



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

216 School Street, Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4

Website: [www.standrewspcc.ca](http://www.standrewspcc.ca)

Interim Moderator: Rev. Calvin Burt, 1-902-715-4006; [calvinburt@bellaliant.net](mailto:calvinburt@bellaliant.net)

Minister Emeritus: Rev. R.A.B. MacLean

Session Clerk: Cheryl E. Weeks, 902-435-4112; [ceweeks@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ceweeks@ns.sympatico.ca)

---

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**December 29, 2024**

**Service colour: White**

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*)

Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

**Praise God, sun and moon!**

God's name alone is exalted;

**God is above the earth and heaven.**

Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

**Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 166 (vs. 1&2) "Once in royal David's city"

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**By your word that created all things and the love that moves the sun and moon and stars, you created us; you have made us for yourself, and we are yours, and our hearts are restless until they come to rest in you. In this time of worship, receive our prayers and our praises as we honour your gifts of Light and Love which shine upon us through Jesus Christ this day and every day by your grace.**

**God of our lives and the time in which we live, we confess that we prefer our fantasy to your truth, and our plans to your purposes for us and the world. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace.**

**Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments, and guide us always so that we might walk in your way and follow the way of your Son now and always; through the steadfast grace of Christ, Amen**  
**Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."**

Assurance of Pardon

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 133 "Go tell it on the mountain" & Hymn 143 "Infant holy, Infant lowly" (*all seated*)

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 (p.228); Responsive Psalm 148;

Colossians 3: 12 -17(p.178); Luke 2: 41-52 (p.51)

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: 165 (vs.1,2 &4) "O little town of Bethlehem"

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing the Offering of our gifts; the gifts will come forward following

The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 153 (vs. 1,2 &4) "Joy to the World"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

©1988 Harold Flammer Music (Admin. by Hal Leonard LLC) (Admin. by Tom Cat Music) Used by permission CCLI 11120907

Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Bob Armstrong    **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

**Conducting the Service:** Ricky Sloan, Mary Pyche, Cheryl Weeks

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

**Placing the Bible:** Ricky Sloan    **Reader:** E. Margaret MacDonald

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

### This week at St. Andrew's

**Sunday, January 5** – Epiphany, The 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas 10:30 a.m.

**Presbyterians Sharing** – \$700 is needed to reach our 2024 allocation

The Youth Group is selling the 2025 PCC calendar in the lobby for \$7.00

**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.

### **Hymn 166**

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. Christ came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all, sheltered by a humble stable,  
cradled in a cattle stall: with the poor, oppressed and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

### **Hymn 133**

#### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.[R]

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. [R]

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.[R]

### **Hymn 143**

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of the gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you;  
Christ the babe was born for you.

### **Hymn 165**

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

4. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

### **Hymn 153**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive its King;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.