

## Advent Worship

Albert Schweitzer said 'There are two means of refuge from the challenges of life: music and cats'. There may be no cats at St. Andrew's this Advent, but each Sunday as we journey to Christmas we will receive the blessing of a new song that sings the gospel of Jesus Christ.



### Lo, Christ Comes With Clouds Descending

Sunday November 28, 10:30 a.m.

The Christ who came at Bethlehem will come again, to complete all that he began in this world and in us (Luke 21:25-36). This is the promise taken up in this great hymn by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

### Sleepers, Wake!

Sunday December 5, 10:30 a.m.

Jesus described his return like a bridegroom coming late at night to begin a wedding banquet (Matthew 25:1-13). The challenge for us to remain awake so we do not miss the celebrations is taken up by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) in this wonderful hymn, followed by Holy Communion.

### Comfort, Comfort You My People

Sunday December 12, 10:30 a.m.

John the Baptizer was raised up as herald of Jesus of Nazareth (Mark 1:1-8) – now we are raised up as heralds of Jesus the Christ. This is a hymn with a tune from the Genevan psalter of 1551 that sings of the comfort and calling of Christian faith.

## The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Sunday December 19, 10:30 a.m.

This hymn is a translation of a Basque carol, singing the scene (Luke 1:26-38). known as 'the Annunciation'. We will ponder how Mary's response might become ours – 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

## Christmas Eve

Friday December 24

### Lessons and Carols 7 p.m.

Our waiting is over and the Christ Candle is lit. We hear again how the Holy One came to us, as one of us. to bring God's love into our lives.

Attendance in the sanctuary will be by registration at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-216342796127>

and with presentation of vaccination certificates  
The service will also be live-streamed with a link to be found on the day at [www.standrewskingston.org](http://www.standrewskingston.org)

## Christmas Worship

### Good King Wenceslas

Sunday December 26, 10:30 a.m.

There is a hymn perfect for this first Sunday after Christmas Day, known as St. Stephen's Day. It actually doesn't mention God at all, but perhaps that is part of the deep meaning of the Incarnation?!

## How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

Sunday January 2, 10:30 a.m.

As a new year begins, we hear Jesus described as the 'star' that announces the dawn (Revelation 22:16) - his resurrection preceding ours, his ministry beginning God's realm of peace and justice. Is not the refrain of this hymn by J.A. Schlegel (1721-1793) ours? '*Newly truly, God's word feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing*'.

### Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Sunday January 9, 10:30 a.m.

These words are before us every Sunday at St. Andrew's and come straight from scripture (e.g. I Chronicles 16:29 – KJV). This morning we will hear them sung, with the classic lyrics by J.S.B. Monsell.

## Also ...

### Imago Dei (Zoom)

Thursday Dec 2 & Jan 6, 4:30 p.m.

Contemplative reading, prayer and community in Christ. All welcome. For details, [dotmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:dotmessenger@gmail.com)

### Mid-Week Worship (Zoom)

Wednesday Dec 8&22, 7:30 p.m. A time of song and prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community, led by Susanne Cliff-Jüngling <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82464811989>

### Monthly Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday Dec 18, 10:30 a.m. An opportunity to gather with the minister and others to read through the Psalms. Send Andrew an email for the link.



Maud Lewis - The Sunday Sleigh Ride  
McMichael Canadian Art Collection

## The Giving Tree

This Advent season, we are invited to support two special projects to share something of God's life and love we know in Jesus: 'Training Christian Leaders in Malawi, Central Africa' and 'Transforming Lives', serving victims of human trafficking, people struggling with mental health and addiction issues, and refugees in our own nation, through the work and partners of our Presbyterian Church in Canada. Be sure to let Lori-Kim know so an ornament can be placed on the tree in the sanctuary with your name – [lorikim@standrewskingston.org](mailto:lorikim@standrewskingston.org). Let's fill the tree with ornaments!

## Live Nativity & Carol Sing

December 18, 6 p.m. The congregation of St Paul's Amherst Island invites us to this special event in outdoor drive shed (but no camels, sorry!).  
<https://stpaulsamherstisland.com>



Cecil Youngfox 'Joyous Motherhood'

## Prayer

Blessed are you,  
O Christ Child,  
that your cradle was so low  
that shepherds,  
poorest and simplest of earthly folk,  
could yet kneel beside it,  
and look level-eyed into the face of God.

Luke 2:8-20

## Advent Daily Devotions

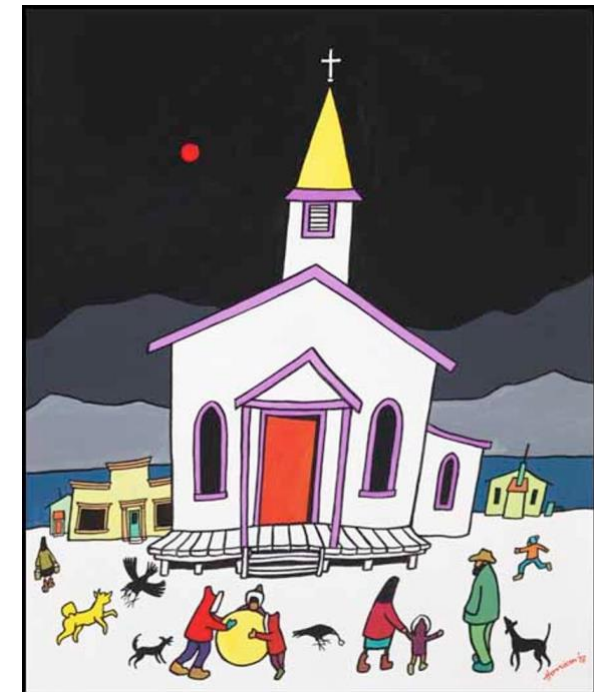
Sign up for these devotions straight to your inbox!

a) works of art and music with scripture  
<https://cca.biola.edu/advent/2021/>

b) a word of scripture each day with some creative initial thoughts  
<https://adventword.org/en/home/>

c) another offering art, music and commentary by Victoria Emily Jones  
<https://artandtheology.org/2021/11/19/advent-series/>

# The Days of December



Ted Harrison, 1973.

## St. Andrew's Church

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

In person and live-streamed  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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