

Sunday, 17 March, 2024



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem - Rembrandt

**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

Prelude Nocturne John Field

Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Introit for Lent

Healey Willan

Call to Worship

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.

We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

And so we pray, as Jesus taught us, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Hymn Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth 80

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Box

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons Responsive Psalm 51:1-12

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hymn O love, how deep, how broad, how high (V1-4) 205

Message "Writing God on our Heart"

Music Ministry If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People (*Response during prayer – God in your mercy, hear our prayer*)

Hymn I heard the voice of Jesus say

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Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Hector the Hero

J.S Skinner

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

***according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.***

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

***For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.***

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,

***so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.***

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

***You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.***

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

***Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.***

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.***

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.***

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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 Lent

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord;
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:
O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed

*From "Introits for Festival and General Use"
by Healey Willan (1950)*

Anthem – If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter.
That he may abide with you forever:
Even the Spirit of truth.

*Words from John 14:
Music: Thomas Tallis (1520-1585)*

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This is Ireland's special day, and whether of Irish descent or not, most Canadians like to celebrate in some fashion. Ireland does not stand out as a place of great composers. Charles Stanford, whose anthem we heard a few weeks ago, was born in Ireland but made his career in England and is regarded as an English composer. But there is one man who can be said to have been a great Irish composer. John Field was born in Dublin in 1782 to musical parents: his father was a violinist and his grandfather, who taught him piano, was an organist in

the Church of Ireland. His family moved to London when he was eleven and he had the opportunity to study and work with Muzio Clementi who was a publisher, composer and maker of pianos. He accompanied Clementi to Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg, helping him sell pianos but also doing important concertizing. The piano was still in the early development stages, but he and Clementi helped to popularize it as an important musical instrument. Field is regarded as a composer in the early Romantic period, and is most noted for establishing the “Nocturne” as a character piece for piano. Decades later, the Nocturne was made more popular by Chopin. Field’s music influenced many other composers in the later Romantic period including Mendelssohn.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was an English composer who liked to collect folk songs from the English countryside and build musical works on them. One tune, said to come from Ireland, was used for a hymn tune called “Kingsfold” and it is used for our last **Hymn** today. In Ireland, the tune, in a more rhythmical form, is known as “The Star of the County Down”. Another great English composer was Thomas Tallis who composed today’s **Anthem** almost 500 years ago.

Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald was a bit of a folk hero in Scotland. His career and rather tragic end was celebrated with a piece of music by Scottish fiddler James Scott Skinner in 1903. We are happy to have piper Eric McCracken help us out with our music today.

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.

Potluck Lunch

Please join us today after the service for our monthly potluck lunch in St. Andrew's Hall.

Our Daily Bread

The spring editions of Our Daily Bread have arrived at the office. We have small print copies for March/April/May, and large print copies for April/May/June. Contact the office to reserve a copy, or pick one up at the back of the church.

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

Bible Study

We are aiming to start a Bible Study in Mid-April that will be built around a book by Adam Hamilton called "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today" Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou shalt not" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt".

There will be two opportunities to participate, both here at the church in St. Andrew's Hall, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 or Tuesday evening at 7:00. Folks will be welcome to join whichever group fits your schedule best. We do need to plan for books so please contact the office or Rev. Barry by Easter Sunday so we can get them ordered. If you would prefer an e-reader version, please let us know and we can direct you how to get that version.

Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday

There will be a service here at 7:00pm on Thursday March 28 to help us acknowledge the Last Meal Jesus shared with his disciples, including communion for all attending. Please join us as we continue the journey to the Cross.

Good Friday

St. Andrews will be hosting this year's Ecumenical Good Friday service (29 March) beginning at 10:30.

Easter Sunday

There will be a regular Easter Sunday service here at St. Andrew's on Sunday, 31 March.

Choir Concert

There will be a choir presentation of John Stainer's "Crucifixion" at St. George's Cathedral on Good Friday (March 29) at 3:00pm. Further details are available from Annabelle Twiddy.

Seeking Scripture Readers

There is now a sign-up sheet for all the remaining Sundays of the year, so please fill in a couple blanks. And don't worry, the office will email you during the week before you read to remind you!

