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St. Andrew's United Church

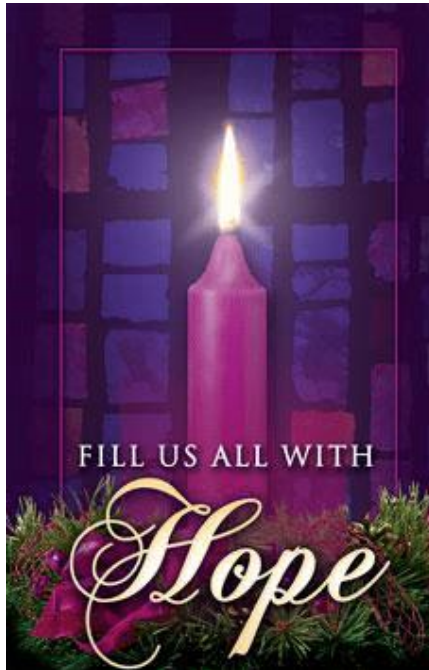


December 1, 2024.

The First Sunday of Advent

Our Mission Statement

"St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian Community of Faith that shares Christ's love through
Worship, Fellowship, Spiritual Growth, and Outreach."



God fills us with Hope
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Sunday Worship Service

(December 1, 2024 Advent 1)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Shirley MacDonald & Ferne MacLean

* Symbol indicates to stand as able.

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit:

**Will you come, gather in?
Come in hope and come in wonder.
There is life in our longing.
There's a voice – in the thunder.
Will you come, gather in?**

Lightning the Christ Candle: HOPE – *Bev Campbell*
Hope, in the midst of fear. Hope, in the midst of sorrow.
Hope, when it seems hopeless. God offers hope.

**We come seeking that hope. We come seeking a new dream.
We come from the four winds seekign God-with-Us.**

Let us pray for Emmanuel, let us pray for the insight,
let us pray for that promised hope.

VU #6, vs. 1 “A Candle is Burning”

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

Welcome

Call to Worship: (unison)

God of Hope we are confident that as we gather in your name you are here among us. God of gentleness as we pause to rest and look to you, fill our hearts with the beauty of your love, fill our mind with the peace of the Holy Spirit. Come to us Lord as we wait with expectation for the arrival of your will and your way. In Jesus name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU #1, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs.1,2,3

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Thank you, God, for the hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to be fulfilled, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Dedication of the Memory Wreath – *Cynthia Duplessie & Karen Rose*

Children’s Time:

Placing the Angel in the Manager Scene – *Daniel Szemok*

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: “Away In a Manger”

Message: HOPE

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn: VU # 2, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Announcements: *Merle Milson*

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** VU #55, “In the Bleak Midwinter” vs. 4

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.**

***Offering Prayer:** (read together with congregation)

Gracious God, we give our best, for fear that in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord Amen.

Praise Before Prayer: MV #119, "God Our Protector"
**God our protector, keep us in mind,
always give strength to your people.
For if we could be with you one day at a time
it is better than a thousand without you.**

Prayers of the People:

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn: VU #29, "Hark the Glad Sound"**

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing: VU #37, "Gloria"**
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Musical Postlude



Announcements

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Jim MacIntosh by his wife, Anna MacIntosh and Family.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Patrick LeTourneau**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Barry & Bev Campbell, Barbara Doucet, Karen & Paul Rose and Family, Carol & Lee Johnston, Marjorie MacPhee.

In loving memory of **Patrick LeTourneau**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ferne & Ernie MacLean.

In loving memory of **Patrick LeTourneau**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Frances & Buddie Blakely.

In loving memory of **Jim MacIntosh**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from wife, Anna and Family.

In loving memory of **Mary Ryan and Robert (Bob) Stephens**, a donation to the Christmas Hampers has been received from Frances & Buddie Blakely.

Worship:

▪ **Greeters:** Dec. 8th – Debbie Stymiest & Betty MacDiarmid/Dec. 15 – Marilyn McGerrigle & Jeanne Breau/Dec. 22 – Bev Campbell & Muriel Lamkey/Dec. 24th – Mary Reynolds & Helen Jones

▪ **Sound System:** Dec. 1 – Ernie MacLean/Dec. 8 – Paul Rose/Dec. 15 – Brian Savoy/Dec. 22 – Don Bowman/Dec. 24 – Brian Savoy/Dec. 29 – Barry Campbell

▪ **PowerPoint:** Dec. 1 – Barry Campbell/Dec. 8 – Mary Reynolds/Dec. 15 – Barry Campbell/Dec. 22 – Jennifer Walker/Dec.24 – Barry Campbell/Dec. 29 – Karen Rose

-**Offering Collectors:** Dec. 1 - Debbie Stymiest, Jeanne Breau, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/Dec. 8 - Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marjorie MacPhee/Dec. 15 - Patti Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/Dec. 22 - Debbie Stymiest, Moses Akinyode, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/Dec. 24 - Helen Jones,

Brian & Joan Savoy, Jeanne Breau/**Dec. 29** - Bev & Barry Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Dec. 1** – Brian Savoy/Barry Campbell/**Dec. 8** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Dec. 15** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston/**Dec. 22** – Betty MacDiarmid & Don Bowman/**Dec. 24** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**Dec. 29** - Betty MacDiarmid & Liz Mullin

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 24 th	\$ 1,160.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,120.31</u>
Total for Week of Nov. 24th	\$ 2,280.31

This Week:

1) Monday, Dec. 2nd - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class

2) Advent Bible Study being held on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 10:00 a.m. with Daniel Szemok. All are welcome to attend!

3) Our Mitten Tree is up and we are now collecting donations of hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant etc.)

4) If anyone is willing to sponsor a child's name on the Hamper List the sign-up sheet is on the back table by the church office.

5) We have plans in the works to restart our Sunday School Program in January 2025 under the leadership of John Ashford. We are in need of volunteers to serve in a support role to monitor and assist the kids as needed. No pre-planning required. If you are interested in doing a week every other month please contact the church office. Anyone interested would have to get their volunteer records check prior to starting. All you have to do is pick up letter from Karen and take it with you and there is no charge.

Upcoming:

1) Christmas Hampers – Items needed are:

Dec. 8th, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter

Dec. 15th, canned vegetables, pkg. of cookies, large tub of margarine

Community Events:

1) The Chatham Ministerial Association is organizing “A Festival of Readings and Carols” to get you into the Christmas spirit. It will be held at the Calvin Presbyterian Church on King Street at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th. A light lunch will follow. This is an ecumenical gathering for all churches in the Chatham area. All are welcome.

2) St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 750 Water Street is hosting a “Christmas Tea” on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome!

Fundraisers:

1) Tickets are on sale for our Gift Card Baskets Fundraiser.

Tickets can be picked up from the church office to sell or purchase. Draw date is Wednesday, December 11th.

2) Annual Loonie Sock will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5th at noon with a Pot Luck Luncheon. All women of the congregation (along with a friends) are invited to join the luncheon.

3) The 100th Anniversary Church Calendars have arrived and are on sale through the church office for \$10 each. Limited number available.

4) The Memory Wreath raised a total of \$693.25.

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok is covering for any pastoral emergencies. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in honour of Denis & Elizabeth Desaulniers 66th Wedding Anniversary (which they celebrated on Friday, Nov.29th) with love, from Jeanne Breau.



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