

**Easter Sunday, 31 March, 2024**



**St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church**

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in this community since 1817  
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands  
of the Anishinaabe and Haudonosaunee peoples.

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(Paris, France; active Rome, Italy)  
Bréda, Flandres, 1739.  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Preludes** O Sons and Daughters J.F. Dandrieu  
Come ye Faithful B. Reichel

## Entry of the Bible

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit** The Heavens are Declaring Beethoven

## Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

### He is risen indeed

The stone had been rolled back and the tomb was empty. The angel told the faithful women, “He has been raised. He is not here.”

**And so we have hope – a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. “May the God of hope go with us every day.”**

**Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today 243

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## Words of Assurance

## Gospel Box

## The Lord’s Prayer

**Scripture Lessons** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Greg  
Mark 16:1-8

**Hymn** Now the green blade rises 256

**Message** Surprise, Surprise

**Music Ministry** Come, ye Faithful R.S. Thatcher

## Invitation to the Offering

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830

## Dedication of Offering

**Prayers of the People** (*Response during prayer – Resurrect, renew and revive your people, O God. Hear our prayer*)

**Hymn** Christ the Lord is risen today 247

## Benediction and Choral Amen

**Postlude** Easter Fanfare and Chorale T. Chesterton

## 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 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

**the mercy of the Lord endures forever.**

Let Israel now proclaim,

**“The mercy of the Lord endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my song,

**and has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory

in the tents of the righteous:

**“The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!**

**the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!**

**the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

**The Lord has punished me sorely,**

**but did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them;

**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**“This is the gate of the Lord;**

**those who are righteous may enter.”**

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me  
and has become my salvation.

**The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **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 – The Heavens are Declaring**

The heavens are declaring the Lord's endless glory;  
Through all the earth his praise is found.  
The seas re-echo the marvelous story.  
O man repeat that glorious sound.  
The starry host he orders and measures.  
He fills the morning's golden springs;  
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumbers  
Oh man adore the King of Kings

What power and splendor, and wisdom and order,  
In Nature's mighty plan unrolled!  
Thro' space and time to infinity's border,  
What wonders vast and manifold.  
The earth is his and the heavens o'er it bending  
The maker in his works behold!  
He is and will be, thro' ages unending,  
A God of strength and love untold.

Words: C. F. Gellert, 1715-1769  
Music: Ludwig von Beethoven

## **NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

After the rather serious time of Lent and Good Friday, we can now experience the Joy of Easter. The service begins with two pieces based on Easter hymns. The first **Prelude**, by French organist Jean François D'Andrieu (1682-1738) is based on the old carol *O filii et filiae*. The second **Prelude**, composed a couple of centuries later, is by Swiss organist Bernhard Reichel (1901-1992) and is based on *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* which is also the hymn on which our **Anthem** is based. The original Latin text was by John Damascene, also known as John of Damascus. He lived in the 8<sup>th</sup> century in the city of Damascus, was trained by an Italian monk and became an important official in that city. He later gave away all of his possessions and retired to a monastery near Jerusalem where he became a priest and liked to write

poetry. At least two of his poems were translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) who called him the greatest poet of the Greek Church. Hymn 253 has the words of the **Anthem** and the tune was composed by Sir Reginald S. Thatcher (1888-1957).

The **Introit** expresses the joy of this day and of God's great creation. The words were originally a German text by C.F. Gellert (1715-1769): *Die himmel rühmen Gottes Ehre*. The text has had numerous different translations. The music has been adapted from Beethoven by Dudley Buck.

The service ends with a joyous **Postlude** by composer and editor Thomas Chesterton. It is a happy and triumphant Easter organ piece composed in 1988

### ***Anthem – Come, ye Faithful***

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel into joy from sadness;  
'Tis the Spring of Souls to-day, Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days sleep in death as a Sun hath risen.

Now the Queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal!  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold Thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

*Words: John of Damascus (c.696-c.754)*  
*Translation, John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*  
*Music: R.S. Thatcher (1888-1957)*

# 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.

## 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](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

## Accessibility Lift

St. Andrew's has a lift for those with mobility aids, or who need assistance entering the building. The lift can be accessed via the blue door to St. Andrew's Hall off the parking lot. Qualified operators are on site from 10:00 am, and following the service to assist you.

## 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 **today** 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 it that way.



## Office Hours

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2.

