

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Epiphany Sunday

January 13, 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: Prelude in E Flat

A. Guilmant

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

\* Introit: Standing At The Portal (#811, BOP)

Words: F. R. Havergal Music: F. J. Haydn

\* Greeting

\* Call to Worship:

L: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**A: Jesus emerges from the water.**

L: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**A: This is my child, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well-pleased.**

L: Jesus is named. Claimed.

**A: We come to the water.**

**We remember we are named. Claimed.**

L: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**A: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

\*Hymn of Approach: Come, thou almighty King

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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: I, the Lord of sea and sky

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Children's Story and Prayer

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 43:1-7

Paula Templeton

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**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29**

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**New Testament:** Mark 1:1-11

Rob Henderson

(p 034)

Anthem: A Holy Baby (#345, BOP, v. 1-7)

T. Colvin, adapted to Northern Ghana Folk Song

Sermon: *"The river of life"*

\* Hymn: What was your vow and vision

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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: Preamble

G. Frescobaldi

\* Doxology (822 vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

\* **Confession of Faith: 7.6.4 (unison)**

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"Baptism is also an act of discipleship..."

\* Hymn: At the dawning of creation

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\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen: Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude: January Carol

Piae Cantiones

## 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 - 13 Dave Frew.

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

**Thank you** to those who came, took part, and helped set up for our showing of Paddington 2 yesterday. The Vision Team hopes it was an enjoyable time for all who par took. We want your feedback on this sort of event. Is it the kind of thing we should do more often? Was the movie suitable? Was it something you'd bring a friend to? (The most significant reason people will connect to a new church is through their friends) Our goal was to find an event where we could have fun together as a congregation and grow in friendship, something we've identified that we don't do often enough. If you have other ideas that might also fit this goal, we'd love to hear them too.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019:**Offering Envelopes for the coming year are now available in the entranceway of the Kirk.

**Our Food Donations:** Thank you one and all, we brought in more than we ever expected through our Reverse Advent Calendar. The shelves at Bridges to Hope remain full, in part because of your generosity.



**Presbyterian Connection:** The Winter and Christmas Issue has arrived. Read a story by our local Santa Claus and an interview with our minister emeritus – along with other news from Presbyterian across the country. A few print copies are in the vestibule. You can also access the paper on-line at: [www.presbyterian.ca/connection](http://www.presbyterian.ca/connection)

**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: [visionforthechurch@gmail.com](mailto:visionforthechurch@gmail.com)

#### 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.

**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](mailto:mcoombes@nl.rogers.com) or leave your name at the church office.

#### 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.

#### \*\*\*Jan 13 - Jan 19\*\*\*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	11:10	Sunday School

#### \*\*\*Upcoming\*\*\*

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