

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent/Pageant Sunday

December 23, 2018

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church!

A warm welcome from our Kirk Family to each of you gathered with us for worship this morning. As the youth of our Sunday School tell us the story of the birth of Jesus, it is our prayer that we will join them in youthful confidence and clarity of understanding that this is the story that is meant to change our lives too.

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

Organ Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf, rufft uns die Stimme" ("Now awake, we hear a voice cry") J. S. Bach

* Entry of the Bible (* Standing as able)

* Welcome

* Call to Worship

L: In the midst of frenzied shopping
and end-of-year weariness,
we spread out purple cloth,

A: read again the ancient stories,

L: and light candles in the darkness,

A: to celebrate a visitation.

L: Emmanuel, God with us.

A: Good news for all.

* Hymn: Hope is a Star **#119**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: 'Joy' *(see insert)*

Offertory:

Pastorale on an Austrian Carol/Pastorale on a Polish Carol

J. Spong

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Tired of Fake news?! The real story starts now.....

The Story of Christmas

(The Congregation may stay seated for the Hymns)

The Census

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem **#164**

The Nativity

Hymn: Away in a manger **#149**

Only our angels sing vs. 1

Congregation joins for the remainder

The Shepherds

Hymn: While shepherds watched their flocks **#138**

The Magi

Hymn: We Three Kings (verses 1, 2 & 5) **#173**

The Story of the Century

* Hymn: Joy to the world **#153**

Congregation to stand for this Hymn

Presentation of gifts to Bridges to Hope

* Benediction

* Choral Amen: Danish

Postlude: Joy To The World (Postlude based on "Antioch") G. Young

2019 Envelopes are available in the vestibule

Preauthorized Remittances - PAR

I recently saw a picture of a collection plate that took Interac Tap. We don't do that, but if other than church who tend to live cash free, why not make your offering regular and consistent too? If you wish to avail of this option, then you can contact the church office for an enrollment form. 709-726-5385.

MORNING COFFEE... will be held Sunday, **January 6th** following the service. All are welcome to enjoy a snack and fellowship.

From my home to yours, we wish you all a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
Elizabeth



*****Dec 23 - Dec 30*****

Dec 23	11:00am	Pageant Sunday
Dec 24	4:30pm	Family Service
	11:00pm	Candlelight Service
Dec 30	11:00am	Service

******Upcoming*****

Jan 06	Worship 11am
	Sunday School 11:10am
	Morning Coffee 12:30pm
Jan 12	Paddington Bear II 4:00pm

Role	Cast
Mary	Julianne Taylor
Joseph	Ntsoa Ratsimandresy
Centurion	Jacob Templeton
Soldier 1	Keara Schaefer
Soldier 2	Ruben Snook
Reporter	William Templeton
Gabriel	Kanto Ratsimandresy
Innkeeper	Anja Ratsimandresy
Senior Angel	Kayla Musseau
Junior Angel	Eva Halliday
	Max Carew
	Rachel Musseau
	Henry Wheeler
	Keara Schaefer
Senior Shepherd	Malik Snook
	Liam Schaefer
	Alexander Taylor
Junior Shepherd	Ruben Snook
	Seth Kennedy-Flemming
	Willem Morash
Magi 1	Solomon Snook
Magi 2	Thomas Wheeler
Magi 3	Luke Carew
Fact Checker	Timothy Barnes
	Caroline MacKenzie

Due to the quick change over from Pageant Sunday to the Christmas Eve service for tomorrow,, we need volunteers to help take down the pageant backdrops and set up the candles and candle holders following the Pageant today. Thank you, Elizabeth

This year our Christmas Eve services will be 4:30pm for the family worship and 11pm for our Candlelight service. These services give us an opportunity to invite friends who otherwise would not be in church over Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.... Dec - 23 Danielle McCulloch, Jenny Pallard; Dec - 24 Christopher Henderson; Dec - 25 Doug MacLellan, Dec - 26 Judy Price, Kim Marshall; Dec - 27 Lee Ann Elton, Jennifer Holland; Dec - 28 Krista Oke, Noelle Kennell; Jan - 01 Alistair Taylor;

Jan - 02 Lawrence Newhook, David Taylor; Jan - 03 Scott Henderson, Stephanie King; Jan - 05 Andrew Reid; Jan - 06 Henley Munn, Charles Elton.

ANNIVERSARIES... Dec - 26 Poul and Janet Laursen; Dec - 29 Neil and Jackie MacKenzie; Robert and Vivian Pallard.

MOVIE NIGHT: 4pm Saturday **January 12** we will have a screening of **Paddington II** in the church. Expect popcorn, tea biscuits and marmalade – with a chance to donate a jar of your own jam for the shelves at Bridges to Hope (to play along with a love of jams and jellies in the movie). Enjoy a family friendly movie, and most certainly invite some friends – who won't enjoy a movie with a 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

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".

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.

Our Vision Team is Rev. Derek Krunys, Susan Elton-Squires, Mike Gillan, Jenny Pallard, Nettie Ryan, Kim Marshall and Candace Peters. Any of us would be happy to bring thoughts, concerns, or ideas you have to the group. We have already embraced the truth that we must be the people of God before we can do the work of God. You might wonder how sitting together will attract people. The short answer is it won't. It is first about building us up, it is depressing to look around and find nobody near you in worship.

It is also depressing to enter as a new person, and see people who so dislike each other they keep as much distance from each other as they can. We know that isn't true, but in becoming a welcoming place, those appearances matter. We will be experimenting with different things over the next while, and it will not always be comfortable. Some of those experiments will be deemed as not for us, others may become new traditions (our Palm Sunday Holy Week presentation was a strange new idea not that long ago). A part of our process is going to be discerning what will work for us, and part of that is trying things, and at times repeating them often enough to be sure. In the end this is our church, which none of us want to see slowly wither away year after year, our hope is that you will help us try to breathe new life into our activities together. Talk to our team members. The team as a whole can be reached at: visionforthe Kirk@gmail.com

Bridges to Hope Financial Commitment..

One of St. Andrew's outreach missions is Bridges to Hope, an organization dedicated to providing food aid assistance to those in need. These individuals may be our co-workers, neighbours or friends. We have made an annual financial commitment of \$3,600. However, to the end of November only \$1,500 has been given towards this cause. Please remember those less fortunate at this time.

Operational givings to November 30th...At our Annual Meeting last year, we budgeted for operational givings of \$198,500. To the end of November 2018 actual givings were \$137,978. To the end of November 2017 givings were \$156,443, and in addition we had received \$20,000 from Estates, thus we are down \$38,465 over the prior year. This makes it challenging to meet our operational expenses.

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.