



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### First Sunday after Epiphany, January 9, 2022

Service colour: White

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. (Communion in the church)  
10:30 a.m. on ZOOM ONLY

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Creating and restoring God, we come together this day to celebrate the baptism by John of your Son, the Beloved. We thank you for the gift of baptism, for through it we are assured that we are precious to you, that we belong to you forever, and that we are appointed to be your arms, feet, hands, eyes, ears, and voice in your world.**

**O God, who has given us the example of Jesus, we sometimes hesitate to follow that example. Wash from us anything that would make us deaf to your voice. Cleanse us from anything that would close our minds to your wisdom. Purify us of anything that would dim our vision of your peace. Take from us anything that would distract our hearts from your will for us. Remind us of the promises that you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 161 "What child is this?"

Lessons: Isaiah 43: 1-7 (p.631); Psalm 29;

Gospel of Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (p.52)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 145 "In the bleak mid-winter"

Living Faith: 7.6 & Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 172 "As with gladness men of old"

Benediction

Fellowship on ZOOM

Reader: AJ Macdonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Cheryl Weeks

Tues: 7:00 - 11:00 am Hope Cottage Ministry

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

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in church; 10:30 a.m. Worship on ZOOM ONLY.

### UPDATE to 2021 PRELIMINARY FIGURES IN NEWSLETTER:

Operating: Deficit was 2,731.13;(budget deficit was 9,870; 2020 surplus was 19,508.37; current surplus: 16,777.44); Presbyterians Sharing: 36,443.45 (goal was 36,000)

**Offerings:** Offerings may be mailed to the church, 216 School St., Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4 or sent by e-transfer to [standrewspc216@gmail.com](mailto:standrewspc216@gmail.com) Please be sure to use the "Message" section on the e-transfer to indicate into which categories the gift is to be placed, i.e. Operating, Presbyterians Sharing (the national church budget), PWS&D, Camp Geddie, etc. At church, offering plates are at the top of the lobby stairs and on the large piano.

### MISSION MOMENTS

We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

### Sharing Hope

Through Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together: building strong congregations, serving vulnerable people, seeking justice, walking with Indigenous people, and sharing God's love and hope around the world. We share hope when a new faith community meets for the first time. We share hope when a child in Romania escapes poverty through education. We share hope when an Indigenous woman in Taiwan reads the Bible in her own language for the first time. We share hope when a boarding home resident confides in a trusted visitor. All of this is possible because of generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

### **What child is this**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high;  
the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

### **In the bleak mid-winter**

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall welcome him when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the  
Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;

but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet  
what I can I give him: give my heart.

### **As with gladness**

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
ever more be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way,  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds of glory hide.

5. In that heavenly country bright need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.