

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas Eve Family Service 4:30 pm

December 24, 2015

**Welcome to St. Andrew's Church!** In our Christmas Worship and throughout this Festive Season our prayer is that you will share with us the love, joy, peace and hope which is yours in Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Entry of Bible

## Call to worship

L: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

**A: *Let us go to find the Saviour!***

L: Let us go with the wise ones:

**A: *Let us go find God's promise, born for us!***

L: Let us go with the poor and humble:

**A: *Let us go find out King, born in a lowly manger.***

L: Let us go with all the world, with all the people of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come let us adore him:

**A: *Christ the Lord!***

## Prayer of Approach

Carol: #159

O Come all ye Faithful (1, 4 & 5)

**First Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-14**

**Arwa Brown**

## Hope Candle

All: Loving God, even as we celebrate Christmas, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories, to the healing light of Christ.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Carol: #146

Angels from the realms of glory

**Second Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Stephen Squires**

## Peace Candle

All: Loving God, in this time of celebration and anticipation, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

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That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Carol: #133

Go tell it on the mountain

**Third Reading: Isaiah 35 selections**

**Nathaniel Roberts**

## Joy Candle

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,

trusting that this is how you made us:

you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Carol: #153

Joy to the World

**Fourth Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3**

**Will Templeton**

## Love Candle

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.

Magnify your love within us.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Carol: #139

Hark! The herald angels sing

**Fifth Reading: Luke 2:1-20**

**David Hopkins**

Carol: #149            Away in a Manger

**Meditation**

**Offering**

**Christ Candle (insert)**

*Michelle Taylor*

**Sharing the Light**

Carol: #154            Silent Night

**Benediction**

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**A:**    *the eagerness of the shepherds,*  
L:     the perseverance of the Magi,  
**A:**    *the obedience of Joseph and Mary,*  
L:     and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.  
As you depart, go with the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
May Christ be with you tonight  
and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude



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