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St. Andrew's United Church

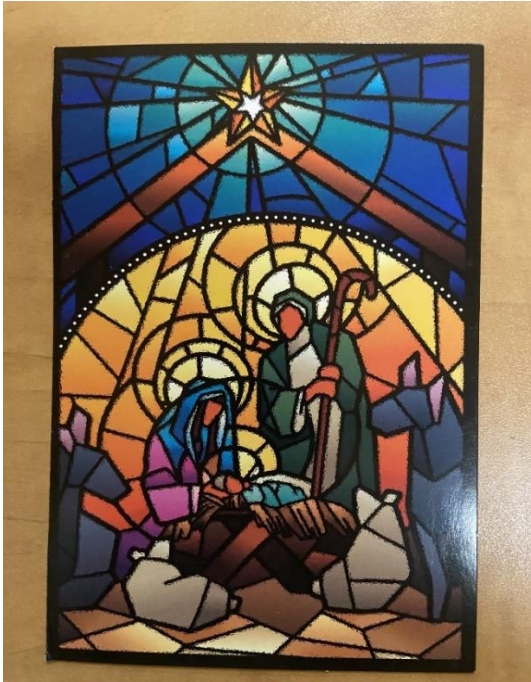


December 24, 2024.

Christmas Eve

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."



Jesus is born tonight, Hallelujah
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Sunday Worship Service

(December 24, 2024. Christmas Eve)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Helen Jones & Mary Reynolds

We Gather to Worship

Introit: VU #91, "The First Noel" chorus
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
born is the King of Israel.

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Maya Campbell*

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us;
Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus. It is
time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ
Candle.

**We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the
Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited
Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus
lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and
total commitment. In Jesus Christ, our hope is fulfilled; our
love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is
sealed.**

Rejoice; a Saviour is born.

A saviour is born, indeed.

Joy to the world! (*The candle is lit.*)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Opening Hymn: VU #60, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1,3 & 5

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God; you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son; Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6

Baby Jesus in the Manager – Julia Campbell

Children Time: Christmas Presents - Video

Duet: “Were You There on That Christmas Night” - Pat Boucher & Marjorie Cassidy

Christmas Message: *Luke 1:1-2*

Mary and Gabriel

Christmas Carol 1: VU #64, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Birth of Jesus

Christmas Carol 2: VU #46, “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Sheppard came to visit

Christmas Carol 3: VU #69, “Away in A Manager”

The Magi came to visit

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory Carol: VU #55, vs. 4 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

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 can I give him – give my heart.

Offertory Prayer

The hope born in a manger long ago is birthed again. We gratefully offer these financial gifts as a way to provide hope for all of God's children. We rejoice in knowing that your ministry is strengthened by our gifts and prayers. We pray in the name of the baby in the manger. Amen.

Christmas Carol 4: VU #44, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Benediction

Closing Carol: VU # 67, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Musical Postlude



Announcements

***Poinsettias' have been placed in loving memory of:
Doug Breau by Jeanne & Tim Breau
and in memory of Hazen & Vera Lobban
by Donald, David Lobban and their Families.***

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Merle, Lillian, Ron, Brent, and Brian Morrison**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison and Family.

In loving memory of **Ron and Brian Morrison**, a donation to Local Funds has received from Shirley, Kevin and David Morrison.

In loving memory of **Ron and Brian Morrison**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Shirley, Kevin and David Morrison.

In loving memory of **Linda MacDonald, Steven Tozer and Jennifer Devereau**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Barb Doucet, Robert Tozer, Diane Manuel, Nancy Fowlie, Karen Rose and their Families.

In loving memory of **Boyd & Lois Parks**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from daughter, Carolyn McKinnon.

In loving memory of **Tom Lamkey, Dale Lamkey and Heather (Lamkey) Jenkins** by Agnes Lamkey and Family.

In loving memory of **Richard A. (Dick) MacKnight**, a donation Local Funds has been received from Joan, Andrea, Richard and Jeffery.

In loving memory of **Perley & Ernestine MacKnight**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from daughter, Anne MacKnight.

Worship:

- **Greeters: Dec. 29th** – Cynthia Duplessie & Patty Deitch/**Jan. 5th** – Elvina Sobey & Julia Campbell
- **Sound System: Dec. 29** – Barry Campbell/**Jan. 5th** – Paul Rose
- **PowerPoint: Dec. 29** – Karen Rose/**Jan. 5th** – Jennifer Walker

-Offering Collectors: Dec. 29 - Bev & Barry Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/ Jan. 5th – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marj MacPhee

▪ **Offering Counters:** Dec. 29 - Betty MacDiarmid & Liz Mullin/ Jan. 5 – Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie

This Week:

1) Sunday, Dec. 29th – *No Sunday School for this week.*

2) You are invited to celebrate **New Year's Eve** here with your church family at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, December 31st. People are invited to bring appetizers, dips, desserts etc. beginning at 7:00 p.m. The evening will include games and other fun activities. Hope you will join us, and feel free to bring a friend!

3) We will resume our "Hymn Sing's on Sunday, January 5th. Please select your favourite Christmas hymns from Voices United and be ready to sing at 10:50 a.m. We will only be doing the hymn sick every 3rd month.

Community:

1) CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN CANADA: Rev. Alice & Rev. Geza and their family moved to Canada 20 years ago this December. To honour and celebrate this happy occasion with the Szemőks, we are inviting you to join us on Sunday, December 29th at 4:30 PM at the United Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy., for a Meet & Greet, followed by dinner at 5:00 PM. We will provide Shepherds Pie and rolls for the main course, and we invite you to bring a dish of your own. Entertainment will follow the dinner. Come, join us in congratulating the Szemőks on 20 years in Canada!!

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
loving memory of Hallam Curtis
by Donna & Coralie Curtis and Matt Frame.**



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The Meaning of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born:
Born with neither riches nor with fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to bring Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard His name.

Angels watched Him as He slept,
And gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and his Father both gave thanks to God above
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear.

They knew His life upon this earth
Would not be filled with wealth,
They also knew He would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.

At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ,
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings,
Nor the gifts that lie within,
But our gift of love to others in every way....

