

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to St. Andrew's Church!** If you are weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, this congregation opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.

### APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland\* J. S. Bach

\*Now come, Saviour of the gentiles F. Browne, Eng. Trans.

\* Entry of the Bible (\* Standing as able)

\* Introit: Whither Thou Goest\*

Text & Music: G. Singer, arr. G. Chafe \*Adapted from Ruth 1:16-17

\* Greeting

\* Call to Worship:

L: The Lord most high calls you to this place.

**A: Lord, shine in our hearts and lives.**

L: Yet God's people are often in distress and sorrow.

**A: Lord, show yourself and deliver us.**

L: We sometimes do not feel the Lord's presence.

**A: O Lord, let your face again shine on us.**

L: The Lord was the shepherd of his people Israel.

**A: Lord, lead us in our way and guide us in our walk.**

L: In this Advent season we stand on tiptoe—

**A: O come Immanuel, let us gain a glimpse of your glory.**

\*Hymn of Approach: Come Thou long expected Jesus #110

Prayers of Approach

\* Children's Hymn: Hope is a Star (verse 1) #119

Advent Candle Lighting (see insert)

Children's Story and Prayer

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Ruth 1 Susan Elton Squires (p 241)

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10** (p 502)

**New Testament:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Barry Parsons (p 179)

Anthem: This Is The Threefold Truth (#365, BOP)

Text: F. Pratt Green Music: J. Schrader

Sermon: **"Discovering Hope"**

\* Hymn: People in darkness #124

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: Offertory: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Chorale Harmony: J. S. Bach

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\* Communion Hymn: For the bread which you have broken #549

Invitation

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed # 539

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving # 564

**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.

Serving the Bread *(please wait until all are served)*

Serving the Cup *(grape juice is the lighter color)*

Affirmation of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Hymn: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (v. 1, 4, 6 & 7) # 122

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen: Threefold Amen Danish

Postlude: Pipe Band Selection Pipe Band

## Welcome

*Our Kirk Family welcomes you. We welcome those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, just comfortable, or dirt poor.*

*We extend a special welcome to the wailing babies and excited toddlers.*

*We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up, or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're "more Christian" than the apostle Paul, or if you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve ten years ago, or even if you just stumbled in by accident looking for a pathway to The Rooms.*

*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but have not yet grown up, and to the teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps, or even if you don't like 'organized religion' (you will soon find that we are not all that organized).*

*We offer welcome to those who think the earth is flat, who work too hard, who don't work, if you have three degrees or can't spell, or if you are only here just because you wanted to make grandma happy. Our family welcomes you.*

*We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, or had religion shoved down their throat as kids, or if you got lost in the city and wound up here by mistake. We welcome all the pilgrims, the tourists, the seekers, the doubters, and most certainly, of all, we welcome YOU.*

*"Welcome one another  
just as Christ has welcomed you."  
Romans 15:7*

Welcome to "The Kirk"

**Thank You and Welcome** to members of the Lodge St. Andrew, and Right Worshipful Master Brother Barry Parsons who read for us today. We also offer thanks to our pipers, who provided the postlude this morning. We are inviting you to move closer together in the centre sections this morning, as we attempt to draw our congregation into being visible in our space. Like a fire whose embers cool and die when isolated, it is time to gather closer together as a congregation, to reignite our flames.

***Due to the quick change over from Pageant on Sunday, Dec 23rd, to the Christmas Eve service on Monday, we need volunteers to help take down the pageant backdrops and set up the candles and candle holders following the pageant. Would you please consider helping and call me to say that you are willing to help?***  
*Thank you, Elizabeth*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY....** Dec - 03 Clifton Halliday; Dec - 05 Audrey Brown; Dec - 07 Jill Cumming; Dec - 08 Tom Jackman, Susan Rossanas; Dec - 09 Chris Campbell, Ian Mercer.

**ANNIVERSARIES...** Dec - 07 William and Margaret Lawrie.

**The Sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the family of David and Lisa (Moore) Wishart at the death of her father, Glen Moore in BC, last Sunday.

**Sunday School:** Take note of the extra insert and invitation from our Sunday School to join them in a reverse Advent Calendar. Details are on the included page.

