

# Welcome



Sunday, December 29, 2019

## ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC (*Oh come, little children and Sussex Carol*—arr. M. Burkhardt )

GREETING: **VU35**—Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (vs 1)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES/PRELUDE (*Once in royal David's city*—arr. D. Moore)

OPENING PRAYER: **VU63**—A Christmas Prayer of Confession

PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN: VU62—Once in Royal David's City (vs 1 & 5)

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 2:13-23 (read by Derek Morphy)

SOLO: Gesu Bambino (*Pietro Yon*) Sung by Heather Kozak

MESSAGE: **VU48** – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**VU60** – O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1-3, 5)

**VU38** – Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1-3)

**VU44** – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs 1, 2 & 4)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*Angels we have heard on high*—arr. M. Burkhardt)

OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (VU55 v4)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.914/916)

\*HYMN: **VU67** – Silent Night, Holy Night

BLESSING (from Abingdon Worship Annual)

As we journey through the Christmas season, **more than a star guides us.**

As we travel the hillsides of faith, **more than a messenger shows us the way.**

As we ride the rapids of our lives, **more than an angel shields us from harm.**

When we live the truth of Christmas, **more than the delight of holiday meals blesses us.**

In Christmas, we taste the joy of our salvation. **We touch the presence of the living God.**  
Go with God.

\*BENEDICTION (MV220)

**Hope shines as the solitary star. Faith is the inner light.**

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights, and illumine the pathway home.**

POSTLUDE (*Angels from the realms of glory*—arr. R. Hobby)



## 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.



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

## Sunday School

There is no Sunday School today. There are packages available at the back of the church for any children present in the service today. On **Sunday, January 5**, there will be an open session for all ages.



**WASHROOMS:** Wheel-chair 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.

### YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



All things come into being through God. Let us return to God a portion of what God has brought into being for us.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Caroling Service @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Epiphany Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**2019 Annual Reports are due!**

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

P&A meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Choir @ 8pm

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

ABC meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Choir @ 8pm

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/chapel) 9-6pm

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-1pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

Rental—Things Meeting (chapel) @ 9am

Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-1pm

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Choir @ 8pm

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/chapel) 9-6pm

Charmaine (lounge) 2-4pm

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Worship @ 10:30am

Choir show rehearsal following worship

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Choir @ 8pm

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Opera Idol (sanctuary) @ 1-8pm

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9am

Worship Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

P&A Meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

**Holiday Office Hours:** The Office will be closed from December 24 - January 1. Voicemails and emails will be monitored. There will also be no newsletter on Thursday, December 26, 2019. For pastoral care concerns during this time, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley at 204-250-5073.

**2019 Annual Report:** It's nearing that time of year again! The due date for the 2019 Annual Reports will be Monday, January 6, 2020. You can see a copy of last year's Annual Report on our website, under publications.

**What are your Top 5 favourite hymns?** Fill out a ballot, which can be found in the Narthex. In a special Hymn Sing service on Sunday, January 19, 2020, we will include the top voted songs from St. Andrew's to sing during the service.

**Baptism Sunday on Sunday, January 12, 2020:** If you would like to have your child baptised, please contact the church office or Rev. Karen Lumley by Monday, January 6!

**Bridge Luncheon: Save the Date!** St. Andrew's River Heights United Church is hosting their Annual Bridge Luncheon on Monday, April 27 at 11:45 - 3:15 in the St. Andrew's Auditorium. Get four of your favorite bridge players together and watch for ticket info in the new year. \$60 per table.



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