



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas 1, Sunday, January 1, 2023

Service colour: White

Epiphany Sunday (Epiphany is January 6)

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (in church and on YouTube)
(One service only)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: 146 "Angels from the realms"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (in unison):

God of power and might, God of grace and mercy, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You chose be become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joys and sorrows, displaying your greatness in the child of the manger. We praise you for your amazing love, great enough to embrace the expanding universe, yet close enough to enter our humble hearts. During this time of worship, surprise us with your grace once again, that we, with the whole Church and your precious creation, may praise and honour your holy name.

God of goodness and guidance, in Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, you promise new life, but we prefer to keep old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbours and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son with your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead. Amen

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 148 "It came upon the midnight clear" (all seated)

Lessons : Psalm 148; Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p.649); Ephesians 3: 1-12 (p.170);

Matthew 2: 13-23 (p.2)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 177 (Tune: 172) "Christ, whose glory"

Living Faith 2.1.2 & 3 & Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 712 "Arise your light is come"

Benediction & Choral Amen; Piano Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Mary Pyche & Gregg Lambert

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Mary Pyche

Audio: Mike Barkhouse

Today: NO Church School

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School
Baptism of Jesus Sunday; Baptism on that day.

Once again we welcome one of our elders, Whitney Canning, to our pulpit today. She is certified for Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

The minister is taking a vacation Sunday.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

2023 Presbyterian Calendar: \$7.00 being sold by Youth Group in the lobby.

The Guild has craft items in the lobby. There is a box there for contributions.

Presbyterians Sharing: We reached our goal of \$36,000 for 2022! Thanks be to God.

Mission Moment

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith. Together, we continue Christ's ministry by engaging in vibrant and faithful ministries in our communities, our country and around the world. Together, we call for justice and act with compassion. We support ministries with Indigenous people, both in and outside Canada. We send mission staff to accompany international partners. We support ministries that provide aid for refugees, people involved in the sex trade and all who are vulnerable to exploitation. We start and build new faith communities and encourage and support congregations renewing their ministries. Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are Presbyterians Sharing!

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Hymn 146 “Angels from the realms of glory”

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night:
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star.

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear.

5. Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill his Father's
throne, gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.

Hymn 148 “It came upon a midnight clear”

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
'To all the earth goodwill and peace, from heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings
unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. But with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong,
but we, through din of war, hear not the love song which they bring.
Oh hush the noise, oh still the strife and hear the angels sing.

4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
Oh rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

Hymn 177 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, ra-dian-cy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Hymn 712 “Arise, your light is come”

1. Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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