



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Epiphany 1, Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**Baptism of Jesus Sunday**

**Service colour: White**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (also on You Tube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 172 "As with gladness"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Creating and restoring God, we come together 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 lips 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 and enable us to rise to new life and live in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

Assurance of Pardon

**M.**The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

**Hallelujah** (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 168 "See amid the winter's snow; 811 "Standing at the portal" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9 (p.630); Mark 1:9-11 (p.30)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: 179 (Tune: 126) "Arise, shine out, your light has come"

Sermon followed by The Offertory

The Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Reaffirmation of Baptism (Creed – 539)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 183 "Christ, when for us you were baptised"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshipers:** Megan Douglas

**Elevator:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Nancy Heighton

**Reader:** Lee Walker

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Kirk Session

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

**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word "Tell"

**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.

The funeral of Doris Manuel who died on December 23, was held here yesterday. She became a professing member of St. Andrew's Church on March 12, 1961.

The father of Colin Douglas died recently.

The Youth Group is selling 2024 Presbyterian Church calendars for \$7 in the lobby.

There are craft items in lobby; the Guild would appreciate donations for items.

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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 tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

#### **Refrain:**

Hail! Thou 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;  
He, who throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! [R]
3. Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine;  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [R]
4. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,  
teach us to resemble Thee in Thy sweet humility! [R]

### **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 179 Arise, shine out**

1. Arise, shine out, your light has come, unfolding city of our dreams.  
On distant hills a glory gleams; the new creation has begun.
2. Above earth's valleys, thick with night, high on your walls the dawn  
appears, and history shall dry its tears, as nations stream towards your light.
3. From walls surpassing time and space, unnumbered gates, like open hands,  
shall gather gifts from all the lands, and welcome all the human race.
4. The sounds of violence shall cease, as dwellings of salvation rise,  
to sparkle in eternal skies from avenues of praise and peace.
5. The dancing air shall glow with light and sun and moon give up their place,  
when love shines out of every face: our good, our glory, our delight.  
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### **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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