**If Pastoral Care is required please contact Rev. Derek Krunys on his cell phone (687-7742) or at the office (726-5385).**

**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.

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

**Vision Team.** Continues attempts to revitalize and seek new life among us. With that in mind, expect that there will be some changes over the next several months. We may not like all of them, we may not stick with all of them, we do however believe that to change nothing is to choose a path that will see our doors close. We will be attempting to experiment with different ideas, activities, and styles of worship. Do bear with us as we seek to be the

church together, and don't be shy in sharing your ideas with us. The Vision team includes: Rev. Derek Krunys, Susan Elton-Squires, Mike Gillan, Jenny Pallard, Nettie Ryan, Kim Marshall and Candace Peters. One plan in the works is to show Paddington 2 Saturday, 4pm, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the church, in an attempt to bring us together for something not about fundraising, work we need to get done, but simply to enjoy a wholesome, fun, movie together as God's people. Besides speaking to us individually, the entire team can be reached via: [visionfortheKirk@gmail.com](mailto:visionfortheKirk@gmail.com)

**The Congregation extends its warmest congratulations to Betty Barrett** who received the Senate of Canada's 150th Anniversary Medal on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: "In 2017, the Senate of Canada celebrated the 150th anniversary of its first sitting, by awarding commemorative medals to Canadians who have made significant contributions to their communities. Over the past year, senators have honoured recipients from coast to coast to coast who continually strive to make their home town, province or territory – and indeed all of Canada – a better place. Your work in Newfoundland and Labrador truly embodies the spirit of our great province. In recognition of your outstanding dedication and service, it is my pleasure to award you with the Senate of Canada's 150th Anniversary Medal." Presented by Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote and Senator George Furey at Government House in St. John's, in reference to Betty's volunteer work with Bridges To Hope.

**AMS ADVENT SERVICE:** Dear Friends....Christmas is coming.....but Advent is here! So why not escape the frantic hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations for a late afternoon special service of music and carols hosted by the AMS followed by delicious refreshments in the Armour Room. Carols, Readings, Candles and Tea - December 9th at 4pm at St David's. Please come and relax as we wait together for the coming of Christ our Saviour. Hosted by St. David's AMS

**The St. Johns Choir presents its Annual Christmas concert "Noel! Noel!" at the Kirk, Sunday, December 2nd at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and available at the door or from a choir member.**

The Basilica Choir Presents The 22nd Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture with Close Quarters Vocal Quartet. Sunday, Dec 2nd 7:30pm at the Basilica. Ecumenical Candlelight Service. Reception to follow. Free will donations to support Emmaus House Food Bank.

**Please mark your calendars: WHITE GIFT SUNDAY is December 16th.** When choosing white gifts we encourage you to give food items for Christmas Hampers and healthy snack treats for some of our senior

and in home members.

**White Gift ....The Atlantic Mission Society (AMS)** will be holding its next meeting on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Hall. It will focus on wrapping gift packages for our church members from the donations received that day. A light lunch will be served. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**Christmas Wreaths....**The Scout group had a project for many years to produce and sell Christmas wreaths. This year there are no active Scouting sections at St. Andrew's but there is still a core group of adult wreath makers willing to go into production. This year it will be a fundraiser with profits going to St. Andrew's Church. If you can give a hand making or decorating wreaths in the hall on Monday, Dec 3rd from 6-10pm please contact [John@Templetons.ca](mailto:John@Templetons.ca) or 687-7088. Also we are looking for a source of nice size pinecones, if you have a few or know a good tree let John know. Wreaths will be \$25 with limited production of about 50.

**Tis the Season!** Mike and Erin are creating beautiful fresh ornamental baskets from boughs, cedar and other organic materials. They are potted and ready to be placed on your door step, or placed in your personal planter. They are suitable for indoors and outdoors. The price is \$50 of which \$25 will be donated back to the church! Please call Mike and Erin for purchase.

The **Atlantic Mission Society** of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is currently seeking submissions and ideas for the disbursement of the available funds from the Lorna Robertson Bequest which are used to support mission work outside Canada. All members of the congregation and groups within the congregation are encouraged to make suggestions for the disbursement of funds. Please submit your suggestions in writing to the Church office at St. Andrew's to the attention of AMS.

**\*\*\*Dec 02 - Dec 08\*\*\***

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>St Andrew's Sunday/Communion</b>
	11:10	Sunday School
	12:10pm	Morning Coffee

**\*\*Upcoming\*\***

Dec 11	Board of Managers Meeting
Dec 16	White Gift Sunday
Dec 21/22	Rotary Christmas Hampers
Dec 22	Pageant Rehearsal and Pizza Party
Dec 23	Pageant Sunday
Dec 24	4:30pm Family Service
	11:00pm Candlelight Service