

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### Announcements ~

#### Gathering Song:

The advent of our God with eager hearts we greet;  
And we must praise Him in this hour  
With hymns and anthems sweet.  
All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free;  
With Father, Spirit, ever One Through all eternity.  
VU#715

### Call to Worship ~

Leader: Today we enter the Season of Advent, a time of remembering, of waiting, of preparing.

**People: We remember Advents past, but this Advent is new. We have new hopes, new things for which to wait.**

Leader: We remember the One Who came to bring us peace, and we long for the fullness of God's peace to come in our time.

**People: We remember the life of Jesus, and we long to find new life in Him.**

Leader: God has promised that good things are yet to come.

**People: So let us prepare ourselves. Let us remember and wait and worship God this day!**

\* Singing: *Hark the Glad Sound* VU#29

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** God of all creation, we remember Your goodness to us and to all people. We wait in expectation for the Christmas Season and the birth of hope for the world that Christ Jesus brings. Yet our remembering so easily becomes mushy nostalgia for the past and our waiting so easily becomes a lazy expectation that we are already prepared to meet You. Forgive us, Lord, and ignite our remembering and waiting so that we might boldly follow Jesus and help create the future of our longing. We pray together.... Our Father (**sung**), Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Advent Lighting Ceremony

**VOICE:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

**VOICE:** The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

**VOICE:** On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

**VOICE:** As the follower of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us as humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver His people.

**VOICE:** We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

### Light the first Candle

**ALL SING:** Living Christ, bring us hope,  
Hope for every stranger;  
Living Christ, bring us hope,  
Hope from cross and manger  
VU#599

**VOICE:** Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

### *~Celebration of Infant Baptism~*

\*Singing: *A Little Child the Saviour Came* VU#445 vs. 1-3

**Ivy Knowawi Aurora Graham-Dugal &**

**Hunter Sosee Phoenix Graham-Dugal**

Infant daughter & infant son of Mario Dugal & Arielle Graham.

### Godparents

Nathalie Beauvais & Michael Beauvais &

Patrick Dugal & Nathalie Beauvais

### *Questions & Promises*

#### *Minister to the congregation:*

Do you the members of this congregation receive this child and promise to help with the Christian training of all children under your care?

**Congregation: Yes, we do.**

### *Presentation of Candle, Book & Certificate*

#### *~Sung Blessing ~*

#### *The Hebrew Benediction*

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,  
And be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord life up His countenance upon thee  
And give thee peace.

\*Singing: *A Little Child the Saviour Came* VU#445 vs. 4

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64 : 1-9 p. 606  
Mark 13: 28-37 p. 826**

**Anthem: *The Heavens Are Telling***

**Reflections ~ All Earth Is Waiting**

\*Singing: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* VU#25

## WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

### **Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God**

**\*Singing:** *All Earth is Waiting* VU#5

**Offertory:** With these symbols of our pleasure  
We make offering to the Lord,  
That the rule of peace and justice  
In this world may be restored. (tune 562 or 2)

**Offertory Prayer:** O Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent Season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives. Amen.

## WE ARE SENT OUT IN SERVICE

### **We come to prayer singing:**

I cast all my cares upon you.  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And any time that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.

### **We bring our prayers to God**

**Singing:** *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* VU#578  
Tune SOG 91

### **Benediction ~**

*We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the UCW (United Church Women).*

### Announcements:

- Dr. Bruce Oliver has once again donated an orthodontic treatment (up to a maximum value of \$6,600) for the benefit of St. Andrew's United Church.

St. Andrew's will offer this treatment to the individual who submits the highest bid (beyond a set minimum) and who qualifies for treatment upon assessment by Dr. Oliver. **Submissions must be received by Friday, December 19 at 5 p.m. Please see details on bulletin board.**

- **The Stewards are raffling a basket full of edible goodies at the Holly Tea.** They are asking for contributions from the congregation. Please put your offerings in the box outside the Stewards' room marked: "STEWARDS' GROCERY CART RAFFLE DONATION BOX". Thank you for your help.
- **Volunteers needed to put up the Christmas tree and to decorate the Sanctuary on Dec. 3 or 4 depending on availability. Please sign up on the bulletin board.**
- **Holly Tea, Saturday, December 6 info on board.**
- The **La Boheme choir** will be performing in the Sanctuary Dec. 13 at 8 pm. Doors open at 7:30. Please use Sanctuary entrance 200 Church St. Tickets are available from Jim Meldrum 450-691 8244. The price is \$20 each. The choir will be singing Christmas and religious music in French and in English.

### Reminders:

- **Food Pantry:** We will be filling from 25-30 Christmas baskets for needy families. Suggested: canned meats, tuna, crackers, canned fruits, individual fruit portions for children's snacks, juices, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and anything else you can think of. Thank you!!
- **The Benevolent Fund** ~ The money you donate goes to needy families in our community. Baskets are placed at the Sanctuary exits & donations can also be handed in to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels & dimes to support the **Sunday school.** Thank you for your generosity.

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# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

**181<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2014**

**~WORSHIP ~**

**November 30, 2014 ~ 10:30 am**



*Hope*

**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**

**Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Erich Bauer**

**Stewards: Norm Elkin, Keith Motton**