



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent 1 December 1, 2024

Service colour: Blue

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

Advent is a time for waiting.

We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Advent is a time for hoping.

We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Advent is a time to worship.

We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 118 "Hark the glad sound"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Surprising God, forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendour and for when we abandon hope and expect and look for the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us our silence when we ought to have spoken up and our carelessness with your world and each other. Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

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

Declaration of forgiveness followed by The Lord's Prayer

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

PWS&D Advent reading and the lighting of the Candle of Hope

Hymn: 119 "Hope is a star" (*all seated*)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Jeremiah 33:14–16 (p.696), Psalm 25:1–10,

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13(p.180), Luke 21:25–36 (p.74)

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.**

Sermon based on Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Hymn: 122 "Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Hymn: 110 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ian Murray **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

PWS&D Advent Reading: David Campbell **Reader:** Ian Murray

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Sunday: Dec. 8 10:30 a.m. Worship Advent 2

Beginning today the Session is changing how the offering is received. The offering plate will be on a table as people enter the Sanctuary where they can place their offering. The gifts will be brought to the Table after the playing of The Offertory.

2025 Presbyterian Calendar: Youth group selling them for \$7.00.

Sunday, December 15: The focus will be on music, including carols and lessons. You are invited to expand our choir for this special service! Fellowship in Hall after the service. White Gift Sunday: gifts will be delivered to Christ Church Food & Clothing Bank.

Presbyterians Sharing – \$6,352.80 is needed to reach our 2024 allocation.

Christmas Project: \$2,295 has been received as of November 28! We are seeking \$3,000 to give to FEED NOVA SCOTIA. Sobey's will double the donations received by December 2. Donations received until Dec. 31.

Hymn 118

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song!

2. You come the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before you burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3. You come the broken heart to bind,
the wounded soul to cure,
to bring the treasures of God's grace,
good tidings for the poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your most honoured name.

Hymn 119

Refrain:

When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright. (R)

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. (R)

3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Savior is born. (R)

4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. (R)

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Hymn 122

1. Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (R)

3. Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. (R)

4. Oh come, thou Branch of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.(R)

6. Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. (R)

7. Oh come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart, one mind;
bid envy, strife and discord cease, and be thyself our source of peace. (R)

Hymn 110

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.