



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas 2, Sunday, January 2, 2022

Service colour: White

Celebration of the Epiphany (Jan. 6)

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. (Communion in church)
10:30 a.m. (On Zoom from the church)

Placing of the Bible

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

As the wise men followed the light of the star that led them to the Light of the world in a cow's stall in Bethlehem, we come in joy this day as followers of that same Light! Thanks be to you, O God, for the joy that you give us and for the grace that you shower upon us!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you nothing is hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully love you and worthily honour you in our attitudes, choices, speech, and actions. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "Christmas Lullaby" John Rutter

Lessons: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p.645); Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2: 1-12 (p.1)

Sermon

Hymn: 173 "We three kings"

Living Faith 3.2 & 3 & Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 136 vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6 "The first nowell"

Benediction

Fellowship on ZOOM

Reader: Fiona Watson

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Cheryl Weeks

Wed: 7:30 p.m. Fellowship, Bible & Prayer

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (church); 10:30 a.m. Worship (details on location to be sent by e-mail during the week)

Offerings may be mailed to 216 School St. Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4 or sent by e-transfer to standrewspc216@gmail.com. On Sundays, an offering plate for envelopes, cheques or cash is at the top of the lobby stairs.

MISSION MOMENTS

For Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, the practice of gift giving is a year-round commitment. Every day, the congregation provides "gifts" through programs and services to families living on the Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan. The ministry's elders also share gifts in less tangible but equally important ways. The congregation is blessed with wise, strong leaders who act as role models for Mistawasis' youth, helping to provide them with a solid foundation in spirituality and education. Youth programming offers teachings from the medicine wheel as well as instruction in music and Bible study—gifts that will serve the youth well as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow. Mistawasis Memorial PC is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health. One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family. This therapeutic nutrition project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of light,
star of royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh,
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
sounds through the earth and skies.

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The First Nowell

1. The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.**

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

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