

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship ~

One: The bells ring out.

All: Praise Him! Praise Him!

One: The carolers sing.

All: Praise Him! Praise Him!

One: The stars twinkle brightly.

All: Praise Him! Praise Him!

One: On the birthday of the King.

All: Praise Him! Praise Him!

Lighting of Christ Candle

On the eve of our Christmas celebrations, Jesus' birthday, we light all of the candles of the **Advent** wreath.

First, we light the candle for HOPE because Jesus is our hope.

Second, we light the candle for PEACE because Jesus is our hope and peace.

Third, we light the candle for JOY because Jesus brings joy.

Fourth, we light the candle for LOVE because Jesus is love.

Finally, we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus is our life!

Singing: *Happy Birthday to You!*

Singing: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

VU#43

Prayer Loving and generous God, we thank You for the joys of this Christmas: the music and the singing, the gathering of family and friends, the gifts we give and receive. We thank You most of all for Your great gift to us, the gift born this night _ Your Child Jesus. May Christ's Spirit of love fill our hearts to overflowing. May Christ's Spirit of peace be upon everyone, everywhere. Amen

Special Music: Karen Snair

Singing: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VU#64 vs. 1

The Christmas Story

Singing:

Away in a Manger

VU#69 vs. 1,2

While Shepherds Watched...

VU#75 vs. 1,2,3,4

Angels We Have Heard on High

VU#38 vs. 1,2,3

Silent Night

VU#67

We Three Kings ~

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.

***The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* VU#73**

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology:

Then haste we to show Him the praises we owe Him;
Our service He ne'er can despise;
Whose love still is able to show us that stable,
Where softly in manger he lies.

VU#68

Offertory Prayer: We offer these gifts, kneeling with those who came to the manger, to the Child Who came to bring

peace, hope, joy and love to our world. Accept our songs, our prayers, and our gifts of silver and gold, as tokens of our acceptance of the Holy Child, born this night. Amen

Special Music: Wally Walker

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Joy to the World*

VU#59

Benediction

The staff of St. Andrew's takes this opportunity to extend our desire for you all to have a joyous Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year!

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements:

Next Sunday, for our worship service, we hope to have an informal service in Memorial Hall, over hot chocolate, etc. and leftover goodies you might want to share. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship including some carol singing, sharing of memories, and anticipating God with us (Immanuel) going in the New Year.



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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~
December 24, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Family Service



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

To greet you ~

Elder: Richard Fortier
Stewards: Cliff Henderson