

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent 2

December 06, 2015

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church! In Advent we prepare to celebrate the gift of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We bring our hope, joy, peace, and love to be touched by His. May God bless you richly and deeply as we prepare for Christmas together.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M. APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Entry of the Bible

(Congregation Standing)

Introit: "People look East"

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Saviour,
and grant us your salvation.

**A: Listen to what the Lord our God says:
He promises peace to his people,
who are his beloved saints.**

L: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

**A: Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

L: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us
in this time of Advent worship.

A: May we see God's face and so know peace.

Hymn of Approach: Hark the glad sound

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Lighting Advent Candle

Peace

(see insert)

Dimitri and Nicole Naumenko

Children's Hymn: Hope is a Star V. 1 & 2

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Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Ruth 2

Corinne King

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Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85

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New Testament: 1 John 3:16-20

Griffith Roberts

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Choral Anthem: "All earth is waiting"

Sermon: "*Shalom, Peace*"

Hymn: It came upon a midnight clear

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering

Doxology (822, vs. 4) and Offertory

Confession of Faith: Living Faith 8.5-8.5.3
"World Peace..."

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Commissioning Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Benediction

Postlude

NURSERY ATTENDANT Agathe Ratsimandresy *For those who wish, a nursery is available in the church hall next door.*

Music at the Kirk. *You may have noticed Jaakob Palasvirta, our Music Director was not with us this past Sunday. For personal reasons Jaakob made a rapid departure to join his family in Alberta, and is not expect to return. To our knowledge he and his family are well. We are grateful to Bill Green who will be filling in for us during this unexpected vacancy.*

ANNIVERSARIES... Dec - 07 William and Margaret Lawrie; Dec - 12 James and Elizabeth Cooper; Dec - 13 Kenneth and Christine MacKenzie.

If Pastoral Care is required, please contact Rev. Derek Krunys at the church office (726-5385) or cell (687-7742).

BENEVOLENT FUND: Your contributions to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund help support special need situations . Contributions can be made individually or through your regular offering envelope by marking "Benevolent" in "Other".

FINANCIAL UPDATE.....

Operational Givings to October 31, 2015

Current givings:

2015	\$85,055	Budget	\$87,500
2014	\$94,199		

Thanksgiving:

2015	\$5,930	Budget	\$8,500
2014	\$6,515		

Donation Options- Are you Aware?

St. Andrew's provides all members with envelopes for weekly donations. However, we also have two other means through which donations can be made:

Preauthorized Remittances - PAR

Many of us have automatic debits from our bank accounts to pay for mortgages, cable, electricity, etc. If you do then you understand PAR. It means regular donations throughout the year to St. Andrew's through direct debit from your account. For those who cannot make it to church on a regular basis, due to travel, illness or for some other reason, this is a way to help meet your financial commitment. If you wish to avail of this option, then you can contact the church office for an enrollment form. 709-726-5385.

OR:

St. Andrew's Website

St. Andrew's website provides a donation link, so that you can make a donation online. The website address is <http://pccweb.ca/standrews-stjohns>.

St. Andrew's is proud to reintroduce **PYPS (Presbyterian Young PeopleS)**. We are currently in the process of creating this new group and ask for all youth in Grades 9-12, that may be interested, to email Aidan at aidan@nl.rogers.com or text 709-763-6261. We want this group to be what you, our youth want it to be. We look forward to fellowship with you.

MORNING COFFEE will be held after the service this Sunday. Spend a few minutes before heading home to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice and a cookie. Everyone is welcome.

Lay Readers.... *Thank you to all those who read lessons at services during the past year. New lay readers are always welcome. If you would like to add your name to the list of readers please contact Margie Coombes at 364-1148 or mcoombes@nl.rogers.com or leave your name at the church office.*

VOWR Will broadcast live from the Kirk on December 13th.

Sunday School Community Outreach: The Sunday School has teamed up with the Association for New Canadians to provide some winter warmth. The Association for New Canadians is anticipating a higher number of clients in the next few months as we prepare to welcome Syrian refugees to Canada. The Sunday School is collecting the following items, both for adults and children, for the Association: Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Scarves, Socks and Toiletries (shampoo, soap, body wash, dental care items). Financial donations are also being accepted and the Sunday School will ensure that the money raised is used to provide supplies to the Association for New Canadians. Please be aware that, at this time, the Association cannot accept large donations of used clothing due to storage issues. Donations can be brought to the Sunday School during the regular Sunday service, or, if you can't make it to church, we can arrange pick-up of the items. To arrange for items to be picked up, please contact Jenny Pallard at 697-6183 or via email at jennpallard@gmail.com. If you have any questions about this project, please contact one of the Sunday School teachers. Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School and all of its programs.

Bridges To Hope: The Pantry at Bridges To Hope requires your donations more than ever. More and more families and individuals are hungry. Your generous support is appreciated.

The **St. David's AMS** will be hosting their Christmas service and reception on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30 pm. All welcome to join us in this Christmas tradition.

Please mark your calendars: WHITE GIFT SUNDAY is December 13th. When choosing white gifts we encourage you to give food items for Christmas Hampers and healthy snack treats for some of our senior and shut in members.

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