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## St. Andrew's United Church



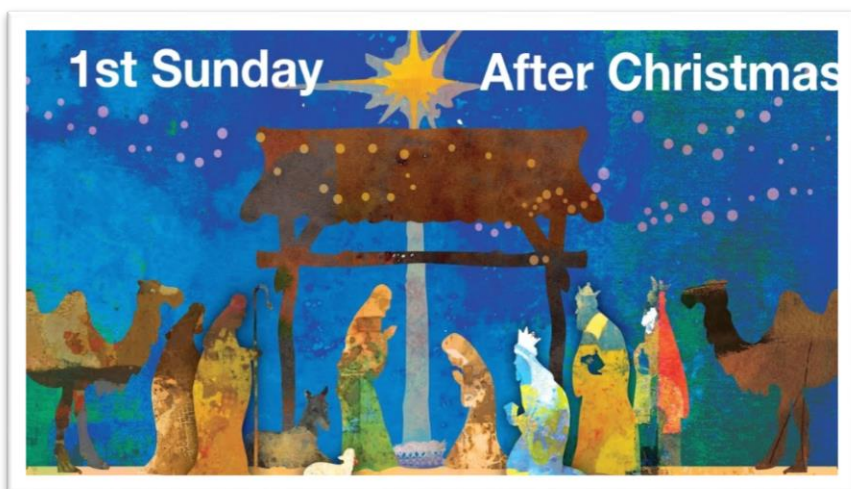
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**Sunday, December 28, 2025.**

**First After Christmas**

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**Worship Leader:** DANIEL SZEMÖK, LLWL

**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Brian & Davida Adams

*Psalm 148: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."  
Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights!  
Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!  
Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights!  
Praise God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven!*

# Sunday Worship Service

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

**Musical Prelude**

**Greeting**

**\*Introit:** VU #59, "Joy to the World"

**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.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** *Linda McKinnon*

Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us - for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may he be born in us and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through him, this both now and forevermore. Amen.

*Candle is lit as we sing: VU #82, "A Light is Gleaming" chorus*

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.**

**Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

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

We are here at the end of another year and at the beginning of another.

**Teach us Lord, to number our days so we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

We travel through time, but God does not. He is in each moment with you!

**Time passes and the world changes but we follow God who is eternal.**

Fear not, the future is unknown but it is held by a known God, who loves you!

**In Jesus name, we give thanks!**

**\*Hymn:** VU # 48, “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**Opening Prayer:**

**May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes. Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel any path. Not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us when people and their causes need us most. Bless us Lord, with your peace that is not dependent on circumstances. 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 extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. Those who know You attest to the truth, that Your generosity has no limits! Bless our donations and our works, may they be used for Your glory. Amen!**

## **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** “In a Far-off Place”

**Sermon:**     **Resolutions**

**Prayer**

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

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

**Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church**

– Wayne Mullin

**Closing Hymn:** VU # 74, “What Child Is This”

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Choral Blessing:** VU #43, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” chorus

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Musical Postlude**

**Sermon Notes:**

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## **Announcements**

**Greeters:** Jan. 4 – Dennis & Judy Morrison/Jan. 11- Cynthia Duplessie & Patty Deitch

▪ **Sound System:** Dec. 28 – Paul Rose/Jan. 4 –Barry Campbell

▪**PowerPoint:** Dec. 28 – Barry Campbell/Jan. 4 – Mary Reynolds

-**Offering Collectors:** Dec. 28 – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Jeanne Breau/Jan. 4 – Barry & Bev Campbell, Holly Daley, Debbie Stymiest

▪ **Offering Counters:** Dec. 28 – Carol Johnston & Marj MacPhee/Jan. 4 – Dennis & Judy Morrison



## **A Prayer for New Days**

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for making all things new!

As another new year begins, help me live each day for  
You.

May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to  
You, no matter what comes my way.

I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new  
every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take  
You by surprise.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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