

Advent Worship

During these days when nothing has changed and yet everything has changed, a new church year begins.

As we light candles in the darkness, the sermons will explore how different dimensions of the Christian life are illuminated by the different characters of the Christmas story.



Contemplation: Mary

Sunday November 29, 10:30 a.m.
Mary 'pondered' the announcement of the new beginning for humanity God was to work through her (Luke 1:26-38). Pondering is part of being Christian. Susanne will share a favourite Advent hymn from the German tradition, and we will commission Lori-Kim to her work among us in the church office.

Compassion: Jesus

Sunday December 6, 10:30 a.m.
When John the Baptist shares the words of the prophet to 'prepare the way of the Lord', and the people ask what they should do, he replies 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise' (Luke 3:1-18).
As we gather for Holy Communion, we consider the compassion of our God for us in Christ, and the compassion we are called to live for others.

Holiness: Joseph

Sunday December 13, 10:30 a.m.
Joseph was touched by the Holy One, and illustrates that 'holiness' is joining with God to do God's saving work in this world (Matthew 1:18-25).
And we present our White Gifts to extend the care and joy of Christmas to others ... this year through the Partners in Mission Foodbank (see overside)

Spirit-Led: Shepherds

Sunday December 20, 10:30 a.m.
As the poor shepherds were led to the Christ in that manger of Bethlehem (Luke 2: 8-15), we are led by the Holy Spirit to Christ, the Lord of Life, and his kingdom of peace and justice.

Christmas Eve

Thursday December 24

Outdoor Carol Sing and Candles

4:30 p.m. on the Church Lawn
Socially distanced, with masks on, but singing (!) our joy and hope, and we will conclude with 'Silent night, Holy night'

Readings and Music

7:30 p.m. online only
Finally, 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.

The link will be found at
www.standrewskingston.org

Christmas 1

Sunday December 29, 10:30 a.m.
This is usually a quieter service of worship, but we will be invited to enter into the dance portrayed in the painting 'Mystic Nativity' by Sandro Botticelli. Did you know that the word 'carol' has a dancing origin?

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.
The Adoration of the Magi is imagined wonderfully by Giotto di Bondone (Matthew 2). Now we are led to the side of Christ, not by a shining star but in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Also ...

Imago Dei (Zoom)

Thursday December 3, 4:30 p.m. We meet once a month to read scripture and reflect upon our lives, and would welcome you. (Next meeting, January 7). Speak to Dorothy Messenger for details.

Fellowship Time (Zoom)

We will be meeting at 2:30 pm on Monday, December 14. Christmas thoughts and memories are the broad topics. All are welcome to join. Receive a link from Marilyn at marilyntrudeau@hotmail.com

Monthly Bible Study (Zoom)

An opportunity to gather with the minister and others to read through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Send Andrew an email for the link, a.johnston@standrewskingston.org

Advent Daily Devotions

Advent Resources for Families and Children of All Ages

These resources have been produced by the Rev. Dr. Tori Smit, our Synod Christian Education resource staff. Have a look!

Advent Devotional Booklet -

<http://www.cnob.org/?p=1907>

Five Advent Living Room Videos -

<http://www.cnob.org/?p=1933>

Making An Advent Wreath Video -

<http://www.cnob.org/?p=1923>

Online Daily Advent Emails

a) works of art and music with scripture

<http://ccca.biola.edu/advent/2020/>

b) a word for reflection each day with some creative initial thoughts

<https://adventword.org/en/home/>

Advent Offerings

Gifts on the Christmas Tree

This Advent season, the Elders of St. Andrew's are suggesting that we support our Kingston Partners in Mission food bank. Donate online at <https://www.kingstonfoodbank.ca> and be sure to let the church office know so an ornament can be placed on the tree in the sanctuary to commemorate each gift - lorikim@standrewskingston.org. Let's fill the tree with ornaments!

Prayer

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:9

O Radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time:
Come, make your home within our hearts that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our battered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world: your radiance bathes with power to heal.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Ruth Duck



The Days of December



Jan Pienkowski

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

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