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St. Andrew's United Church



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Christmas Eve Service

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St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.



Worship Leader: DANIEL SZEMÖK, LLWL
Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Brian & Joan Savoy

Jesus Birth

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” –

Luke 1:31-33

Christmas Eve Worship Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle – *Bev Campbell*

Every year, into our shadowed world,

A light is born.

Every year into our complicated lives,

hope is born,

Every year,

the Christ child comes to the world.

Every year, and this year,

we celebrate in hope, in gratitude, and in joy.

As the Christ Candle is lit we sing: VU#6, “A Candle is Burning”
vs. 5

**We honour Messiah with Christ-candle’s flame,
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
as God comes among us, the Christian’s true light.**

***Opening Hymn: VU #60 vs. 1,3,5 “Come All Ye Faithful”**

Opening Prayer

Thank you God, for giving us your son, baby Jesus. He is not a baby anymore but we celebrate Christmas to remember him. Thank you God for giving us an example of how to love and how to be kind to each other. Help us not to fight and argue but to love and forgive just like you! Amen.

Offering

***Offertory Carol:** VU #55, vs. 4 “In the Mid Bleak Winter”

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**

Dear Jesus, we thank you for giving us what we need. We thank you for teaching us to be kind. Sometimes we get scared of not having enough of something and we forget to be generous. Teach us to help each other and teach us to share what we have because we are not good at it. Come Jesus bless us with your love. Amen.

Christmas Story

Special Music: “Jesus Lord at thy Birth”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

Bible Reading: The Birth of Jesus the Messiah - Matthew 1:18-21 NLT

Christmas Carol: VU #7, “Hope Is a Star”

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-6 NLT

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

Bible Reading: The Shepherds and Angels - Luke 2:7-20 NLT –

Christmas Carol: VU #75, “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Bible Reading: Wise Men Visit the Young Child Jesus - Matthew 2:1-9 NLT

Piano Music

Pastoral Prayer

***Benediction**

***Closing Carol:** VU #67, “Silent Night”

Announcements

The pink and white poinsettias have been placed in loving memory of Doug Breau be his wife, Jeanne Breau.

Memorials:

In loving memory **Donald & Kimberly Dawn Sweezey**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Phyllis Sweezey and Family.

In loving memory of **Thelma & Gordon Widbur**, donations to Riverside Cemetery have been received from Elaine, Tania & Mark Robinson.

In loving memory of **Marven & Jennie MacLennan**, a donation to Riverside Cemetery has been received from Helen & Alfred Steeves and Family.

In loving memory of **Ruby, Herbie & David Dickson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Karen & Dennis Morang.

In loving memory of **sister-in-law, Patsy Pleadwell**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Gail Arsenault.

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

Greeters: **Dec. 28th** – Brian & Davida Adams/**Jan. 4** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean

▪ **Sound System:** **Dec. 21** – Don Bowman/**Dec. 28** – Paul Rose/**Jan. 4** – Barry Campbell

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Dec. 24th** – Karen Rose/**Dec. 28** – Barry Campbell/**Jan. 4** – Mary Reynolds

-**Offering Collectors:** **Dec. 24** – Debbie Stymiest, Carol Johnston, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/**Dec. 28** – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Jeanne Breau/**Jan. 4** – Barry & Bev Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Dec. 24-** Karen Rose & Barry Campbell/**Dec. 28** – Carol Johnston & Marj MacPhee/**Jan. 4** – Judy & Dennis Morrison

This Week:

Sunday, December 28th – 11:00 a.m. – Daniel Szemok, LLWL

**The Congregation of St. Andrew's United Church
wish you blessings of health, happiness, and hope for the
upcoming holiday season.**



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....



**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the
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his wife, Agnes Lamkey.**



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