

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent 3: Joy

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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: Chorale Prelude on 'Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen'

(Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming) J. Brahms

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

\* Introit: Whither Thou Goest, I Will G. Singer, arr. G. Chafe

\* Greeting

\* Call to Worship:

L: We gather in preparation

**A: for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

L: We gather in expectation

**A: for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

L: We gather in celebration

**A: for we are those people who have said**

**yes to the manger,**

**yes to love made flesh,**

**yes to the incarnate God,**

**yes to Jesus.**

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

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: Hope is a Star (verse 1 - 3) #119

Advent Candle Lighting (see insert)

Children's Story and Prayer

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Ruth 3 *Barbara Clancy* (p243)

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 98** (p551)

**New Testament:** John 5:2-9 *Bob Halliday* (p096)

Anthem: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

(#151, BOP) M. Praetorius

Sermon: "**Getting that Joy down in our hearts to stay**"

\*Hymn: 'Twas in the moon of wintertime #144

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: All Earth Is Waiting (#109, BOP) A. Taule

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

\* **Confession of Faith:** 8.1.6 (*unison*) (p22)

" We live in Christ as in freedom we observe Sunday..."

\* Hymn: Once in royal David's city #166

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen: Danish

Postlude: Descant on "Irby" D. Willcocks

## 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"*

The Congregation and our Music Director, Glenn Chafe would like to thank Sheilagh Sloan for singing with our choir last Sunday, for our special Christmas presentation. Her contribution was gratefully received.

***Due to the quick change over from Pageant Sunday 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 December 23. Would you please consider helping and call me to say that you are willing to help? 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 - 12 James Cooper; Dec - 13 Alex Cowan, Michael Elton, Tom Munn; Dec - 20 Solomon Snook, Erin Whitaker; 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 - 12 James and Elizabeth Cooper; 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 breath new life into our activities together. Talk to our team members. The team as a whole can be reached at: [visionforthe Kirk@gmail.com](mailto:visionforthe Kirk@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**Reverse Advent:** The Christmas Season is upon us and we are reminded that many families in our community rely on the community food sharing associations for meals. Bridges To Hope is directly supported, financially and through food donations, by our congregation. At this time of year, it is especially challenging to keep the shelves stocked. Our Sunday School invites you to join them in a reverse Advent Calendar. Each day put an item in a from the list below and on Dec 23rd, bring your box with you when you come to Church for the Pageant. Filled boxes will become part of the backdrop for the manger scene as hay bales and will be presented to Bridges To Hope following the performance.

Suggested Items are:

- Dec. 1 box of cereal
- Dec .2 peanut butter (regular size)
- Dec .3 toothbrush
- Dec .4 toothpaste
- Dec .5 macaroni and cheese
- Dec .6 tinned fruit
- Dec. 7 tinned tomatoes
- Dec. 8 can of tuna
- Dec. 9 cake mix and icing
- Dec. 10 apple sauce
- Dec. 11 toilet paper
- Dec. 12 jar of jam
- Dec. 13 tinned beans
- Dec. 14 box of crackers
- Dec. 15 package of rice
- Dec. 16 box of oatmeal
- Dec. 17 package of pasta
- Dec. 18 jar/tin of spaghetti sauce
- Dec. 19 tin soup
- Dec. 20 package of sugar
- Dec. 21 tin of mixed vegetables
- Dec. 22 tinned carrots
- Dec. 23 tinned green beans

*Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School and Bridges To Hope. We hope you have a Merry Christmas!*

**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](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.

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

**Sunday School Pageant:**

A reminder to parents that the Final Rehearsal for the Pageant is **Saturday, Dec 22 from 10:30 -12:45pm**, everyone is asked to please be in attendance and arrive as soon as possible. Following the Rehearsal will be a Party and Lunch for everyone in the Hall. The pizza party will run from 1:00pm to 2:15pm in the church hall. Parents are welcome to attend or children can be picked up following the party.

For Pageant Sunday everyone is asked to arrive at the Hall 10:15. If you have any questions, please let Jenny Pallard or Simon Marshall know.

Jenny: [jennpallard@gmail.com](mailto:jennpallard@gmail.com) (697-6183)

Simon: ([simonmarshall123@hotmail.com](mailto:simonmarshall123@hotmail.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.

**\*\*\*Dec 16 - Dec 30\*\*\***

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>White Gift Sunday</b>
	11:10	Sunday School
<b>Fri</b>	<b>All Day</b>	Rotary Christmas Hampers Prep
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9am -12pm</b>	Hamper Pick up

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

Dec 22	10:30-1pm	Pageant Rehearsal
	1:00pm	Pizza Party
Dec 23	11:00am	Pageant Sunday
Dec 24	4:30pm	Family Service
	11:00pm	Candlelight Service
Dec 30	11:00am	Regular Service

