



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Christmas, January 5, 2025

“Epiphany of the Lord” – January 6, 2025

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*)

The Word became flesh and lived among us

and we have seen his glory.

The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 161 “What child is this”

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of goodness and guidance, in Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, you promise new life, but we prefer with old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbours and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son through your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead, for it is in his name we pray. Amen

Song: 561 “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.”

Declaration of forgiveness

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 173: “We three kings” (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Jeremiah 31:7–14(p.692); Psalm 147:12–20; Ephesians 1:3–14 (p.169); John1:10–18(p.79)

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 31: 7–14

Hymn: 647 “Lead us, Heavenly Father”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; Response: Our hearts kneel before you, O God; **receive our humble prayers**; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 177 (tune 172) “Christ, whose glory”

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:** Mike Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek;

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

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley **Reader:** Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's:

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

Sun: January 12 – 10:30 a.m. Baptism of the Lord; 1st Sunday after Epiphany

The Youth Group is selling the 2025 Presbyterian Church Calendar for \$7 in the lobby.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the

Mission Moment

In Nepal, 60-year-old Sakkal Bahadur Shahi had a keen interest in agriculture. However, a lack of training, resources and community support hindered his efforts. In addition, due to his poor economic condition, he lacked the means to transform his farm into a sustainable, income-generating operation. Sakkal's situation changed when he joined a PWS&D-supported project. The project formed the Phulbari Swabalamban self-help group, which includes 25 members working to improve the living standards of poor members of their community. Through training from the project, Sakkal transformed his farm into a model farm, where he adopted climate-resilient farming practices and started growing various vegetables. Sakkal is now better able to support his family through his farm.

Hymn 161

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Hymn 173

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

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

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

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 stonecold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice:
hallelujah, hallelujah, sounds through the earth and skies.

Hymn 647

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.

Hymn 177

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.