

***We welcome all who worship with us today***

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*The Life & Work of St. Andrew's...*

Sunday 3 January:

Epiphany – Sacrament of Holy Communion



***St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church***

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***Mission Moments...***

**Sharing the Gift of Language** – The PCC's partnership with the Protestant Theological Institute (PTI) in Cluj-Napoca, an ancient city in Romania, began with the overseas appointment of Brian Johnston in 1997. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Brian taught English at the Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Romania until 2016. After retirement, Brian continued to organize musical concerts with students and others at the Institute. The PCC's partnership with this Reformed seminary in Eastern Europe continues with an annual grant for the English teacher. Theological students must pass an English exam as a requirement for ordination. In thanking the PCC, Dr. Vilmos József Kolumbán, Rector of PTI, added, "Your financial contribution to the limited resources that we have is an extremely valuable input towards fulfilling our goals."

*As we gather for worship we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which the Mi'kmaq peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.*

Cover image: Rembrandt, *Simeon and Anna recognize the Lord Jesus*, circa 1627.

Minister - Rev. Jeffrey Murray

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Clerk of Session – Laura Snyder ▪ 536-4520

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Today's Organist – Laura Snyder

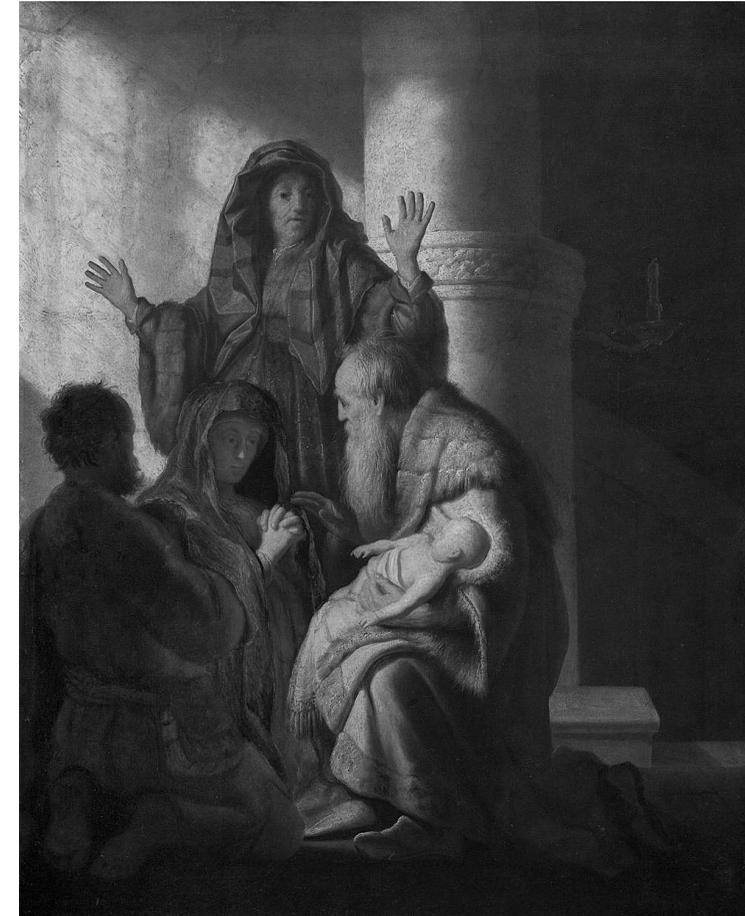
Choir Director – Caitlin Strong

Today's Reader – Brian Neilson

Greeters – Mary & Paul Bogaard

Prayer Tree - if you have prayer requests or wish to be part of the Prayer Tree please contact Mary Bogaard: [mbogaard@eastlink.ca](mailto:mbogaard@eastlink.ca)

Sunday Bulletins & Calendar of events can be found at [www.sapres.ca](http://www.sapres.ca)



***Our Purpose***

*"To see Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly,  
to follow him more nearly, day by day."*

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

\*indicates to stand as able

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Red book – *The Book of Psalms*

## GOD SPEAKS IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, p. 604.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148

Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7, p. 947.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40, p. 833.

Sermon “*Salvation has come*”

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

\*Entrance of the Bible

\*Call to Worship (Responsive):

Minister: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord!**

Prayers of Approach

Adoration

Confession (*unison*):

**Gracious God,**

*we have been longing for your kingdom to come...*

*we have been waiting for your light to shine on us...*

*However, with hardened hearts we turn away disappointed*

*with the cost of following your Son.*

*We retreat from your light hoping to hide from you*

*our inner thoughts and our sins.*

*We forget that you are merciful,*

*and we forget that when we turn to you we are not condemned but healed.*

*We need your forgiveness*

*to start again, to move forward,*

*and to be restored to the joy of your salvation.*

*Lord, in your mercy, let your grace dawn upon us with healing*

*through Christ Jesus our Saviour.*

**AMEN.**

{*Silent Confession*}

Assurance of Pardon

Young Worshippers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*Affirmation of faith (*Unison*)

Living Faith, “God in Christ”

***Jesus was truly human. Tried and tested as we are, yet without sin, he experienced the depths of life.***

***Jesus understands us. He felt the joy of friendship, the pain of rejection, and died a human death. He***

***trusted the Father completely and lived in the Holy Spirit. Neither temptation nor threat prevented***

***him from loving God and his neighbour as himself. He showed us what it means to be a child of God.***

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Presentation of Offerings

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession,

& Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come;*

*thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,*

*as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;*

*for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

## WE ARE SENT BY GOD

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude