

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

**Announcements ~**

**Gathering Song:**

O come let us adore Him (3x)  
Christ the Lord.

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

**Singing:** For He alone is worthy (3x),  
Christ the Lord.

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** With the light of Christ's love, God reveals a light that dispels our darkness.

**People:** The glory of Christ shines in our world that God's will might be made known to all.

**Leader:** Let us open our eyes! Let us open our hearts and minds!

**People:** Let us lift our voices in praise to God!

**Singing:** *Arise Your Light Is Come* VU#79

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: with the appearance of Your Son You have brought us into Your new creation. Form us into Your people, and order our lives in You; through Christ we pray ...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!)

**Anthem:** *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Oh beautiful star (beautiful, beautiful star) of Bethlehem  
Star of Bethlehem  
Shine upon us until the glory dawn  
Give us a lamp to light the way  
Unto the land of perfect day  
Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.  
(Chorus)

**Children's Time**

**Singing:** *The First Nowell* VU#91 vs. 1,2,5,6

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 46 VU#770  
Matthew 2:1-12 p. 813

**Reflections:**

*Taking Christmas with us into the New Year*

**Singing:** *Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand* VU#529

**Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God**

**Doxology** So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come one and all to own Him;  
The King of Kings, salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born  
The Babe, the Son of Mary (VU#74)

**Offertory Prayer** Gracious God, may generosity be our watchword as we offer this money: the generosity of gifts presented; the generosity of faith shared; the generosity of hope declared. Bless our giving through the generous Spirit of Jesus. Amen

**We come to prayer singing:**

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from Thee,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.  
SOG#146

**We bring our prayers to God**

**Singing:** *Will You Come and See the Light* VU#96

**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 United Church Women.*

**Please Pray For:** The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Heather Downs, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, Clara Witowski, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman

**Announcements:** *Happy New Year everyone! May you all have a sense of God's loving presence with you throughout this year!*

- An Official Board Meeting is being called for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to: review the finances of 2017 and the proposed budget for 2018, and also to hear suggestions from the Nominating Committee.
- Our sympathies are extended to Teddy and Linda Hoare (Station 7) on the passing of Teddy's father, Fred. Visitation for him is on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 and 7-9 pm at the Yves Legare Funeral Home at 123 Maple. The funeral is on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Centre Evangelique at 11 a.m.
- Our sympathies are also extended to Michelle and Marceline Bossard, daughters of Eileen Pollard who passed away in mid-December. Her funeral was held here on Thursday.
- Rev. Alice wishes to thank the mystery person who sent a beautiful Christmas floral arrangement to their home. If you wouldn't mind identifying yourself, she'd like to thank you personally. :-)

### Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, cookies, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
“ “	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
“ “	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>

# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

*185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018*

**~ WORSHIP ~**  
**January 07, 2018 ~ 10:30 am**  
**Epiphany Sunday**



**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**  
**Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Llewellyn Hall**

**Stewards: Jonathan Bergeron & Jim Meldrum**

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