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## St. Andrew's United Church



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**Sunday, December 7, 2025.**

**2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace**

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**Worship Leader:** DANIEL SZEMÖK, LLWL

**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Ray & Janice Carter

## Peace

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Luke 2: 14

# Sunday Worship Service

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

### Musical Prelude

### Greeting

**\*Introit: VU #2, vs. 1 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**  
**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,**  
**born to set thy people free:**  
**from our fears and sins release us,**  
**let us find our rest in thee**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle:** *Ferne MacLean*

We light the second candle today, the candle of peace. What gives you peace? Where does your security come from; money, wealth, possessions? Do you not know that these things cannot give you real peace and real security? We light today the candle of peace to remind ourselves that real peace does not come from things but from a person. This person loves you, he moved heaven and earth to save you and if you invite him into your heart, he will make a place for you in heaven. Don't miss out on him! Amen.

*Candle is lit as we sing: “We Light this Candle”*

***We light this candle for peace.***

***Await the new life within.***

***May our hearts now live each day,***

***So peace can find away,***

***So peace can find away.***

### **Call to Worship:** (bold section only)

If it had not been God who was on our side,

**the troubles of the world would have swallowed us whole.**

If it had not been God who was on our side,

**the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.**

Are any among us suffering?

**Come and pray.**

Are any among us cheerful?

**Come sing songs of praise.**

Are any among us sick?

**Come and ask for healing.**

Our help is in our God,

**the One who made heaven and earth.**

Call upon God, creator and rescuer. God is on our side. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** VU # 29, “Hark the Glad Sound”

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**God of Peace, you created us and you rescued us. Be with us now. Help us to realize how much we need you. Help us to see that we don’t have to control what we cannot! All we really need is to pause and rest in you. Teach us to move in lockstep with you! Teach us to live life in rhythm with you! Help us to find the peace that only comes from walking beside you! Amen.**

**Conversation for the Young at Heart**

**Offering**

**\*Choral Response:** 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 I can I give him—give my heart.**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** (read together with congregation)

**God of peace and rest, we ask you to bless our offerings!**

**Guide us to be kind and generous, never being stingy or**

**greedy but to answer your call to help! We ask you to bless the little that we give so by your hands it may become plenty!**

**In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

## **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** “Infant Holy”

**Sermon:** Foreign Peace

**Prayer**

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**Hymn:** VU 36, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

**Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church**  
– *Merle Milson*

**Closing Hymn:** VU # 38, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Choral Blessing:** VU #64, vs. 4, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

**Musical Postlude**

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Announcements**

*Flowers have been placed in loving memory of  
Robert Lamkey and Halli Kate Ferguson*

**by Muriel Lamkey and Family.**

**Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Shirley Rose**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Don & Judy Bowman, Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Jack & Cynthia Duplessie, David & Noreen Lobban, Helen Jones.

**Coffee Hour:** **Dec. 7** – Liz Mullin & Cynthia Duplessie/

**Dec. 14** – Marj MacPhee & Mary Reynolds

**Please note:** This will be the last coffee hour till the New Year at which time the Faith & Spiritual Development Team will be changing this to once a month in January.

**Greeters:** **Dec.14** – Judy Donnelly & Shirley MacDonald/**Dec. 21** – Judy & Don Bowman/**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Brian & Joan Savoy/**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Brian & Davida Adams

▪ **Sound System:** **Dec.7** – Brian Savoy/**Dec. 14** – Paul Rose/  
**Dec. 21** – Don Bowman/**Dec. 28** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Dec. 7** – Barry Campbell/**Dec. 14** – Mary Reynolds/**Dec. 21** – Jennifer Walker/**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Karen Rose/  
**Dec. 28** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors:** **Dec. 7** – Debbie Stymiest, Carol Johnston, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/**Dec. 14** – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marj MacPhee/ **Dec. 21** – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Dec. 24** – Debbie Stymiest, Carol Johnston, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/**Dec. 28** – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Jeanne Breau

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Dec. 14** – Karen Rose & Brian Adams/  
**Dec. 21** – Brian & Joan Savoy/**Dec. 24-** Karen Rose & Barry Campbell/**Dec. 28** – Carol Johnston & Marj MacPhee

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

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| Collection on Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>   | \$ 1,495.00        |
| Weekly Par Collection                         | <u>\$ 1,259.00</u> |
| <b>Total for Week of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>\$ 2,754.00</b> |

**This Week:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Team Meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon** – Loonie Sock Luncheon for all women of the congregation. Ladies are reminded to bring their 12 Loonies for the year and this goes towards the Hampers. There will be fellowship, laughter, maybe some Christmas Carols. We are also in need of a few prizes for this afternoon if anyone would like to donate a couple for the games.

**The list of children's names for the Christmas Hampers** is on the back table by the church office for anyone wishing to purchase for a child this year. **There are lots of children on the list this year.**

**The mitten tree is up** and ready to receive donations of toiletries, mittens and hats for the Christmas Hampers.

**St. Andrew's Fitness Class** is cancelled until further notice.

**Upcoming:**

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Communion Service with Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight – Advent 4 Love

**Christmas Eve Service** – 6:30 p.m.- Daniel Szemok, LLWL

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00 a.m. – Daniel Szemok, LLWL

**Fundraiser:**

- ❖ **Donations for the Christmas Hampers Program** can be made through the church office. Tax receipts will be issued.

**Community:**

- ❖ **A Festival of Readings and Carols will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church today, Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This event on put together by the Chatham Ministerial Association and all churches till be taking part in the service. A light luncheon will follow. A free will offering will be received to aid "Harvest House."
- ❖ **St. Andrew's United Church, Tabusintac is holding a Christmas Musical "The Magic of Christmas"** tonight, Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.
- ❖ **"There's A Song in the Air"** with **The Villagers** will be presented on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Paul's**

**Anglican Church** in Bushville, featuring an hour of inspiring Christmas music. Admission is a free-will offering.

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins  
in loving memory of Mother, Evelyn Milson  
by Merle Milson & Patricia Boucher.**



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