunteer

Brown Bag Donations: Please drop off your filled brown "wish" bags today at the Guild table set up in the south foyer.

Bakers Needed: The Women's Guild requires squares or shortbread to serve at the upcoming tea and bazaar. If you can help out, your items will be gladly received by the Guild in the downstairs kitchen from Thursday, November 23, until the event day of November 25 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Many thanks in advance!

White Gift Sunday: Begins November 26. This year we look forward to delivering books and gift certificates to Cambridge Street Public School. Check the website or Grant Hall for information and the 'Wish List' from the school. Book bins will be placed in each Narthex on Sundays during December. Thank you! St. Andrew's Ottawa CE Committee.

Coming up at St. Andrew's: Mark your Calendars!

Scottish Tea and Christmas Bazaar: November 25, 1:00- 3:30 pm. There will be tables of Attic Treasures, including Christmas and Scottish items, Linens, Books, Art, Crafts, Jewelry and a Silent Auction. Donations should be left at the church by **Wednesday, November 22**. Please support this Women's Guild fundraiser. For information, contact Gail Bowes, bowes125@hotmail.com.

Men's Fellowship: Monday, November 27 at 6:00pm in St. Andrew's Hall. All are welcome.

Dementia Workshop: Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00pm. Contact Laura McGregor ljm90star@gmail.com.

Christmas Cookie Baking: Friday, December 1 6:30-9:00pm in St. Andrew's Hall. Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to bake Christmas cookies to be distributed to members who are not able to get out. Contact Rev. Heather by November 24 if you wish to attend.

Stewardship Encouragement



"When money rules, we remember the price of things and forget the value of things, and that is dangerous."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks – philosopher, theologian, author

Our offering today supports the life and work of St. Andrew's. In addition to contributing to the offering taken during worship, you can also give on line using www.standrewsottawa.ca/one-time-gifts or by using the QR code here. "Many people give money to charities and pay their bills with automatic deductions from their bank accounts, because it ensures their goals are achieved every month. Perhaps this is you. Did know you can do the same thing for this Church? It is true. Learn

more here <http://www.standrewsottawa.ca/more-giving-options>. Set up auto-giving with St. Andrew's today."

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community,
who teaches us the way of peace through life together,
who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:
as we now celebrate the communion of saints,
pour into our hearts the power of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayers from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion God is, Year C, Vol. 1.
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Moment for Mission



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**We are people gathered by God from across the National Capital Area
to be a witness of Christian hope at the centre of the region.**