

St. Andrew's Signpost

The Rev. Canon Linda Mayer—Vicar
Linda Cox—Bishop's Warden
Bob Beeson—People's Warden



December 2020

Beloved Chimes in Downtown Chelan Now have Lyrics

(Chelan, WA) The iconic musical chimes that float on the air from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Woodin Avenue in Downtown Chelan have received a recent enhancement, lyrics. The familiar chimes, known as The Westminster Quarters, is the name for a melody used by the set of [striking clock bells](#) to mark each quarter-hour.

It is also referred to as the Westminster Chimes, from its use at the [Palace of Westminster](#), or the Cambridge Quarters from its place of origin, the [church of St Mary the Great, Cambridge](#) in the United Kingdom. The chimes are also the tune for Big Ben, the world-renowned bell at the Queen Elizabeth Tower in London.

Last spring, the idea of posting the less-well-known lyrics to the chimes on a permanent banner or sign was developed by St. Andrew's Bishop Committee, the elected council that performs the business and management functions of the local parish.

"I've been singing the tune my entire life," Vicar Rev. Linda Mayer said. "I grew up in Canada and it's as familiar to school children in the Anglican Church as Ring Around the Rosie in the U.S."

With the project in motion and funded by the Bishop's Committee, next-door-neighbor Larry Hibbard who owns the brick building, was contacted. He gave approval for posting a painted sign that would complement the landscaped garden around the historic log church.

Manson-based Jill Risley, owner-artist of Fine Line Signs, designed and painted the lyric sign. The modest sign was recently mounted by volunteer Bill Fenton, of Chelan. *(continued on next page)*



The prayer inscribed on a plaque clock at St. Andrew's reads:^[8]

*Oh Lord our God
Thy children call
Grant us thy peace
And bless us all*

St. Andrew's Church, built more than 110 years ago, is the oldest permanent structure in town. The church became the centerpiece around which the community grew to eventually become a city. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the authentic log church attracts many visitors from near and far. The public is welcome at Sunday services held at 10 a.m. Or, join us via Zoom by contacting Linda Mayer at 670-6166. The church is located at 120 E. Woodin Avenue, P.O. Box 1226 Chelan, WA 98816. Telephone: (509) 682-2851, email: mainbox@standrews-chelan.org

Article submitted by Terry LaBrue



Bishop's Committee Notes—

1. **Friends of St. Andrew's address and email updates**—Darrell and Judy Thayer have moved. Their new address is: 2665 Van Pelt Blvd #159, Roseburg, OR 97471-8801. Jan Jamtaas has a new email address: jajamtaas@gmail.com.
2. **Susan's Halloween report**—Susan helped fill 1,000 candy bags for this year's Halloween event. Cars were decorated and people were dressed up for the festive event. Susan dressed as a witch and walked up and down the street. Everyone had a delightful evening.
3. **Special acknowledgement**—Bob asked that special acknowledgement be given to Susan Fisher for her many years of dedicated service picking up trash on the highway. She has delightful stories to share and St. Andrew's will look into sponsoring a highway litter sign. This would be another wonderful news article to share with our community.
4. **Marci's music report**—Hannah and Marci are planning music week to week. Marci continues to sing solo and the congregation is enjoying her singing very much. We are so grateful to our musicians for their ministry at St. Andrew's.
5. **Last Words**—Thanks were added to all Bishop Committee members for volunteering on our board as well as many programs in our community.



December Birthdays

Bob Beeson—11
Linda Kuntz—12
Liz Perry—13
Marci Jateff—13
Jeannine Shaffer—27
Breck Smith—28



December Anniversaries

Jeff & Jordana LaPorte—4
David and Marci—17



Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Perhaps like me, you've sung this hymn for years – in church, at home with your family, gathered with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you've sung it to yourself – in your car, on a walk, or quietly in the dark of night.

Joy to the world!

While we may not feel joyful this year – as the pandemic of disease continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and mistrust – a darkness – threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ must bear joy to this aching world. We must shine light into the darkness. *Joy to the world!*

Like much in our lives, proclaiming joy is difficult work – also *good* and *essential* work – especially now. Though we mourn that which is lost in our lives, our families, and our communities – *Joy to the world!* While we strive to pull up the twisted and thorny vines of hatred and bigotry and anger – *Joy to the world!*

Through streaming tears and gritted teeth – *Joy to the world!* – because God is breaking into our lives and into this world anew.

While this is a strange year, the ministry He gives us remains the same. We will prepare him room in our hearts by taking on the ministry Jesus demands of us: feed those who are hungry; welcome the stranger; clothe those who are naked; heal those who are sick; visit the prisoner. Love God. Love your neighbor. Sing joy into this old world. Prepare him room.

St. Luke writes of the first Christmas, “[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” There, in the simplest bed, in the cool of the night, in a trough, in bands of cloth, lies the One for whom no room was made. And yet strangely, there lies the One whom not even the universe can contain.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room. God love you; God bless you; and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**



Bonnie Morton presenting gift cards purchased by the Diocese of Spokane to Janet Conklin, the mayor of Bridgeport, for distribution to victims of the Bridgeport fires.

A Christmas Wish from The Rev. Canon Linda Mayer

Dear St. Andrew's Family and Friends - I wish you all a very happy holiday and peaceful celebration of Christ's birth. This has been a memorable year for everyone, trying to deal with the challenges of COVID. We hope you have been spared this illness and all the challenges of being isolated. Remember you are never alone. God is with us always and He provides us the calmness of His Love and Presence. Let us look forward to the new year with anticipation. Love and Peace Linda+

Church services will be as follows:

December 20 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

December 24 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve carols and lessons

December 27 - through January 31 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer



**Wishing you holiday blessings
from our door to yours!**

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