

Advent Hymns & Worship

Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes The Saviour promised long

Sunday December 2, 10:30 a.m.
We begin our journey to Christmas by acknowledging that the Christ who came is also the Christ who is coming. We sing of this promise, and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh

Sunday December 9, 10:30 a.m.
With each Advent, we are offered a new opportunity to 'awake and hearken' to welcome Jesus the Christ and his realm of peace and justice (Isaiah 11:1). With joy we sing, and with joy we receive new members.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 16, 10:30 a.m.
A special traditional service of Advent lessons and carols will be presented by the St. Andrew's choir, with hymns and carols for the congregation as well. And after the service, a monthly pot luck lunch – all welcome!

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung

Sunday December 23, 10:30 a.m.
After singing hymns from Scotland and France, we join with the Christians of Germany and sing of the new beginning God offers humanity in Jesus, like a new shoot from an old stump (Isaiah 11:1).

Christmas Hymns & Worship

Those who walk in darkness ... See a great light (Isaiah 9:2)

Saturday December 15, 3 p.m.
These days can be difficult for those of us who are grieving the loss of loved ones, who struggle with difficult family relationships or illness, who feel the pain of groaning humanity and creation. We will gather to acknowledge the darkness but also to remember that it was into such a world as this that God came in Jesus. Join Andrew and John in the chapel (enter from Princess St).



On Christmas night all Christians sing

Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.m.
Finally, our waiting is over and we light the Christ Candle. We hear of how the Holy One came to us, as one of us. At the end of an hour of carols and readings, we hold candles, we sing 'Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright'.

The first nowell the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds ...

Sunday December 30, 10:30 a.m.
As one year of grace concludes, and another commences, we gather with the shepherds to adore the Christ. We will sing the carols that focus upon the shepherds ... and us!

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 6, 10:30 a.m.
With the magi of old (Matthew 2), we come to worship the Christ, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Also ...

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Thursday December 6, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. Speak to Dorothy Messenger.

Sunday Perspectives

Sunday December 9, 7 p.m. at the Screening Room. Film this month, 'Boy Erased' about 'conversion therapy', followed by a brief time of discussion.

Women's Missionary Society

Join us at Strathcona Park PC on Monday December 10, 1:30 p.m. as we continue to study and support the Church's mission. And bring a dozen cookies if you would like to participate in an exchange. Contact Donna Delacretaz for more information.

Morning Bible Study

Thursday December 13, 10 a.m.
An opportunity to gather with the Minister and others to ponder the journey of Joseph and our own lives. No previous experience of the Bible needed.

Chapel Services

Would you be available to accompany the Minister to greet and sing with residents? Rideaucrest – Sunday Dec. 9, 1:15 & 2 p.m. The Royale – Tuesday Dec. 11, 11 a.m.

Special Meals

The St. Andrew's teams are serving a community meal Dec. 2 and Jan. 27 (Larry's team) and Jan. 13 (Karen's team) Could you lend a hand?

Advent Devotions

This season invites us to open our lives into the mystery of God-with-us. Check out these resources in St. Andrew's Hall:

- Daily Bread (regular and large print)
- various booklets: Family Prayers; extracts of writings by Henri Nouwen; etc.
- Come Lord Jesus Come: contemporary art devotions by Victoria Emily Jones
- online daily devotional:
www.thechurchofscotland.adventcalendar.com

Advent Offerings

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

'From Sickness to Health' Your contribution in the name of Christ through PWS&D helps bring medical care to remote villages, tackle prevalent childhood diseases and empower communities to prevent the spread of illness. \$19 helps protect five households from malaria, \$22 allows an orphan or vulnerable child to access medical care, \$29 provides medication and treatment for patients affected by leprosy, \$94 supplies infant formula to supplement feeding. Place your contribution in the giving box in St. Andrew's Hall, and receive a ball to place on the sanctuary tree!

Gifts under the Christmas Tree

Bring a gift to support the women and families of Interval House. A list has been requested of items in particular need, everything from hairbrushes and slippers to sheets and comforters, along with toys for the 15 children currently in residence. Pick up the list (also available on the website) and place the wrapped and labelled gift under the sanctuary tree.



It's Advent time, our theme is hope in Christ who comes to liberate; don't scan the sky with telescopes, but watch the here and now – and wait.

The prophets listen for the word, and boldly speak the truth to power; while people think it's quite absurd, the wealthy quake and tyrants cower.

The Baptist in the desert cries, 'Repent, return, for heaven's sake!' But to the rulers, with their lies, he says, 'You vicious brood of snakes!'

An angel goes to Galilee, and tells a girl she's richly blessed: 'A virgin birth – how can this be?' the girl exclaims, but answers 'Yes!'

An angel visits Mary's man, and calms his fears about the birth: Emmanuel – God's cunning plan – to bring *shalom* to all the earth.

And so in time it comes to be:
a baby's born who lives and dies,
he lives again for you and me,
he comes again to dry all eyes.
Kim Fabricius (Wales)

The Days of December



Felt Manger
Made by L'Arche Community Bethlehem

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Kingston

Join us!
Every Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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