



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



December 8, 2024.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**"



*Advent, the Season of Waiting*  
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# Sunday Worship Service

(December 8, 2024. Advent 2)

**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL

**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Debbie Szymiest & Betty MacDiarmid

\* **Symbol indicates to stand as able.**

## We Gather To Worship

**Music Prelude:**

**Introit:**

**Will you come, gather in,  
Though the star-may be falling?  
Come in peace, there's a promise.  
There's a voice that's bravely calling:  
Will you come, gather in?**

**Lightning the Christ Candle: *Patty Deitch***

Peace, in the midst of war. peace, in the midst of conflict.  
Peace, when everything is going wrong. God offers peace.

**We come seeking God,s peace. We come seeking to be  
made whole. We come seeking to be reconciled. We come  
from the fourwinds seeking God-with-Us.**

Let us pray for Emmanuel, let us pray for the  
courage to be peaceful, let us pray for that peace  
that makes no sense to the world.

**VU #6, vs. 2 "A Candle is Burning"**

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict much cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** (Bolded sections)

Listen to the Lord, the maker of Heaven and earth!

**He is the source of our strength and the foundation of our  
peace.**

Listen to the son, his name is Jesus the chosen one!

**He came to bring us true peace! He came to bring us eternal life!**

Listen to Jesus because he is the only way to the Father.

**In him we are complete, in him we are made whole again to live life in freedom and victory.**

**In Jesus name, Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** VU #36, "Angels In the Realms of Glory"

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

**Prince of peace, sometimes when we pray the words just won't come. We know we need you but it's not always easy to put our feelings into words. Holy Spirit, be my guide and lead my thoughts, help me to trust in you when all feels lost. Pray for me and pray through me, when I don't know what to say. When troubles mount and storms rage, help us to find peace in the mighty name of our God! Amen.**

**Placing the Cow & Donkey in the Manager Scene – *Testimony & Covenant***

**Children's Time:**

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** "When Christmas Comes"

**Message:** Peace

**Pastoral Prayer:**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Hymn:** VU #55, "All the Earth is Waiting"

**Announcements:** *Jeanne Breau*

**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)**

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving all that you have given us. Everything we have comes from you. We offer ourselves, our time and our possessions, as signs of thanksgiving for your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us. In the name of the lowly Jewish carpenter who is the shepherd of us all. 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 #43, "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

**\*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

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Family of the late Susan Knutson.**

**Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Bob Lamkey, Isabel Lamkey, Elspeth Lamkey and Halli Kate Ferguson by Muriel Lamkey and Family.**

### **Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Kimberley Dawn Sweezey**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from parents, Don & Phyllis Sweezey.

In loving memory of **Wayne DeWolfe**, a donation to St. Mark's has been received from wife, Karen DeWolfe.

In loving memory of **Patrick LeTourneau**, a donation to Community Kitchen has been received from Don & Judy Bowman.

In loving memory of **Theresa (Conroy) Reynolds**, a donation to the Miramichi Food Bank has been received from Helen Jones.

### **Worship:**

▪ **Greeters: Dec. 15** – Marilyn McGerrigle & Jeanne Breau/**Dec. 22** – Bev Campbell & Muriel Lamkey/**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Mary Reynolds & Helen Jones

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

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

-**Offering Collectors: 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. 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, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 1,140.00
Weekly Par Collection	\$ 1,120.31
<b>Total for Week of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,260.31</b>

**This Week:**

- 1) Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m.** - St. Andrew's Exercise Class
- 2) Advent Bible Study** being held on Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.) All donations need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. All items must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- 6) Offering Envelopes for 2025** are ready at the back of the church for people to pick up.

**Upcoming:**

- 1) Christmas Hampers** – Items needed are:  
**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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. today, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch will follow. This is an ecumenical gathering for all churches in the Chatham area. All are welcome.

## **Fundraisers:**

**1) All tickets for the gift baskets needs to be turned into the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Draw date is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

## **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 memory of Linda MacDonald, Steven Tozer and Jennifer  
Devereau by Robert & Margaret Tozer and Family.**



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