

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas Eve Family Service 4:30 pm

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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

Invitation to Worship:

Can one night make such a difference?

Can one baby change a world?

Yes, a thousand times yes!

On a night like this night,

With stars shining so bright,

One birth changed the world.

Hope springs afresh,

Joy leaps in every song,

Forgiveness sets loose new possibilities,

Love flows from heart to heart.

Can one night make such a difference?

Yes, yes, yes.. and a thousand times more!

Carol: # #165 O little town of Bethlehem

Welcoming Prayer: (Said together)

Lord Jesus, help us to be still tonight. Help us remember the day you were born. Before there was Christmas wrap and special candy and even Santa Claus, you were the gift people loved. It wasn't that long ago and not that far away in our world. Tonight we bring our love to join with the angels and shepherds and the animals who surrounded you when you were born. Tonight we celebrate that our God became one of us. Happy Birthday, Jesus. Amen

First Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 Bethany MacKenzie

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Prayer of Confession: (Said together)

Lord, we know us all the time. When no one else sees, You see. When no one else hears, you hear. We don't always play nice, we don't always share our toys. And sometimes even hurt our neighbour or worse, our brother or sister. . We often put more food on our plate than we know we should or than we can even eat. Even while we feel bad you reach out to hug us with your love. You can love people who make mistakes because you forgive. Just as loving parents still love and spoil their children, even when they do wrong, so you love us Heavenly Father, still love and spoil us in of your grace. Where we have been forgiven help us learn how to forgive in Jesus' name. Amen

Carol: # 144 'Twas in the moon of wintertime'

Second Lesson: Luke 2:8-14 Camden MacKenzie

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Carol: # 149 Away in a manger

Third Lesson: Luke 2:15-20 Caroline MacKenzie

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Meditation: "Why Jesus Came"

Carol: #133 'Go Tell it on the Mountain'

Offering

Prayer for the Children of the World: (Said together)

Lord Jesus Christ, as we lay our gifts before you, we pray for children all over the world. We pray for children who are hungry tonight. We pray for children who are afraid. We pray for children who are alone. We pray children who are sick. We pray for children who are sad. In the quiet inside of us we pray for our friends. All your children need your love, Lord. Shine your love in us so we can be stars of hope for all your people. Amen

The Christ Candle is Lit The Marshall-Mercer Family

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Sharing the Light

Carol: # 154 - 'Silent Night'

Benediction