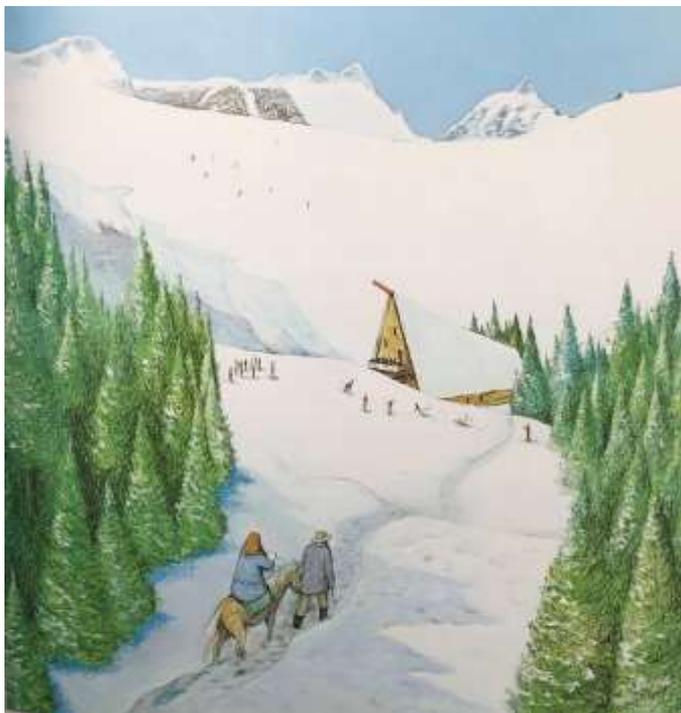


# Sunday December 22, 2019



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## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Gathering to serve God & neighbour  
in this community since 1817

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands  
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.



### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Isaiah 40: 9-11**

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Luke 2: 1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be

registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## NOTES FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This being the last Sunday of Advent we have an Introit by Healey Willan. Like the rest of society it seems, we just can't wait until Christmas for the Christmas music, so we have a lullaby-type **Anthem** by J.S. Bach, and a feast of Noëls by some of the best of French composers.

The **Preludes** are by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet Charpentier (1734-94), considered one of the most important organ composers of the early classical period in France. Like many other composers of Noëls, these are quite happy and playful. The **Offertory** is more serious and comes from a set of 42 Noëls by Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733) who was a priest as well as an organist.

The **Postlude** is by a true master of the French Noëls, Louis Claude D'Aquin. It is the last in a set of twelve that were published in the mid-18th century in the late Baroque era. Many of his Noëls were improvised and never written down. In his day, people would pack the church early Christmas Eve to hear him play. His compositions are quite fanciful and fun to play and work well to put us in a happy mood for Christmas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. During this service, certified teacher Elaine Coderre will be overseeing the nursery & Laura Tyner-Clement will offer a programme for children.

After the service, you are invited to linger for a moment and join others in St. Andrew's Hall for a cup of coffee or tea and allow us to introduce ourselves.

### Prayer Partnership

If you would like to have a time of personal prayer after the service, you are invited to meet a member of the prayer team at the pillar just

to the left of the pulpit. Prayer team members are Dorothy M. David S. Dennis T. and Barb Z.

### **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 already total over \$800. An ornament will be placed on the tree in the sanctuary to commemorate each gift. Let's fill the tree with ornaments! Speak to Marilyn T. for details.

### **Gifts of Change**

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

### **Meetings**

Budget review Tuesday January, 2:00 PM

Mission Committee Wednesday January 8, 6:30 PM

Session Meeting Monday January 13, 7:00 PM

### **Office Hours**

Office will be closed Christmas & Boxing Day, open Dec 24, 9:00 a.m.- Noon & December 31 & January 2. This week the minister will be out and about and the best way to contact him directly will be by email.

