



**rST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2023**

**Service colour: Green**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. (Communion) & 10:30 a.m. (also 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: 172 "As with gladness"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, from whom we come, to whom we are precious, and to whom we belong forever, glory be to you for creating us in your image! Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, glory be to you for the gift of forgiveness! Holy Spirit, who sets our feet upon a rock – making our steps secure, and who places a new song in our mouth, glory be to you for your refreshing grace and tender mercy.**

**O God, always faithful, loving us forever, our love for you is sometimes hot, sometimes cold! Other gods catch our attention and gain our loyalty! The good we want to do, we do not do; that which we do not intend to do, is what we do! Enlighten our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may be faithful in following your ways and enthusiastic in our work as your messengers; 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

Hymn: 168 "See amid the winter's snow" - Students gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons : Psalm 40 : 1-11 ; Isaiah 49 : 1-7 (p.638) ;

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (p.145); Gospel of John 1: 29-42 (p.80)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 176 vs.1-3, 5 (Tune: 247) "Songs of thankfulness"

Living Faith: 3.6.2 - Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 647 "Lead us, heavenly Father"

Benediction & Choral Amen, Organ Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Ian Murray

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Ian Murray

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Sun:** 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Tues:** 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Kitchen

**Wed:** 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Planning Committee - Hall

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

**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 clothesline for Margaret's House.

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

**Mission Moment**

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan. Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.

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Hymn 172 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.

Hymn 168 See amid the winter's snow

1. See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below;  
see, the Lamb of God appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, O ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2. Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies,  
and who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. (R)
  3. Say, now holy shepherds, say, tell your joyful news today;  
tell us why you left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep. (R)
  4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous sight,  
angels, singing peace on earth, told us of the Saviour's birth." (R)
  5. Sacred infant, all divine, of God's tender love the sign,  
for you came from highest bliss, down to such a world as this! (R)
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Hymn 176 Songs of thankfulness

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
God revealed by guiding star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to you addressed, God in Christ made manifest.
2. God revealed at Jordan's stream God's beloved Son supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest, in your power manifest,  
God revealed in works divine, changing water into wine:  
anthems be to you addressed, God in Christ made manifest.
3. God revealed in making whole weakened limbs and fainting soul,  
God revealed in valiant fight quelling all the devil's might,  
God revealed in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to you addressed, God in Christ made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy word;  
may we imitate you still and obey your perfect will,  
that we like to you may be, at your great Epiphany:  
may your glory be confessed, God in Christ made manifest.

Hymn 647 Lead us, heavenly Father

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing if our God our guide shall be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us, all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided nothing can our peace destroy.