



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Advent 4, Sunday, December 24, 2017**

**Service colour: Blue**

**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

The Greeting:

**M:** The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

Hymn: 166 (vs. 1 & 2)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, we rejoice that you have done great things for us! You have given us the blessing of the coming of a precious child in Bethlehem! We are made glad by his being for us a Wonderful Counsellor – wise and just, a mighty God – having power and love, an Everlasting Father – comforting and protective, and the Prince of Peace – author of peace and new life. Blessing and glory and honour be given to you forever and ever!**

**Gracious God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so influence our decisions that we may be wholly yours, completely dedicated to your way; then use us as you will for the well being of all people and of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**All: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

**M.** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C. And also with you. Hallelujah** (Hymn 294) will be sung.

The Passing of the Peace – offer the words "Peace" or "The Peace of Christ".

Prayer for Understanding

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Hymn: 141 (vs. 1 & 2); 155; 154 (vs. 1) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Romans 16: 25-27 ; Luke 1: 26-38

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: 123 (Tune: 138) (unannounced)

Sermon (including Luke 1: 47-55)

Anthem: The First Noel/Pachebel's Canon arr. M. Clawson

The Offertory Carol 122 (vs. 1, 3, 6 & 7); **The Creed** (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others (beginning with):

**M.** Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

**M.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 162 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Song: *Go Now In Peace* (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude; The Greeting of those nearby in the pews/aisles

**Greeting Elder:** Alex Bruce

**Usher:** Bonnie McLellan

**Beadle:** Cheryl Weeks

**Elevator Guide:** Eldon Weeks

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

**Reader:** Dr. David Campbell

**Accompanist:** Helen Martin

**Audio:** Luke Campbell

**Advent Candlelighting:** Donna Lee & Mike Laveck

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 5 – 5:45 Worship with Pantomime & Communion; 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Carols by Candlelight

**Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Special class & Nursery Focus on Christmas & Epiphany

Presbyterians Sharing: \$1300 is needed to reach our 2017 Accepted Allocation of \$41,000. Pamphlets about this ministry are in the pew racks.

The flowers in the Chancel were placed in loving memory of:

Former choir members by the choir; Sandy Cantley by his wife, Barbara; William Sutherland by his wife, Mary; Charles Beairsto by his wife, Carrie & family; Wilson Stuart by his wife, Margaret; Elizabeth MacLellan and Bernie Fallows by her daughter and his wife, Norma.

The Youth Group decorated the sanctuary.