

# December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve



*Bearing Gifts. Scott Cputsid (Acclamation Gallery)*

## **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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

<b>Preludes</b>	A Boy was born in Bethlehem	J.G. Walther
	A Virgin Pure	N. LeBègue

## Entry of the Bible

## Call to Worship

<b>Hymn</b>	Oh Come all ye faithful	(v.1,2,5)	159
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## Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer

<b>Introit</b>	The Lord will come and not be slow	John Milton
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<b>Reading</b>	John 1:1-14
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<b>Hymn</b>	It Came upon the midnight clear	(v.1,3)	148
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<b>Reading</b>	Psalm 96
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<b>Hymn</b>	O Come, oh come, Emmanuel	(v.1,2,6)	122
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<b>Reading</b>	Matthew 1:18-25
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<b>Hymn</b>	Away in a manger		149
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<b>Reading</b>	Luke 2:1-7
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<b>Hymn</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem	(v.1,3,4)	165
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<b>Meditation</b>	The Clarity Christmas Brings
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*Julielee Stitt*

<b>Anthem</b>	Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming
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<b>Reading</b>	Luke 2: 8-20
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<b>Hymn</b>	Angels we have heard on high	(v.1,2,3)	147
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## Lighting of the Christ candle

## Prayer

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name;  
proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to  
day.**

Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations  
and the wonders of God among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence!**

**Oh, the power and the splendour of your sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the divine name;  
bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before God.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord reigns!**

**The Lord who made the world so firm that it cannot  
be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord who is coming, who is coming to judge  
the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with truth.

## **Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## **Luke 2:1-7 (KJV)**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days

were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

### **Luke 2: 8-20 (KJV)**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## SERVING THIS EVENING

<b>Beadle:</b>	Larry
<b>Livestreaming:</b>	Benjamin, Christopher
<b>Flowers:</b>	Various contributors
<b>Ushers this week:</b>	Lori-Kim
<b>Ushers Dec 25:</b>	Alberta John

