

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering:

SHAWN SOUCY- JESU JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

Call to Worship ~ ALL TOGETHER

Over two-thousand years ago, on that night in Bethlehem, a small baby boy was born to parents who, if it happened today, might be sitting there, there, or there...changed the world forever. Christmas is a time to come together and celebrate, singing anthems and carols of praise and rejoicing in God's greatest gift to us. This morning, let us come together as one, lifting our hearts and voices in praise.

Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful* VU#60 verses 1-3 & 5

Reading:

WHO ON EARTH COULD KNOW?

Advent Candle Lighting

VOICE – Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

(a person lights the candles of hope, peace and joy)

VOICE – The fourth candle of Advent is the candle of Love. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

VOICE – Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

VOICE – Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

VOICE – We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus.

Light the Fourth Candle

ALL SING: Living Christ, bring us love,
Love for every stranger;
Living Christ, bring us love,
Love from cross and stable VU#599

VOICE – LET US PRAY Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love – shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Reading ~

TIERNAN CORNFORD: *O HOLY NIGHT*

Reading:

Hymn: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night* VU#75 verse 1 all 2 men 3 women 6 all

Reading ~

**Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VU# 64
(women only vs 1 & 4)**

WAKE UP LITTLE BETHLEHEM!

Reading ~

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Reading ~

**INARA BARDAL ~
*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH***

Reading ~

Hymn: *Silent Night* VU#67

Reading ~

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR

Reading ~

TARA SOUCY: *AWAY IN A MANGER*

Reading ~

**REGAN CORNFORD:
*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH***

Reading ~

MARY DID YOU KNOW

Reading ~

Offering: *CHRISTMAS GLORIA (CHOIR)*

Doxology: For, lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing. **VU#55 vs 4**

Prayer: (read together with congregation) Three gifts of great significance - gold - frankincense - and myrrh were laid at the feet of the child named Jesus - these were gifts that could only come from royal treasures. The gifts we bring are of much greater value to the Lord - my life - my heart - my praise - all of my desires - all of my accomplishments, all of my failures - all of me. I surrender all of me to the giver of every good and perfect gift - Emmanuel, God with us.

Hymn ~ *'Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime* VU#71

PHILIP DUTEAU: WE THREE KINGS

Reading ~

Hymn: We Three Kings (All men)

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

CHORUS

**O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia, earth to heav'n replies.

CHORUS

Reading ~

Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain VU# 43 vs. 1 & 3

Reading together ~

The story of Christmas does not begin with the manger or even the angel's announcement to Mary, the story of our salvation is older than history itself. The eternal plan took place on earth only in the fullness of time...God's time. Likewise the story of Jesus does not end at the cross, nor does ours end at death. As He lives and reigns eternally, so we find our ultimate end in Him: "In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God, and the Word was God." "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and The Last, the Beginning and the end.

HALLELUIAH CHORUS

Benediction ~ Rev. Alice.

Feliz Navidad
Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad
Prospero ano y felicidad.
Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad
Prospero ano y felicidad.
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas (x2)
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart.
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas (x2)
I want to wish you a Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart.

The choir would like to thank the Readers and all the Special Guests for helping us in our musical celebration.

Announcements:

- We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Pat Wilkins, Dec. 17th. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 29th from 6-9 pm, and Tuesday from 11-12 noon, with the service at 12 noon at the Alexandre Nichole Funeral Home on St. Jean Baptiste St.
- **Christmas Eve Services: 7:00pm Family Service
10:00pm Candlelight Holy Communion Service**
- **Subscriptions renewal for the Upper Room \$10 / Observer \$20. Please pay the office ASAP.**

The St. Andrew's staff wants to extend our best wishes to you all for a very joyous Christmas season and blessed New Year.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday 8:00 pm AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

181st Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2014

~WORSHIP ~

Advent IV ~ Love

December 21, 2014 ~ 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Les Sorg

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Cliff Henderson