



# St. Andrew's News

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November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## ~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series:

### What Are You Waiting For?

**Sunday December 5** (Advent II)

*Waiting for Light*

*John 1:1-18, 9:5*

**Sunday December 12** (Advent III)

*Waiting for Strength*

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**Sunday December 19** (Advent IV)

*Waiting to be Satisfied*

*Joel 3:7-16*

**Friday December 24 – Christmas Eve**

*Love's Arrival*

One service only at 7:00 P.M.

**Sunday December 26** (Wassail Service)



## OPERATION UNDERCOVER

St Andrew's will once again be supporting the Operation Undercover Project, which provides new socks and underwear to children aged 4 to 14 years whose families are in need. Community Clothing Assistance (May St.) is our community partner in this endeavour. We ask that you donate children's socks and underwear to this very worthwhile cause, and bring those items to the church, anytime until December 5th. Thank you for your support!



## PRESENTS FOR PEACE

Today the first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the season of preparation. The Presents for Peace Christmas initiative, led by the Mission and Outreach Committee, is underway and we need your help. St. Andrew's will once again financially assist the Elizabeth Fry Society (supports and advocates for women returning to society from prison) and the two Thunder Bay Women's Shelters (Faye Peterson House and Beendigen). We need your financial support to help women and children in these difficult circumstances at Christmas time. Gift cards suggestions include coffee and fast food spots, grocery stores and other familiar retail favourites. Please see Jan Sewell with your financial gift, large or small, to allow us to support the causes. You can also donate with an offering envelope or by e-transfer earmarked "Presents for Peace" no later than Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

Thank you very much and  
Merry Christmas!

ERIGUS Productions Presents:



**THE Original Gospel Christmas Music of the King Returns!**  
**20th Anniversary Holiday CELEBRATION!**

Starring: Thunder Bay's Very Own International Tribute Artist  
Grand Champion and International Performer **Daylin James**

**Fri. December 17, 2021 - 7pm**  
**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

207 S. Brodie St. Doors open: 6pm

**Proof of Vaccination & Masks Mandatory**

Available at:

**Tickets \$20.00**

**Main Office** or call **622-4273**





### From Joyce

What are you waiting for? I have been sitting with that question for a while. I watch as people wait for news about an engagement or the birth of a child. It might be one has waited for news about which college or university they have been accepted to, or whether or not they have landed the job they applied for. Some wait for a diagnosis about their health and wellness, while others wait by bed sides as a loved one hangs on before taking their last breath. I watch as little ones wait for parents who are busy talking or shopping, and parents as they wait for children to put on their clothes or have their breakfast. I watch as care givers watch elderly parents get in and out of vehicles and walk to their place of residence and I watch as the elderly wait for family or friends to visit.

Waiting is part of everyday life, but how we wait is important. Waiting takes patience but also attentiveness. What are you waiting for today or in the coming weeks? As we enter into Advent we are invited to wait. This week we focus on waiting in hope. I like to think of it as hopeful expectation as the story of Christ coming into the world unfolds once again reminding us of God's desire to know us and show us a way of being in the world that was dramatically different then and continues to be to this day. We actively wait in hope to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit filling our lives each and every day. As we begin this Advent journey, consider what you are waiting for in your physical everyday life and in your spiritual walk. What are you waiting for?

### PCC MISSION MOMENTS

#### Embracing Education in Afghanistan

Khadija is five years old and attends a community-based school in Laghman, Afghanistan. Khadija's older sister did not have the opportunity to attend school, so the Grade One student has wholeheartedly embraced her studies. "I love going to school every day and meeting my friends there. My favourite subject is mathematics." Through the support of Community World Service Asia, a

partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development,

Khadija and her friends also received school supplies. "One day, after completing my studies, I will become a traffic police officer and guide people in the right direction," said Khadija, smiling.



### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

As the Covid -19 pandemic continues, St Andrew's will continue as much as possible to provide a safe space for all who enter by following the recommendations and guidelines of the Health Unit.

Public Health Measures such as: Masking, hand sanitizing, social distancing and vaccinations are ongoing effective strategies in reducing and preventing the spread of Covid -19.

Covid -19 vaccinations are an evidence based Public Health intervention that helps to keep citizens safe. By receiving the Covid -19 vaccine you are protecting yourself and others.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church is encouraging all persons entering the church to follow ALL the Public Health Measures including vaccinations so that the church remains a safe space.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



According to the revelation of Jesus Christ on the cross, if we would see God, touch eternity, or participate in God's salvation, then we must somehow enter into the world of those who suffer.

*Christopher Levan, author of The Dancing Steward*

### ST. ANDREW'S MARKETPLACE



There will be knitting sales up in Grant Hall after worship on Nov. 28.

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