



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Christmas 1, Sunday, December 31, 2017**

**Service colour: White**

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**

Doxology (830) and Bible Sentence

Hymn: 138

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Praise be to you, God our Creator for creating us in your image and for sending us the gift of Jesus! Glory be to you, God our Saviour for making your home in human flesh so that we might have new life now and forever! Thanks be to you, Holy Spirit of God for always being with us and guiding us in our journey.**

**In our journey, keep us from having the envy of King Herod; fill us with the caring spirit of Mary and Joseph; give us the eagerness of the shepherds in our responding to your call; grant us the delight of the Wise men in offering generous gifts.**

**Forgive us whenever we expect life to be all smooth sailing without rough seas or strong winds. Continue to teach us that our times – past, present and future – are in your loving hands; 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".

Song: Little Drummer Boy

Prayer for Understanding

Song: Do you hear what I hear?

Hymn: 149, 147 (vs. 1 & 3) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3 (p.651); Psalm 148: Galatians 4: 4-7 (p.167);

Luke 2: 22-40 (p.51)

**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.**

Sermon – The Ascension of Glory

The Offertory: Silent Night

**The Creed** (hymn book – 539) & 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)

Song: Do you hear what I hear?

Hymn: 165 (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:** Marg Bingley

**Beadle:** Kathy Sloan

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Whitney Canning

**Audio:** Luke Campbell

**Fiddler:** Andrew Kent

**Usher:** Jean St-Pierre

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

**Accompanist:** Helen Martin

**Guitarist:** Bob Macdonald

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

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion;

**Tues:** 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

**Thurs:** 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee

**Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery Celebration of Baptism of Jesus and of Epiphany

Presbyterians Sharing – about \$600 is needed to reach our 2017 goal of \$41,000.

Guild – Jan. 9 7:00 p.m.

AMS – Jan. 11 1:00 p.m.

Kirk Session – Jan 31 7:00 p.m.