



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First Sunday After Epiphany, January 8, 2023

Service colour: White

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. (Communion) & 10:30 a.m. (in church and on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: 173 vs. 2-5 "We three kings"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Creating and restoring God, we come together this day to celebrate the baptism 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, that we are closely linked to others in the family of Christ, and that we are appointed to be your arms, feet, hands, eyes, ears, and voice in your world.

O God, we confess that we sometimes hesitate to follow the example of Jesus. Wash from us anything that would make us deaf to your voice. Cleanse from us 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Sacrament of Baptism - 619 sung after Baptism

Hymn: 136 vs. 3-6 "The first nowell" Students gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons : Psalm 29 ; Isaiah 42 : 1-9 (p.630) ; Matthew 3: 13-17 (p.3)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 811 "Standing at the portal"

Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 183 "When for us"

Benediction & Choral Amen; Organ Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Wade and Sheila MacDonald

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Audio: Ross Barkhouse & Luke Campbell

Wed: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

Being baptized today: Cruz Fraser (b. Feb. 12, 2022), son of Nathan and Katie (Heighton) Langille and brother of Kole. Elder: Nancy Heighton – grandmother of Cruz and Kole.

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 donations.

Clothesline in lobby for socks, scarves, toques, and mittens/gloves.

The Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary invites you to put an item on the line for Margaret's House.

Annual Meeting February 26, 10:30 a.m.

Mission Moment

Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan. "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.

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We three kings

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

Refrain:

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

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.

The first nowell

3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to search for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain:

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

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.

5. Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

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.

Hymn 811 Standing at the portal

1. Standing at the portal of the opening year;
words of comfort meet us hushing every fear;
spoken through the silence by God's loving voice,
tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.

Refrain: Onward, then, and fear not, children of the day,
for God's word shall never, never pass away.

2. I, your God, am with you: do not be afraid;
I will help and strengthen; do not be dismayed,
for I will uphold you with my own right hand
you are called and chosen in my sight to stand. (R)

3. God will not forsake us and will never fail;
God's eternal covenant ever will prevail.
Resting on this promise, what have we to fear?
God is all sufficient for the coming year. (R)

Hymn 183: Christ, when for us you were baptized

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.

2. God called you the beloved Son, called you the servant true:
sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call,
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

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