### **Defibrillator Demonstration**

Jan 13/20 @ 1:30 pm, Victoria of St. John's Ambulance will be giving a simple demonstration on the use of the AED at St. Andrew's. Curious? Come along.

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

### **Christmas Eve CORRECTION**

Some newsletters contained incorrect information regarding the Christmas Eve Service. NOTE December 24, **7:00 p.m.**

## **Simeon and Anna and Us**

Sunday December 29, 10:30 a.m. Hear again the beautiful story of Jesus being presented in the Temple, and the wonderful song of praise 'Lord, now you are dismissing your servant in peace' (Luke 2:29). Benjamin Versteeg will provide special music on his violin.

## **The Journey of the Magi**

Sunday January 5, 10:30 a.m. Some favourite Epiphany hymns, and perhaps even a slice of 'Galette des Rois' after the service!

## **ALSO**

### **Rideaucrest Chapel**

St. Andrew's will be offering brief services to residents of Rideaucrest on Sunday January 12, 1:15 and 2 p.m. If you would like to support this outreach, and join in the couple of hymns, speak to Andrew.

### **Imago Dei**

Thursday January 9, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. Speak to Dorothy M. for details.

### **Used Stamps**

Please consider keeping the stamps from mail received, cut with a centimeter border all around. They are collected in a blue box on the shelves in St. Andrew's Hall and used to support the work of the Canadian Bible Society.

<b>Offering Update Monthly Givings</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>November 30, 2019</b>	\$213,905.78	\$204,500.43

Amounts shown only represent the Offerings portion of the budget. As the congregation approved a budget that forecasts an overall deficit of \$16,373, meeting the Offerings portion of the budget may still result in a year-end deficit. **2020 offering boxes and envelopes for PAR contributors are available this morning in St. Andrew's Hall.**

### **Ushers This Morning**

**Dec 22**

Karen & David Fabian,  
Dixie & Murray Dittburner

**Dec 24**

Sam Houston, John Sanger,  
Holly Turnbull, Christina McKerrow

**Tower Bell Ringer**

Margaret Hall

## A Christmas Message from the Moderator

Have you set up a nativity scene in your home or in your church? For many of us, a nativity scene or crèche is a special part of our Christmas celebrations ...

Recently, my husband and I were browsing at a sale of ornaments and religious items from the Holy Land. He picked up a little wooden sculpture of a camel and he asked, “Would you like a camel for your nativity scene?” My quick reply was that the camel didn’t match my set. It would appear out of proportion to my other animal figures, and it was quite a different artistic design. I didn’t want to ruin the scene by adding any old character.

Later, I came across a quote from Pope Francis reflecting on the crèche of Christmas: “Children—but adults too!—often love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God’s creatures.” It makes me want to go back and buy that camel figure. But it also prompts me to consider whether I have excluded others from the circle of worship that gathers around Jesus because I thought that, for whatever reason, that person did not belong in the community of faith. Christmas can remind us that Christ came first to the poor, the outsiders, and even the humble animals, and when they all came together around the manger, they made up a motley crew.

You and I are blessed to be part of that company that gathers to worship Jesus at Christmas, and to know that God has come to be with us in the Christ child. In the big nativity scene that God is putting together, we are there. Let’s huddle up a little closer this Christmas and make space for more of our friends, neighbours, strangers, and even enemies to get into the scene and catch a glimpse of God among us.

*O children of the forest free, the kin of Manitou, the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace and joy. Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria. (From the Huron Carol, St. Jean de Brébeuf)*

—The Rev. Amanda Currie  
Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly

## The Gift Of Giving



As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. This Christmas we will once again celebrate the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ our Lord—whose example of giving inspires our own.

*This year, through special offerings designated “Mission,” members of St. Andrew’s Kingston have met their goal of contributing \$17,210 to eleven mission initiatives, in addition to a congregational commitment of \$25,000 to Presbyterians Sharing.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Beverlee Wells and her daughter Amanda Wells-Newell in memory of departed Family and Friends.

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