

## Advent Worship

### **Journeys of Grace: Gabriel to Mary**

Sunday December 1, 10:30 a.m.

This Advent we will acknowledge the journeys of our lives –of mind and heart and soul – by exploring the stories of our Lord’s coming into this world. And we will begin this season by celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

### **Journeys of Grace: Mary to Elizabeth**

Sunday December 8, 10:30 a.m.

As Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth and even the child in her womb recognize the salvation that has come into this world (Luke 1:39-56). We too ‘leap with joy’. And after the service, linger for a moment to view our first annual crèche scenes from around the world.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Sunday December 15, 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!

### **Journeys of Grace: to Bethlehem**

Sunday December 22, 10:30 a.m.

As we ponder Mary and Joseph travelling from Nazareth to the city of David (Luke 2:1-6), the children and youth will lead us in celebrating the wonderful themes of Advent: Hope, peace, joy and love.

## Christmas Worship



### **Christmas Eve**

#### **Journeys of Grace: Shepherds**

Tuesday December 24, 7:00 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’. Invite family and friends!

#### **Journeys of Grace: Simeon to Temple**

Sunday December 29, 10:30 a.m.

As we conclude this year of grace, we come like Simeon ‘guided by the Spirit’ to worship the Christ (Luke 2:25-32). And may we also declare ‘Now Lord you are dismissing your servant in peace ... for my eyes have seen your salvation’.

#### **Journeys of Grace: Magi to Manger**

Sunday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.

With the magi of old (Matthew 2), we are lead to the side of Christ, known now not by a shining star by in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## Also ...

### **Special Meals**

Sunday December 1, 5 p.m.

Our St. Andrew’s Team #2 is cooking and serving a community dinner this evening in Gill Hall. If you would like to participate, please speak to Karen Fabien.

### **Rideaucrest Chapel**

Sunday December 8, 1:15 and 2 p.m.

Join the Minister and Michael Pizzutto on the piano in extending Christian care during these brief chapel services.

### **Sunday Perspectives**

Sunday December 8, 7 p.m. at the Screening Room. Film this month is ‘Harriet’, based on the life of Harriet Tubman who escaped slavery and led hundreds of others to freedom. A brief discussion afterwards in the cinema.

### **Imago Dei**

Thursday December 12, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. (Next meeting, January 9). Speak to Dorothy Messenger for details.

### **Crafting and Conversation**

Friday December 13, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. St. Andrew’s Hall. The first gathering was a great success. Let’s do it again! Bring a friend. Bring a craft or just join in the conversation. Speak to Marilyn Trudeau for information.

## Advent Daily Devotions

Pick up at the church copies of ...  
Daily Bread, or Celebrating Abundance  
by Walter Brueggemann.

And/or subscribe online for a daily email  
a) works of art and music with scripture  
<http://ccca.biola.edu/events/2019/dec/1/advent-project-2019-online-devotional-project/>  
b) a word for reflection each day with  
some creative initial thoughts  
<https://adventword.org/en/home/>

## Advent Offerings

### Gifts on the Christmas Tree

"Freely you have received, freely give."  
(Matthew 10:8) This Advent season, the  
Elders of St. Andrew's are suggesting that  
we support Home Base Housing, through  
whom we can reach out to many of the un-  
housed folk who frequent our downtown  
corner. Donations will be received starting  
the first Sunday of Advent, December 1.  
An ornament will be placed on the tree in  
the sanctuary to commemorate each  
gift. Let's fill the tree with ornaments!

### Gifts of Change

Pick up this brochure at the church and  
support a project of hope and change in  
Canada or around the world - \$20 to feed  
a child in rural Romania, \$40 to provide  
parenting classes at an indigenous centre  
of ministry, \$50 for a chaplain to provide  
mats and food for a prisoner in Malawi.

## Prayer

The true light, which enlightens  
everyone, was coming into the world.  
John 1:9

O God, the source of all insight,  
whose coming was revealed to the nations  
not among men of power  
but on a woman's lap:  
give us grace to seek you  
where you may be found,  
that the wisdom of this world  
may be humbled  
and discover your unexpected joy,  
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Janet Morley



Mother and Child along the Ottawa River  
William Kurelek

# The Days of December



A Northern Nativity - William Kurelek

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