



Sunday, December 24, 2021



Advent is here! A time for waiting! A time to reflect on the coming Christ Child.

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus we light candles. Each Sunday we light candles:

The First Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Angels

The Second Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Shepherds.

The Third Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Magi.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Mary.

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.

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.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Family Service Friday December 24th at 12pm: Pre-recorded and viewable online. This was performed by our youth.

Christmas Eve Communion Friday December 24th at 9:15pm.

Lessons and Carols Friday December 24th at 10:00pm

The evening services will be recorded and edited and will be available as soon as possible after Christmas



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.

Lessons and Carols— 10pm

Please join in singing the Hymns, found in the red Voices United hymnbook, standing as you are able.

GATHERING: Angels from the realms of glory (*arr. Robert Hobby*)
Variations on 'Sussex Carol' (On Christmas night all Christians sing) *Raymond Haan*

HYMN 1: VU62 Once in Royal David's City

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CAROL 1: *In Dulci Jubilo* (*arr. R.L. Pearsall*)
In dulci jubilo [in quiet joy] Let us our homage show;
Our heart's joy reclineth *in praeseptio* [in a manger]
And like a bright star shineth, *matris in gremio*. [in the mother's lap]
Alpha es et O [thou art Alpha and Omega].

O Jesu parvule! [O tiny Jesus] I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O Puer optime! [O best child] My prayer let it reach thee,
O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te! [O Prince of glory, draw me unto thee]

O Patris caritas, O Nati lenitas! [O love of the Father, o gentleness of the son]
Deeply were we stained *per nostra crimina*; [through our sins]
But thou hast for us gained *Coelorum gaudia*. [the joy of Heaven]
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia, [where are joys] where, if that they be not there?
There are angels singing *Nova cantica*, [new songs]
There the bells are ringing in *Regis curia* [in the King's court]
O that we were there!

LESSON 1: Isaiah 9:2–7
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah
Reader: *Derek Morphy*

HYMN 2: VU59 Joy to the World

LESSON 2: Isaiah 11:1-9
Isaiah speaks of the peace that Christ will bring
Reader: *Martha Graham*

CAROL 2: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (*Malcolm Archer*)
The text is found at VU55.
Soloist: *Nolan Kehler*

LESSON 3: Luke 1:26-38
The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary
Reader: *Ruth McKenzie*

HYMN 3: VU48 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

LESSON 4: Luke 2: 1-7
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
Reader: *Clark Brownlee*

CAROL 3: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine (arr. Lloyd Pfautch)
Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle the child divine;
God reward thee and all that's thine in paradise,
So prays the mother Mary.

He came upon us at Christmastide in Bethlehem;
Let us all bring from far and wide love's diadem:
Jesus, lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

Gladly, dear one, lady mine; I'll help you cradle this child of thine;
God's own light on us both shall shine in paradise,
As prays the mother Mary.

Peace to all who have goodwill!
God, who heaven and earth doth fill, Comes to turn us away from ill,
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.

LESSON 5: Luke 2: 8-14
The angels appear to the shepherds
Reader: Diane Wreford

HYMN 4: VU76 See Amid the Winter's Snow

CAROL 4: Rise Up, Shepherds! (arr. Don Besig)
There's a star in the sky this winter night;
Rise up shepherds and follow.
All the world can behold its shining light;
Rise up shepherds and follow!

Come on and rise up!
Rise up shepherds and hurry to the manger.
Rise up shepherds and follow that star!

Leave you sheep and leave your lambs;
Rise up shepherds and follow.
Journey now to Bethlehem;
Rise up shepherds and follow that star.

Come and hear the angels sing;
Rise up shepherds and follow.
Share the joyful news they bring;
Rise up shepherds and follow that star!

They're singing "Gloria, glory hallelujah!"
Soloists: Sarah Witiuk and Nicki LeGrand

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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

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LESSON 6: Luke 2: 15-20
The shepherds go to Bethlehem
Reader: Catherine Ledlow

HYMN 5: VU60 O Come All Ye Faithful

OFFERTORY: Christmas Lullaby (arr. Christine Anderson & Richard Hamilton)
Handbells: Morna-June Morrow

CAROL 5: Ding Dong! Merrily on High! (arr. D. Willcocks)
Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riven with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And i-o i-o i-o by priest and people sungen.

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers.
May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.

LESSON 7: John 1: 1-14
John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation
Reader: Bernard Boland

BLESSING

HYMN 6: VU67 Silent Night

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Eve Lessons & Carols service tonight!

To our Singers: Paul Forget, Fred Cross, Nolan Kehler, Susanne Reimer, Judy Oatway, Sarah Witiuk, Nicki LeGrand, Everett Fristensky & Choir director Katy Harmer, we appreciate your hard work and beautiful voices!

To our Organist Wes Elias, it is such a pleasure to have you play in our church you are so talented!

To Morna-June Morrow who will be playing her handbells it is always such a joy to get to watch and hear you perform!

To our readers: Derek Morphy, Martha Graham, Ruth McKenzie, Clark Brownlee, Diane Wreford, Catherine Ledlow & Bernard Boland. Thank you so much for gifting your time and talents in reading for this special evening.

The flowers near the pulpit are in loving memory of: Geoffrey C. Morrow, from his family.

And thank you to everyone working behind the scenes whether it is during or before the services, you ensure everything runs well and we appreciate your efforts!

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In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?



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