



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, 2017**

**Service colour: White**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

7:00 p.m.

Prelude (A time for prayer and reflection)

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

The Greeting:

**M:** The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

Carol: 159 (vs 1,4 & 5) (after which all will be seated)

Psalm 100 followed by prayer (in unison):

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

**Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**God, our Creator, you loved us so much that you sent the Child of Bethlehem to give us new life. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, you became human to reveal yourself to us and to know all our experiences. Holy Spirit, our Friend, you live within us so that Christ might be born in us each day.**

**O God, always compassionate, always faithful, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in attitude, word, and action. In your mercy forgive us and help us to do what is just, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you in our journey; 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.**

Passing of the Peace – Say to others: "Peace of Christ" or "Peace"

Prayer for Understanding

Lessons: Isaiah 9: 2a, 6-7; Hebrews 1: 1-3; Luke 2: 1-20; John 1: 1-5, 10-14, 18

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle – see insert

Carol: 139 (unannounced)

Sermon – Ascription of Glory

Prayers for the Church, Canada, the World and the Hurting

The Offertory Carol: 153 (vs. 1,2 & 4); **The Creed** (hymn book: 539)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (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.**

Prayer...saying in unison:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer...and the Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

**All (sung): Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (2)**

Solo: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming; Go Tell it on the Mountain

Carols: 166 (vs 1 & 2); 147 (vs. 1 & 3)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the feast and for the faithful in the past

Carols by Candlelight: 165 (vs 1, 3 & 4), 149, 154 (**all seated**)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Postlude

**Greeting Elder:** Gerry Archibald

**Usher:** Nancy Archibald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Soloist:** Scott Hughes

**Readers:** Jake Barkhouse, Jean-Paul Martin, Cheryl Weeks

**Lighting of Christ Candle:** Heather Ferguson

**Candlelighting:** Ross & Jake Barkhouse **Accompanist:** Helen Martin

After the "Choral Amen", please extinguish your candle and remain seated, keeping your candle VERTICAL for at least 30 SECONDS. You may either keep your candle or give it to the usher at the door.

Communion: Come forward to receive the gifts; dip bread in a Chalice. (Metal ones have wine; glass ones have grape juice) Server at chancel stairs has gluten free crackers and grape juice. Some may wish to receive only the bread. After taking the gifts, you may wish to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!".

Sunday, Dec. 31 8 & 10:30 a.m. Focus on Christmas and Epiphany