

# 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: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn  
(Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God)

J. S. Bach

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

\* Introit: Whither Thou Goest/Emmanuel, Emmanuel

G. Singer, arr. G. Chafe/B. McGee

\* Greeting

\* Call to Worship:

*Isaiah 9:2*

L: People in darkness have seen a great light

**A: Into our darkness a light shines.**

L: Into a bleak winter, hope dawns.

Arise people of God, for your light is come.

**A: Christ is come, his light to shatter darkness,  
his strength to be our hope.**

L: So we worship the Christ who gathers us,  
and revives us by his love.

**A: May God inspire us by his hope, peace, joy and love.**

\*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: Go, tell it on the mountain

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Children's Story and Prayer

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Ruth 4

Bruce Templeton

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**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148**

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**New Testament:** Matthew 1:18-25

Jonathan Marshall

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Anthem: Born In The Night

G. Ainger; Har. R. D. Wetzel

Sermon: ***"What's love got to do with it"***

\* Hymn: In the bleak mid winter

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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory:

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

\* **Confession of Faith: 8.3.3 (unison)**

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" Love is compassion for creation..."

\* Hymn: What child is this

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\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen:

Danish

Postlude: Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich

(The Day, It Is So Joyful)

J. S. Bach

## 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 - 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.

**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).**

**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](mailto:visionforthe Kirk@gmail.com)

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

**\*\*\*Dec - Jan 05\*\*\***

**Sun 11:00am Worship**  
11:10 Sunday School

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

**Jan 06 Morning Coffee**  
**Jan 08 Board of Managers meeting**  
Jan 12 Movie Night  
Jan 17 Session Meeting