

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

February 3rd, 2019

4th Sunday After the Epiphany: Greater Gifts – Love

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Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Chanson* Gordon Young

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit *O Master, let me* Washington
walk with thee (vv. 1 & 2) Gladden

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

Love is patient; love is kind; love rejoices in the truth.

God's love is in all creation.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things.

By God's love, we are daily nurtured.

Love endures all things. Love never ends.

Through God's love we find salvation.

Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

and the greatest of these is love.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Worship Resources

***Hymn** *Not for tongues of heaven's angels* **627**

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Trusting in the one who made us and redeemed us we
confess our sin.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

**But we confess the times when we have been impatient
and unkind.**

Your word tells us that love does not envy,
that it does not boast,
and that it is not proud.

**But we confess that sometimes we have been envious,
and boastful, and proud.**

Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is
not self-seeking,

**But we confess that in many ways
we have been inconsiderate of those around us,
thinking only of ourselves.**

Your word tells us that love is not easily angered,
and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

**But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle,
and how carefully we keep score when we have
been wronged.**

Your word says that love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth,
that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.

**Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil,
but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love.**

**Protect us with Your love, Lord,
and help us to choose the way of trusting You,
putting our hope in You,
and persevering in Your ways,
knowing that love never fails,
and that You never fail. Amen.**

~ written by Randall Wilkens, and posted on the website of the Evangelical
Covenant Church in Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.covchurch.org/>

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn *Praise our maker, peoples of one family* 700

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

❖ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Message

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *Although I speak with angel's tongue* 695

Offering

Organist's offering *Offertoire* *Caleb Simper*
of music

Doxology *Praise God from whom* 79
all blessings flow

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.

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Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love— a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3545/worship-elements-february-3-2019>

Choir's gift *Sing a New Song* Stan Pethel
of music

Prayers of the People

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn

He came down

1. He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
Hallelujah forevermore.
2. He came down that we may have joy.
He came down that we may have joy.
He came down that we may have joy.
Hallelujah forevermore.
3. He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace.
Hallelujah forevermore.
4. He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love.
Hallelujah forevermore.

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Benediction

Response *Halle, halle, halle* (Caribbean Islands)

Postlude *My Jesus, I Love Thee* David Hegarty

