



# St. Andrew's News

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December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Welcome to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.



## PRAYER INVITATION



As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers: Margaret Terkelsen; Kathryn & Arthur Towell; Mary Ann & Bill Tuomi; Jason Turgeon; Wayde Turgeon; Cathy & Darcy Tymchyshyn; Laura & Donald Vanasse

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Reminder that the Blood Pressure Clinic is after **today's** service.



## TEA & BAZAAR FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Here are the much anticipated numbers! Please note that not all the proceeds go directly to St. Andrew's for the operating budget. Mission and Outreach proceeds are earmarked for mission work. St. Andrew's also supports two children in Dr. Graham's Home in India through the Christmas Room and St. Aidan's Guild. And St. Aidan's and the Seekers give a donation at the end of the year based on fundraising they have done throughout the year including the Tea and Bazaar.

Bake Table.....	\$1059.00
Christmas Room (Sunday School).....	\$695.00
Christmas Tea Tickets.....	\$1192.25
Shortbread.....	\$2332.85
St. Aidan's Guild Craft Table.....	\$944.25
St. Aidan's Guild Dainties.....	\$475.00
Seekers Jewellery.....	\$568.60
Seekers Country Kitchen.....	\$412.00
Mission & Outreach (Shepherd's Pies).....	\$1304.00
Other Donations.....	\$370.00
<b>Total for the Day.....</b>	<b>\$9352.95</b>

As you can see, we have much to be thankful for. Amazing team work, wonderful blessing.

## WEEK OF DEC 16 - 23, 2018

Sun 16 - Blood Pressure Clinic @12:00 pm  
Thurs 20 - Prayers in the Chapel @ 1:15 pm

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Dynes for leading us in worship today

## PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT ~ GIFTS OF CHANGE

Each gift in the new Gifts of Change catalogue is helping build brighter and more hopeful futures for people in Canada and around the world.

Family and friends who receive your gift this Christmas will be honoured to know that they are part of a larger picture of positive change happening through our church and our global partners!

If your gift is in the name of a friend or family member, PWS&D will send them a card acknowledging your donation!

Catalogues can be found in the Connection newspapers at the back of the Sanctuary.

You can also visit [www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca)

OR

Call **1-800-619-7301** to speak to a representative.

## WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

The tradition of White Gift Sunday has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904. The story is told that a minister's wife initiated the idea to solve the problem of inequity of gifts given at the Sunday school Christmas party. Instead of focusing on receiving gifts, the focus shifted to bringing gifts to Jesus that could in turn be shared with people around the world who did not have much. All the gifts would come wrapped in plain white paper, so that no one would know which was an expensive gift and which was a more modest one. No one would feel ashamed of their gift and everyone would share in the joy of giving to others. In keeping with the spirit of the first White Gift service, donations will be accepted and then brought to the Thunder Bay Food Bank.

*We will be extending this occasion to include next Sunday, so everyone who wishes to bring a gift may do so on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~

**Worship Series: Carols of Christmas**

**Sunday December 2** (Advent I)

1 John 1:1-4 ~ Isaiah 40:1-11

*Good Christians, All Rejoice*

**Sunday December 9** (Advent II)

Luke 1:67-75 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6

*Oh Come, All Ye Faithfull*

Guest Vocalist - Grace Parker

**Sunday December 16** (Advent III)

Psalms 98 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Joy to the World*

**Sunday December 23** (Advent IV)

John 1:1-14

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Monday December 24 – Christmas Eve**

7:00 P.M. - Family Candlelight Service

10:00 P.M.- Candlelight Service with Communion

**Sunday December 30**

11:00 A.M. - Wassail Service (cider & cookies)

**PWS&D MISSION MOMENT**

**A learning experience in rural Ontario**

In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. Through the Rural and Remote Ministry Grant, seminary students are able to gain ministry experience in a rural and remote congregation during the summer. Emily Webb, a Master of Divinity student, participated in a recent placement opportunity at Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield, ON. Through this opportunity, Emily was able to develop skills in leading Sunday worship, preaching and pastoral care. Emily's enthusiasm for mission and worship was a blessing to Knox Bayfield and, in turn, the congregation provided a supporting and encouraging summer placement for Emily.

*Presbyterians Sharing  
supports seminary students*

**MISSION & OUTREACH**

The tree is up in Rowand Hall! This marks the opening of the collection of gifts for women and their children in the care of Thunder Bay's Women's Shelter. New gifts of clothing, personal need items, toys, school supplies, and small household items are welcome. Gift cards are an easy and helpful choice. If you have any questions please see Jan Sewell on Sunday mornings. Today, **December 16th**, is the last Sunday to donate.

*From Rev. Joyce*



Today marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent with the Worship Series celebrating the Carols of Christmas. The following is the text for the lighting of the Advent Candle so that you can ponder it throughout the week. May these readings and our worship prepare your heart, mind, and body for the wonder of the Christmas message.

**The Candle of Joy**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come.* This well-known and beloved Christmas hymn calls upon all of creation to make a joyful noise before God, for the Lord has come to judge the earth and restore his creation. In Genesis 3, the greatest tragedy in all of Scripture occurs. Adam and Eve sin against God and are banished from the garden as God puts a curse upon the ground. Yet God is merciful and full of grace. God declares that the woman shall bear offspring that will crush the head of the serpent. Jesus, the Son of Man and Son of God, will come to break the curse, to renew the creation, to make whole what now is broken. The coming of Christ into this world marks the beginning of that restoration. Christ brings joy to the world, a light where there is darkness, growth where there is decay. And we, along with all creation, respond with a song of praise. As we light this third candle of Advent, let us remember that our Lord has come, and he will come again. He will reign as King, and all nations will show forth the glories of his righteousness and the wonders of his love.

*From Reformed Worship September 2018.*

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**Sunday Worship - 11:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm