

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 13, 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)

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: We gather in preparation

A: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

L: We gather in expectation

A: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

L: We gather in celebration

A: for we are those people who have said

yes to the manger,

yes to love made flesh,

yes to the incarnate God,

yes to Jesus.

Hymn of Approach: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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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

Joy

(see insert)

Alix Howson, Elizabeth Wheeler and Thomas Wheeler

Children's Hymn: Hope is a Star V. 1, 2 & 3

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Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Ruth 3

Candace Peters

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Responsive Psalm: Psalm 30

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New Testament: John 5:1-9

Bob Halliday

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Sermon: " *Getting that Joy down in our hearts to stay*

Hymn: See amid the winter's snow

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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 3.5-3.5.4

Jesus is Lord . . .

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Commissioning Hymn: Joy to the world

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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 is no longer with us. 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 thank **Patricia Young** for playing this morning and **Bill Green** who will be filling in most Sundays during this unexpected vacancy.

The Congregation would like to extend their congratulations to Alex Cowan who celebrates his 90th birthday today.

ANNIVERSARIES... Dec - 13 Kenneth and Christine MacKenzie.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to the Lorna MacDonald and family at the death of her husband, Vaughan on December 7th. Funeral took December 10th.

Flowers have been placed in the church in loving memory of Janet Petten who died November 29th, by her family. The Congregation extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Janet.

Flowers have been placed in the church in loving memory of Melville and Isa Graham from the family.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATH located above the organ has been placed in loving memory of James and Maude Campbell, Gloria Campbell and Dorman Gillingham from the Campbell, Gillingham and Saunders families.

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".

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY We ask that adults who bring white gifts place them under one of the two Christmas trees prior to the worship service. During the service we will more formally invite the children to come and place their white gifts under the trees.

White GiftThe Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) will be holding a meeting today following the service at 12:30pm in the Hall. It will focus on wrapping gift packages for our church members from the donations received today. A light lunch will be served. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Calendars for 2016 are available in the church vestibule(lobby) of the Church. The cost is \$5.00 each. Please purchase one for yourself and one for a friend!

VOWR Will broadcast live from the Kirk today.

Christmas Pageant: Our annual Christmas pageant will be performed on Sunday, December 20th, during the regular Sunday service. Rehearsal for the pageant will be taking place in the church on Saturday, December 19, starting at 10:30am. All cast members are asked to attend. Following the rehearsal, we will be going to the church hall for our Christmas party. We would also ask that children bring along items for the Association for New Canadians, as we prepare to conclude our community outreach project. **Suggestions include socks, gloves/mittens, toiletries (shampoo, soap, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste), hats and scarves.** These items, and all that we have made or collected so far, will be presented to the Association for New Canadians following the pageant. Please contact Jenny Pallard at 697-6183 or jennpallard@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BRIDGES TO HOPEThere has been a tremendous need for assistance. Please consider bringing items to church on Sunday. The items requested include: tin milk, Kraft Dinner, tin beans, soups, tin vegetables and other tinned items you wish to donate. Please support this call for assistance.

CHOSN (Churches Helping Our Syrian Neighbours) Update: We have a very dynamic and eager support group, made up of members from St. Andrew's and St. David's, ready to spring into action! We have been tentatively linked with a Syrian family of 4, who are presently in a camp in Lebanon, but we are awaiting confirmation We'll keep the congregation advised as we go.

The Kirk Association would like to thank all those who battled the snow to help set up and those who dropped by and supported the Christmas Sale. Even the weather couldn't keep the people away! We collected \$1,636.25!

*****Dec 13 - Dec 19*****

Sun	11:00am	Worship 3rd Sunday of Advent White Gift Sunday Sunday School VOWR Broadcast
Tues	7:30pm	Venturers Scout Guild Banquet
Thur	7:30	Session Meeting
Fri/Sat	8:00am	Rotary Hampers Preparation and Distribution
Sat		Pageant Rehearsal and Pizza lunch

***** Upcoming *****

Dec 20	Pageant Sunday
Dec 24	4:30pm Family Service 11:00 Candlelight Service
Jan 03/16	Communion Sunday