Financial Review to Feb 29, 2024	Budgeted	Received
General Offerings	\$27,152	\$24,202
Missions	\$3,250	\$3,750

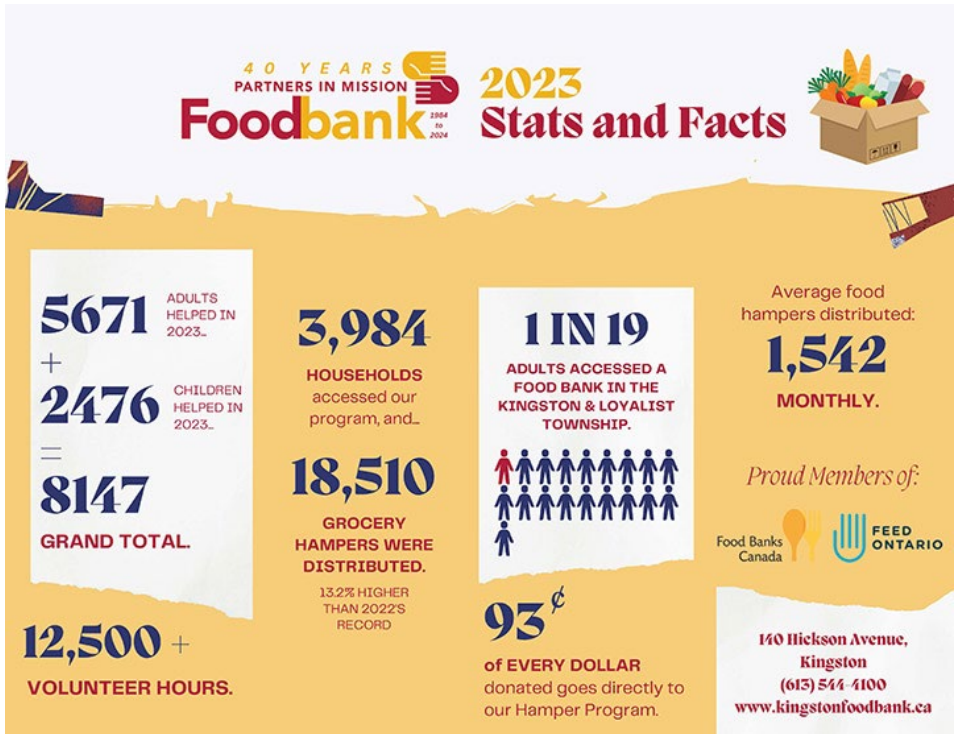
SERVING THIS MORNING

Beadle:	Dennis
Livestreaming:	Christopher
Flowers:	Decorating Committee
Ushers today:	Philippe, Eleanor
Ushers 24 March:	Dorothy, Wendy

IN THE COMMUNITY

Partners in Mission

Partners in Mission again sends their gratitude to the congregation of St. Andrew's for our consistent donations and support. Here are some interesting stats of their work from 2023



Community Food Fund

CFF is an initiative created by Fat Chance Farmstead (Harrowsmith) and Doublejay Farm (Howe Island) that provides weekly boxes of produce and ground beef to food insecure folks in the Kingston area. Last year, by co-operating with existing community service agencies, CFF was able to connect with 10 families facing barriers to food access. This year, Grains and Good Bakery (Sydenham) is joining the team, to add bread to the weekly box, and the goal is to increase the number of recipient families to 15 or more. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, contact Doublejay Farms at doublejayfarms@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

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: Mar 29, 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.

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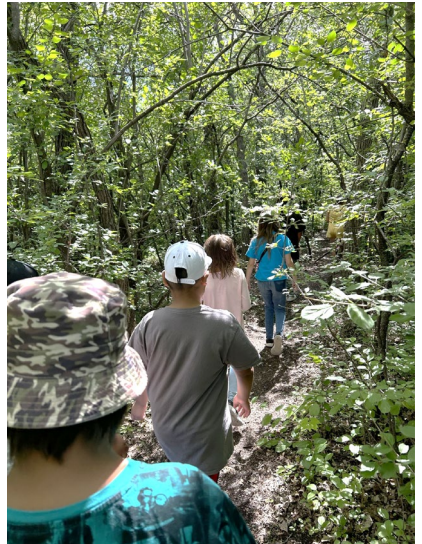
Minister – Rev. Barry Carr – rvmndbcarr@gmail.com

Mission Moment – Flora House

Flora House is part of Winnipeg Inner City Mission, a non-profit organization committed to providing a healthy community for children, youth and families.

This mission is one of seven Native Ministries that the Presbyterian Church in Canada supports. They all share a common commitment to a mutual sharing of God’s love and justice for all creation. Flora House provides education based after-school and summer programming for children ages 6 to 13 in Winnipeg’s inner-city areas. There is a focus on learning through play and Indigenous

leadership. Healthy living is at the center of programming at Flora House, providing youth with access to open natural spaces to learn in. Activities in literacy, nutrition, art, music and traditional teachings are enjoyed in a safe and inclusive environment with adult guidance and mentorship at the center of all programming. Through physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual ministry, dedicated staff and volunteers at Flora House offer hope and opportunity for children living with poverty.



Winnipeg Inner
City Missions

In 2024, through offerings designated “Mission”, members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have pledged to donate \$2000 to the work of Christ through Flora House.