

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song:

Lord, we come to worship you,
Drawn by Your inviting light,
Come to praise You and rejoice,
For Your gift of Love divine,
Born to earth a little child,
Born for us the Christ of God. (Tune VU#81)

Call to Worship ~

This is the season of holy waiting.

We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us.

We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations.

We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

* **Singing: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* VU#18**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in.

Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray...Our Father.... 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!

Candle Lighting Ceremony

VOICE -- Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us.

Light the Candle of Hope

VOICE -- The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

VOICE -- Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to Him in faith.

VOICE -- The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that He may come in.

VOICE -- Our hope is in God, and in His son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in Him.

Light the Second Candle

**ALL SING: Living Christ, bring us peace,
Peace with God and neighbour,
Living Christ, bring us peace,
Peace in all our labour. (VU#599)**

VOICE -- LET US PRAY -- Loving God, thank You for the peace You give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Anthem: "Look Toward Christmas"

Children's Time

Singing: Wise men seeking Jesus
Travelled from afar,
Guided on their journey
By a beauteous star.
But if we desire Him,
He is close at hand;
For our native country
Is our Holy Land.

He is more than near us,
If we love Him well;
For He seeketh ever
In our hearts to dwell.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 p. 581
Mark 1:1-8 p. 812**

Reflections: "Good Things in Strange Packages"

Singing: *On Jordan's Bank*

VU#20

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

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 VU#562)

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:

Lord, listen to Your children praying
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace 400 VU

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Hail to God's Own Anointed*

VU#30

Benediction ~ Singing VU 599 vs.5

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 Prayer Fellowship.

Please Pray For: Jessie Amy, Catherine Antele, Antoine, Amber, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carolyn, Colleen, Laura Cuthbertson, Dave, Hugh Davidson, Carol Delisle, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Elizabeth Eastman, Lynn Edwards, Karen Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Madeline Gagnon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Hannah, Jennifer, Justin, Kristy, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Ed McDonald, Dennis McKeating, Laura McLean, Jim Meldrum, Mile, Cheryl Miller, Terry Muncey, Nancy Pappin, Julie Patterson, Denise Pheeny, Gail Provencher, Gilles Provencher, Sarah Puskas, Don and Phyllis Reid, Robert Robertson, Chester Ross, Lou & Joan Sarka, Ken Semper, Sharon, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Joan Spurrell, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Phyllis Triangle, Margaret Whittal, Pat Wilkins, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

Announcements:

- The **La Bohème** 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.
- **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.

Reminders:

- **Food Pantry:** We will be filling from 25-30 Christmas baskets for needy families. For the next week we will collect lunch items – suggested items: canned meats, tuna, crackers, canned fruits, individual fruit portions for children's snacks, fruit juices, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and anything else you can think of. Thank you all for your great generosity!!
- **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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	11:00 am	Senior's Lunch
Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	7:30 pm	Stewards' Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Session Dinner & Meeting
“ “	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

181st Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2014

~WORSHIP~

Advent II ~ Peace

December 07, 2014 ~ 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Barbara Batten

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Cliff Henderson