

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2012

APPROACHING GOD

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship and Welcome

Leader: Come into God's presence as a gift to God's world.

People: We rejoice and celebrate, for God has clothed us in garments of salvation.

Leader: Do not keep silent, but sing with joy.

People: We shout with praise, for God has covered us in robes of righteousness.

Leader: Let God's glory shine in your praise and prayer.

People: We will shine with the light of Christmas love!

(Quiet Reflection)

Leader: This is the fullness of time, the midst of the Christmas season.

People: This is the fullness of time, when we live the promise of Christmas.

Leader: This is the fullness of time, the cusp of a brand new year.

People: This is the fullness of time when we live our new life in Christ.

Leader: This is the fullness of time, the gathering of God's worshiping children.

People: This is the fullness of time. Let us worship with joyful praise.

Gathering Hymn: The First Nowell, vs. 1,2, & 4 No. 136

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Abba, father God,

We come as your children trusting in your grace.

As we come into your sacred space, may we present ourselves as a living gift to you and to the needs of your world.

May our growth in your grace strengthen our ministry as your disciples.

And may we shine forth as a beacon of hope for all the world to see.

In Christ's name we pray,

Our Father...(debts & debtors)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Song Time: One More Step

No. 641

Story Time

Rev. Ian Johnston

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:3-14

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Responsive Reading: Psalm # 8

Refrain # 2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Heather Mutch

Solo: A New Year Carol

B. Britten

Megan Purdy

Hymn of Illumination: Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming No. 151

Sermon: "Reflections"

Rev. Ian K. Johnston

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People

Organ Offertory

The Dedication of the Offering:

Joyful, joyful, Lord we bring you

Gifts that you can use today.

Take them bless them may your kingdom

Spread through all the world we pray;

We are here, our time, our talents;

We would dedicate as well.

May we show Christ's love within us,

By our lives, our faith to tell.

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come

No. 784

Benediction

Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"

(Inside Cover of the Book of Praise and on the screen)

Organ Postlude

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Hearing assisted devices are available for you to borrow each Sunday morning. They are a small earphone with a volume control. Ask any of the ushers and they will show you how to use it.

Large Print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

Welcome to this service of worship at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound: we are happy to have you with us. If you are a visitor, or a newcomer to Owen Sound, you are welcome to use the Visitor Envelope found in the pew. Come for a time of tea, coffee and juice in the C.E. Hall (anyone can direct you).

Please feel free to use the **nursery** at any time during the service. It is located at the end of the C.E. Hall. Pew activity packs will be available for children at Story Time.

Ushers: Lyle & Isabelle Love and Peter & Jan Middleton
Head Counter: Chuck Rossel

Prayer Requests: For extra support during difficult times. If you have prayer requests you may phone these people who are on the prayer chain: Pat Edwards 376-0451, Sandra Barker 371-7552, Sheila Lamb 376-0702, Marie Herbert (evenings only) 372-1290, the church office 376-7886.

Sermons: you may pick up a copy of Sunday's sermon – on the church office counter after church each week. CDs of the service are also available. Please phone the church office at 519-376-7886.

Parking: Extra parking at Breckenridge. Do **NOT** park at Prettie Photography.

We **congratulate** Diane Lewis and Bruce Abernethy on the occasion of their wedding, here at St. Andrew's on December 21st, 2011.

These Days is a daily devotional for living by faith. If you would like to subscribe for a yearly subscription, call the church office at 519-376-7886 by January 23rd. Cost is \$13 for regular print and \$14 for large print. You should make your cheque payable to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and either leave it on the offering plate, mail it to St. Andrew's or bring it into the church office. Past copies of this booklet are on the small table by the church office.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Living Life to the Full!

St. Andrew's exists to bring people to a full life in God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. This life is lived through worship and fellowship and in mission to God's world.



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, Ontario
Established 1925**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Week of January 1st at St. Andrew's

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| Mon. | | Office Closed |
| Tues. | 9 - 12 | Office Open |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Sandwich Makers |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Session |
| Wed. | 9-12 & 1-4 | Office Open |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Quilters |
| Thurs. | 9-12 & 1-4 | Office Open |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Praise Team Rehearsal |
| Fri. | 9-12 | Office Open |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Sundays @ 9 with Praise Songs, Message, Muffins & Coffee |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship with hymns, Bible readings, choir & sermon |

Send-a-Card-Club: It's the little things in life that count. Sometimes it doesn't take much effort on our part, but it means so much to others. Sending a card or note can help brighten the day for any of us. Why not try it, see how good it makes you feel too. Please send a Congratulation Card to Bill & Sarah Currie who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 26th. 698 4th Ave. West, N4K 4V4

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Our gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** help people support long-term mission partners through short-term mission visits. Wendy Renault learned a lot about mission when she went to Guatemala. She shares, "The remarkable women that we met taught me to celebrate our differences, to remember one another in our prayers and to remember that we must always act to promote social justice in our own communities and in the world. They taught me that mission is about building relationships and empowering each other." Let us pray for participants in short-term mission, as they support our partners in mission.

St. Andrew's uses **Fair Trade coffee**. There is a donation can by the coffeepot to help offset the cost. This is a very worthwhile outreach.

A good example is the best sermon.

Session Synopsis

-The Session and the Board of Managers held a joint meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2011.
-A new fund to provide special help for our members has been established, The Good Samaritan Fund. Terms of reference and five people to oversee the fund will be established.
-Next joint meeting to review the 2012 budget will be February 15 at 7 PM.
-The Congregation Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 6 at 7 PM.

The Session Meeting

-A special committee is being established to listen to the congregation's comments regarding the music format for the 10:30 AM worship. The members of this committee will be announced shortly. They will report their observations and opinions to the February Session meeting.
-The work of the Visiting Nurse was acknowledged.
-Approval given to celebrate the 87th Anniversary of St. Andrew's on May 6.
-Barbara Floto received into full membership by Act of Session.
-Approval for the Sacrament of Baptism to be administered Sunday, December 25, Constance Lowe (adult), Zachery and Luke Cumming.
-Elder nominations will be considered in January.
-Session will meet in a special meeting January 17 at 7 PM to establish some Goal Setting for St. Andrew's. This is part of the work for the Congregation Profile.
-The membership of St. Andrew's currently is 439.

Perfume/cologne: Please be sensitive to those who are allergic to these products.

Every Tuesday a group from St. Andrew's makes **sandwiches** for Union Place, a drop-in centre for people with mental health issues. They are in need of donations - especially jam and bread. They can be dropped off in the church kitchen any time.

Christ is Born! Even in the face of poverty, injustice and disaster, hope finds a way. For 65 years, our church has been serving people around the world through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). Together, with partners overseas and Canadians here at home, we work to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation as an expression of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love. Thanks to your support and faith in action, we are providing people in need with education, health care, food, clean water, small loans and the loving support we all deserve. May we continue to remember our

brothers and sisters around the world. Please support PWS&D. www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd