

Love

December 24, 2017

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING: Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.

Love is coming, love divine! We are waiting on love. Love is waiting on us.

SKIT: The Gift of Love (Fred Cross, Susanne Reimer & Izzy Dyck)

*OPENING HYMN: VU9 – People, Look East

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE (The Angel of Gabriel from Heaven Came – arr. P. Manz)

CENTERING PRAYER: ... waiting to know your love all around us. **Hear us now, Loving God, as we offer our very selves to you in prayer.** (silent prayer)

WORDS OF GRACE: Hope, peace, joy and love.

These are the gifts God showers upon us.

As we walk closer to Bethlehem,

we will bask in the light of God's great gifts and know that God is with us.

Thanks be to God!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (The Ward Family)

PREPARING JESUS' CRADLE/ADVENT HYMN (Cloth for the Cradle – Iona Community)

The children/youth will come to the ends of the pews to collect your fabric pieces.

Each week they will line the crèche with thoughts of Hope, Peace,

Love and Joy. While this takes place, we will sing together:

Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child, the child for our every joy and sorrow.

Find him a shawl that's woven by us all, to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.

(Children leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN: MV134 - There Was a Child in Galilee

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38 (read by Catherine Ledlow)

SOLO: "Mary, Did You Know?" (Text: Mark Lowry; Music: Buddy Greene)

Soloist ~ Judy Oatway

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;

this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,

and when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?

Oh, Mary, did you know the blind will see,

the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,

the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb,

and the sleeping Child you're holding is the Great I Am?

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:47-55 (read by Catherine Ledlow)

ANTHEM: "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" (Text: Traditional; Music: John Gardner)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: VU27 - Tomorrow Christ Is Coming

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (O Lord, How Shall I Meet You – arr. P. Manz)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE: **Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him, yet oxen they gave him their hay, and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty; contented in manger he lay.** (VU68, verse 1, lines 4-6)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: VU31 - O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: **Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east: Love the Lord is on the way.** (VU9)

POSTLUDE (Mary Had a Baby – arr. N. Rawsthorne)

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!



We are glad you're here. If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we would love to have you sign the Welcome Book. If you are visiting from out of town, church-shopping, or came with a friend who already calls St. Andrew's home – we want to meet you!

Please take this bulletin home as it contains a lot of information about the many things happening at St. A's, including interest based groups, social activities, or justice orientated opportunities. You can also find more detailed information on our website or by signing up for our weekly newsletter at www.standrewsriverheights.com.

Let's learn, live, and love in God's way together!

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

COFFEE TALK

Are you new to St. Andrew's? Please join us in the narthex following the service to learn about the work of the church and how you might share your gifts within and beyond the building. We'd love to hear from you!

WASHROOMS

Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.



TODAY'S ANTHEM

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"
(Text: Traditional; Music: John Gardner)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;

Chorus:

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Between an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

About the Music: As tomorrow is Christmas Day, the carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" seemed a natural choice! It had its origins as a sixteenth century folk carol, although there are references to "the legend of my play", which seems to indicate that it may have even earlier connections to the mystery plays of mediaeval times.

Jesus's life is depicted as being a dance, and is told by Jesus in the first person. The song that first appeared in 1833 in William Sandys's *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, is an exhortation to join together with Christ as the lover, or bridegroom, in a dance of life. "My true love" clearly refers to humankind. We will sing the first four verses which tell of his birth, early days in the stable, and later, his baptism. The original was 14 verses long, and goes on to tell the story of Christ being crucified and resurrected.

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OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can make a gift of non-registered stocks, mutual funds or bonds listed on a public stock exchange to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the securities at the close of the markets on the day they are received and pay no income tax on the capital gain?

For more information, contact Bill Craddock, Treasurer, at 204-488-1130 or email him at wjcdlc@mts.net.



Stewards trust that God will replenish what has been given freely, and so dare to be wellsprings for others.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:30am—Morning worship
6:30pm—Christmas Pageant
8:30pm—Candlelight Communion
10pm—Lessons & Carols (senior choir)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Rental – Irene Marks (auditorium) 1-5pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning worship @ 10:30am
Rental – wedding (sanctuary) @ 4pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Boulton @ 10:30pm (Karen)
Sr. Housing Worship Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Baptism Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm
Worship Interest Group (chapel) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Tuxedo @ 10:30am (Karen)
Personal Care Home Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Messy Church
Auditorium @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Choir Recital (sanctuary) @ 12pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Parkway @ 10:30am (Karen)
Sr. Housing Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Guatemala Fundraiser:
Spaghetti Supper @ 5:30pm
Tickets on sale online or from the church office starting Tuesday, January 2.
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/spaghetti-dinner-fundraiser-tickets-41015272785>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Guest Preacher – Karen Toole
Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm
Centering Prayer (chapel) @ 7pm
Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) @ 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Boulton @ 10:30pm (Karen)
Sr. Housing Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Communion Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rental – G&S (auditorium) 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Worship Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm
P&A Meeting (CE room) @ 7:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Wedding (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm
 Messy Church
Auditorium @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Soup & Sandwich and ABC Valentine Bake Sale (auditorium) @ 11:45am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Pancake Supper (auditorium) @ 5pm
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Parkway @ 10:30am (Cathy)
Sr. Housing Worship Service
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—STAT

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Service Team Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
AGM & Luncheon following worship
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Baptism Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am
Choir rehearsal following worship
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Worship Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm
P&A Meeting (CE room) @ 7:30pm
Choir rehearsal @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Dress rehearsal (auditorium) @ 7pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am
Choir Show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Choir Show (auditorium) @ 1:00pm (matinee)
Choir Show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm
Rental – Barchett recital (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

