

We welcome all who worship with us today

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

Today: 5:00p.m. (for 5:30p.m.) Congregational Potluck at St Ann's Westcock

Sunday 18 December: 11:00 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent
"Jesus' Christmas Party" Sunday School play during morning worship

Minister's hours at the church:

Jeff will be holding hours at the church this Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m.

❄ Winter Weather Cancellation Policy ❄

To find out if a service is cancelled on a Sunday morning with inclement weather you may:

- 1) check the website – a notice will be posted on the main page
- 2) call the church (536-1952) – notice will be given as part of the standard greeting on the answering service.

Notices of cancellation will be made by 9:30a.m. for both website and phone answering service.

As we gather for worship we acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and 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 and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Cover image: "John the Baptist in Prison". In this 1523 woodcut, John the Baptist, in prison, sends his disciples to inquire if Jesus is the messiah.

Minister - Rev. Jeffrey Murray	Organist – Johanna Goldenberg
▪ Home: 536-3311 ▪ Mobile/Text: 364-3707	Choir Director – Branden Olsen
Clerk of Session - Sylvia Harris ▪ 536-2719	Today's Reader – Mary Bogaard
Chair of Board – Art Miller ▪ 536-2576	Today's 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

Sunday Bulletins & Calendar of events can be found at www.sapres.ca



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Our Purpose

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

*indicates to stand as able

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Navy book – *The Book of Praise*
Red book – *The Book of Psalms*

GOD SPEAKS IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10, p. 578.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146:5-10, Refrain I.

Epistle Reading: James 5:7-10, p. 982.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11, p. 792.

Sermon “What are we waiting for?”

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Entrance of the Bible

*Hymn (*unannounced*): Hark the glad sound

118 *The Book of Praise*

*Call to Worship (Responsive):

Minister: Come and proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and rejoice in God our Saviour.

Congregation: *The Almighty has done great things, and holy is God’s name.*

Prayers of Approach

Adoration

Confession

*O merciful God,
you sent your son into the world to reveal your kingdom,
but we grow impatient as it fails to meet our expectations.
Expecting your Son to triumph over the powers of this world...
he became poor and humbled himself to the point of death...
We fail to see the might of your kingdom in the suffering of Jesus,
and we lose hope in your ways amid the world’s pain and anguish.
Lord in your mercy,
forgive our impatience,
forgive our faithlessness
and forgive how we have failed to reveal
your goodness and mercy to others.
Help us once again to celebrate with joy the hope
and fullness of life you offer
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

{*Silent Confession*}

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

“*Emmanuel*”

Ali Matthews

145 *The Book of Praise*

*Hymn: In the bleak mid-winter

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn: Your kingdom come, O God

269 *The Book of Praise*

*Affirmation of faith

selections from *Living Faith*, “God” & “God, Creator and Ruler”

There is one true God whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace. God has created all that is. The whole universe testifies to the majesty and power of its Maker. We affirm God's righteous and loving purpose even in a world where evil abounds. This purpose is uniquely disclosed in Jesus Christ. In him we see the greatest paradox of life: the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness. In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering. We worship almighty God, the source of all life. With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be!

*Sung Refrain (*tune on inside front cover of “The Book of Praise”*):

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Prayers of Intercession

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Presentation of Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (79 *The Book of Praise*)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

*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

*Hymn (*unannounced*): Come, thou long-expected Jesus

110 *The Book of Praise*

*Charge & Benediction

*Choral Amen (780 *The Book of Praise*)

Postlude