

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. **397 R**

Call to Worship ~

Rejoice, for today is a new day, and the beginning of a season to celebrate!

This is indeed a new day, for today we begin a journey to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son.

Let us set our minds on the God of love, and prepare our hearts for God's great gift.

God has promised that good things are yet to come.

***Singing: *All Earth Is Waiting* VU#5**

Prayer & 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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Yeah God!)

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

Today, we light the candle of Hope.

Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

Singing: VU# vs. 1

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.**

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

**Avery Elizabeth Eccles, Daughter of William Eccles & Erin Downing
Godparents ~ Andrea Eccles & Peter Lachapelle**

Ellie McLean, Daughter of Matthew McLean & Melissa Leblanc

**Marshall James Miller, Son of Bonnye Carol Miller
Godparents ~ Shawn & Tanya Levy**

Questions & Promises

Minister to the Congregation

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

Congregation ~ Yes, we do.

Presentation of Book

Lighting of Candle for New Life

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5 p. 550,
Romans 13: 11-14 p. 923**

Anthem: *Waiting*

Reflections ~ Great Expectations

Singing: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

VU#2

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: 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 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!

We come together in prayer

Singing: People Look East

VU#9

Benediction

Sung Benediction: 397 R

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One, Through all eternity

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 Choir.

Please Pray For: Two members of our congregation who are going through a difficult time, Baby David & his family, Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Sylvan Duguay Andrew Eccles, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Muriel Kaye, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Jan, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Laura McLean, Kathy Meney, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Pousseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Bruce Ryan, Lou & Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret

Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

Announcements

- The **Holly Tea** is quickly approaching (**Dec. 3**) –We hope you'll join us for this pleasant event.
- We are no longer collecting milk bags. We thank you for your past support.
- This year we are giving food vouchers to our needy Christmas families. Your financial support for this endeavor would be greatly appreciated.
- The Session Meeting and dinner will be held Monday, December 12 (not December 14).

Reminders:

- Our food cupboard needs coffee, tea, hot chocolate & snacks for kids and/or cash donations towards the Christmas Baskets as we are giving vouchers this year. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
Wednesday	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
“	6:00 pm	Drama Practice
“	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
“	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

183rd Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2016

~WORSHIP~

November 27, 2016 ~ 10:30 am

Advent I



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Bruce Snair

Stewards: Keith Motton & Eric Robinson