

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

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: A Christmas Gift

Brother Darcy

* Entry of the Bible (* Standing as able)

* Introit: Star Of The East Words: G. Cooper Music: A. Kennedy

* Greeting

* Call to Worship:

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

A: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Let us praise the Lord together.

**A: The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

L: for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory

**A: The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.**

L: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*Hymn of Approach: The first nowell

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Prayers of Adoration and 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.

* Children's Hymn: Good Christians, all rejoice

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Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-7

Margie Coombes

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Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72

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New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

Candace Peters

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Anthem: Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem

A. M. Pace/R. F. Boyce

Sermon: **"Home by another way"**

* Hymn: We three kings

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: The Story Of The Wisemen

G. Chafe

* Doxology (822 vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

* **Confession of Faith: 7.3.3 (unison)**

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"Worship draws us into the work of Christ..."

* Hymn: Il est né (1st Refrain in French – then English)

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* Benediction

L: The light of God's purposes has shone upon us.
Carry that light with you.

**A: The star of God's promises that led us to worship
now leads us to serve in God's world.**

L: The glory of God shines on you today.
Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**A: We seek God's peace that we may share it,
God's wisdom that we may live by it,
God's light that it may illuminate us**

L: Now go in the love of God the Father,
covered by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and with the fellowship of the holy Spirit,
who is with you now, and forever more.

A: Amen

* Choral Amen:

Danish

Postlude: How Brightly Shines The Morning Star

D. Buxtehude

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"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.... Jan - 06 Henley Munn, Charles Elton, Yasmin Ahmed; Jan - 08 Doug Butt, Rob Henderson; Jan - 09 Ian Baird, Steven French; Jan - 10 Nicholas MacDonald; Jan - 11 Gavin Baird, Scott MacDonald, Melissa Jackson, Craig Clements.

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS best wishes to Doug Butt who celebrates his 90th birthday on January 8th! Happy birthday Doug!

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. If you can supply some tea biscuits and/or spread, please let the office know.

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).

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: visionfortheKirk@gmail.com

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019:

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are now available in the entranceway of the Kirk.

Preauthorized Remittances - PAR

Many of us have automatic debits from our bank accounts to pay for mortgages, cable, electricity, etc. If you do then you understand PAR. It means regular donations throughout the year to St. Andrew's through direct debit from your account. For those who cannot make it to church on a regular basis, due to travel, illness or for some other reason, this is a way to help meet your financial commitment. If you wish to avail of this option, then you can contact the church office for an enrollment form at 709-726-5385.

BOARD OF MANAGERS will hold their next meeting this Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30pm.

The next meeting of St. Andrew's Session will be held January 17th at 7:30pm

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

Each year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated by Christians throughout the world between January 18 (the Feast of St Peter) and January 25 (the Feast of St Paul). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, denominations around the world have joined in celebrating the Week. Each year, the theme and material are prepared by churches in a different country. The churches of Indonesia prepared the material for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019, with the theme **Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue** (CF Deuteronomy 16:20). The Canadian Council of Churches has adapted the material for Canadian churches. The St John's and Area Council of

Churches is sponsoring two events as part of the local observance and celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

- 3:00 pm Sunday 20 January 2019 a service will be hosted by St James United Church 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St John's. Clergy of the four churches on Elizabeth Avenue (St James, St Augustine's, St Pius X and St David's) and the Salvation Army Temple (around the corner on Torbay Road) will have key roles in the service. The Rev Faith March-MacCuish (Executive Secretary, Atlantic Region, United Church of Canada) will deliver the sermon. Clergy and representatives of other denominations in the area will also participate in this celebration of Christian Unity. The offering will be contributed to L'Arche Avalon.

The regular monthly meeting of the **AMS** will be held in the Hall following services on **January 20th**. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served.

*****Jan 06 - Jan 12*****

Sun	12:10pm	Morning Coffee
Tues	7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting
Sat	4:00pm	Movie Night

*****Upcoming*****

Jan 17	Session Meeting
Jan 20	Unity Service
	AMS meeting and Luncheon