## 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!

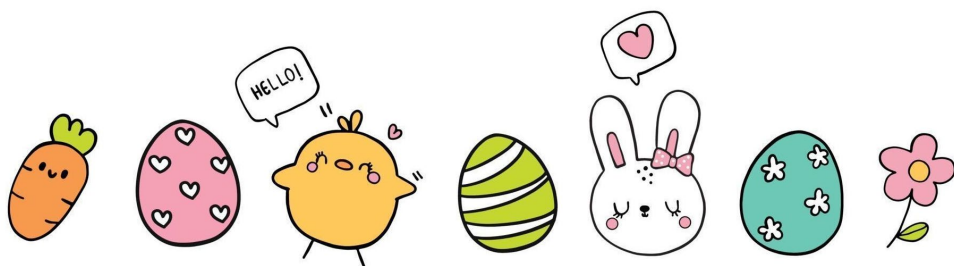
## The Rev. Mary Fontaine Sermon Video

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Knox College hosted The Rev. Mary Fontaine, 148<sup>th</sup> Moderator of the PCC. Her sermon, "A Warrior Peace", is available to view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1agLoGuiJY>

## Camp Iawah Update

There are 2 opportunities to spend a Saturday at Iawah, helping to prepare the site for the coming camp season. They need help with construction, demolition, grounds keeping, trail maintenance, and other assorted tasks: April 13 & May 11, 9-4, lunch is provided. RSVP at: <https://form-can.keela.co/work-party-signup>

There will also be an Open House on Saturday, 18 May, 10-4, when you can tour the camp, try an activity, learn what goes on at camp, and enjoy a BBQ lunch. RSVP at: <https://form-can.keela.co/open-house-registration>



HAPPY EASTER

## 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](mailto:mjchall@telusplanet.net)

**Imago Dei** – A gathering to read Scripture, discuss, study and spend time in contemplative prayer. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly, 4:30-5:30. Contact: [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto: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. Remaining dates for 2024 are: Apr 26, May 31, Jun 28.

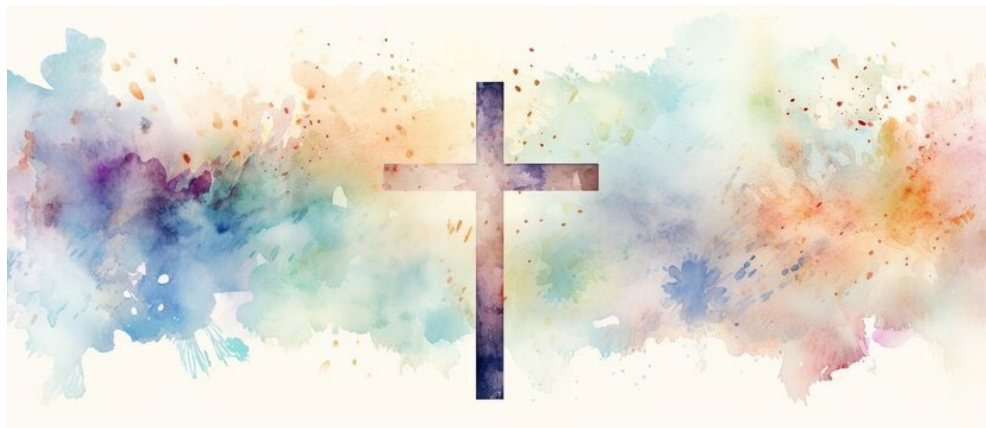
**Session** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly, 7:00, St. Andrew’s Hall. If you have something you would like to bring to Session, please contact your elder by the Friday before the meeting so it can be put on the agenda.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Climate Action

All of us, in one language or another, have a fundamental belief that creation is holy, and that we, as children of God, are mandated to be stewards of the Earth, to ‘Keep and Till’. Far too few believers of any faith are making this belief public. With this Climate Crisis, it is our imperative to speak out and to act together on this age-defining issue, to *do as we believe*. Earth Day is being celebrated on April 20 in McBurney Park from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. On behalf of climate action groups 350, *Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN)*, and *Kingston Climate Action Coalition*, we invite you to come celebrate this cause which unites us all. Bring your children and grandchildren, as this event

is planned with them in mind, with many fun and educational activities. May our spirituality and actions become one, merging our various paths, knowing and showing that we are all together on this small and endangered planet.



<b>Financial Review to 31 March, 2024</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
General Offerings	\$38,748	\$35,745
Missions (to 28 Feb)	\$3,250	\$3,750

### **SERVING THIS MORNING**

- Beadle:** Andy Versteeg  
**Livestreaming:** Christopher Hall  
**Flowers:** Decorating Committee  
**Ushers today:** Elaine and Pat Coderre  
**Ushers 7 April:** Elders

## Mission Moment – Making School a Reality



In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting

her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.



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*In 2024, the congregation of St. Andrew's Kingston has pledged to donate \$3,500 to the work of Christ through PWS&D*

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