



St. Andrew's News

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November 30th, 2025

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



St. Andrew's is proud to present The Sounds of Christmas: A Community Christmas Concert next **Sunday, December 7th at 4pm**. Come out and enjoy a selection of holiday favourites (including some sing-a-longs), performed by a variety of talented local musicians, including Naomi Cohen, Chloe Sproule, Jayla Nelson, Sharon Rose, and our own Rebecca Gillies! This event is a fundraiser for our church, and we need you to spread the word. Tickets are \$25, and children under 10 are free. **Doors open at 3:30pm**. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through the church office, or reserved online via our website. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Dec 2 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Dec 3 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Dec 3 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm
Thurs Dec 4 - Music Class @ 11am; 5:15pm
Thurs Dec 4 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm
Sun Dec 7 - Community Christmas Concert @ 4pm

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK

On **Sunday, December 14th**, the Seekers will be hosting a congregational potluck immediately following the worship service. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. This will also be the final **Children's Sunday** until the new year, so we encourage all ages to join us for fellowship and some holiday cheer!



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."

- Psalm 24:1

Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES



Girl Guides will be selling boxes of their classic Girl Guide cookies for **\$6 per box** in the front hall, following this morning's worship service.

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Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

This year, the theme for our advent series is "The Will to Dream." Advent services will begin on November 30th, and continue each Sunday at 11am leading up to Christmas. Please join us for advent and other seasonal services, as outlined below.



Advent I: Vigilant Hope

Sunday, November 30th, 2025 - 11:00am
Including communion and baptism

Advent II: Prophetic Peace

Sunday, December 7th, 2025 - 11:00am
Musical Guest: Thunder Bay Community Band

Advent III: Unexpected Joy

Sunday, December 14th, 2025 - 11:00am
Children's Sunday and potluck lunch

Advent IV: Merciful Love

Sunday, December 21st, 2025 - 11:00am
Musical Guest: Jaedon Daly

Christmas Eve: Embodied Promise

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 - 7:30pm
Candlelight service

Wassail Service

Sunday, December 28th, 2025 - 11:00am

From Joyce



I am really looking forward to Advent, Christmas and the first Sundays after Christmas. I had mentioned a couple of weeks ago in my newsletter note that I planned to use the resources for this time that have been developed by *Illustrated Ministry* and as I have gotten into it, I am more and more pleased with the choice. The resources for each Sunday speak into the themes of Advent around Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and do so in ways that also resonate for me when it comes to the work that has been done, and we are continuing to do, as we lovingly welcome each other and those who may come into, not only the sanctuary, but the entire building for worship and activities. The themes also lead us into pondering what it means to be a church in community, where we really move out from these walls, considering the wellbeing of those who come to us and those we are called to go to. We do this work remembering that it is God that moves us, giving us a vigilant hope, sharing prophetic peace, through that and more, experiencing unexpected joy and merciful love. I pray that our times of worship will deepen your understanding of the gift that given in the Jesus and how that can impact who we are today, how we live our lives with grace, gratitude, and courage. Blessings for this Advent season.

MISSION MOMENT



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service offers an

Electronics/Computer training program in the Sabra/Shatilla Palestinian refugee camp in the southern part of Beirut, Lebanon. Established in 1962, a one-year certificate program of computer assembling and maintenance incorporates both theory and hands-on practical experience. Teachers try to simplify the material and make it interesting for students who often have only an intermediate level of prior education. A popular recent addition to the program is the repair of cellular phones. Equipping young people with skills and vocations that allow them to enter the workforce quickly, thus generating income to support themselves and their families, is especially essential in refugee communities.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry in Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.

PRESENTS FOR PEACE

With the holiday season upon us, we reflect on the ways in which we can reach out across our community, and bring joy and support to those in need. One such way is by collecting donations for two local women's shelters.



Your gifts may include children's toys, games, puzzles, markers, and crayons, or scarves, gloves, mitts, and hats. Personal care and small household items are also welcome, as are small denomination gift cards.

This initiative has been a St. Andrew's tradition for decades, and over the years, your continuing generosity has made it a huge success. If you can't get out to shop, someone will shop for you (please contact the church office to make arrangements.) Please try to ensure your gifts are under the tree in Rowand Hall by **Sunday, December 14th.**

FOOD BANK DRIVE

As the need continues to be great, our food drive in support of the Thunder Bay Food Bank is ongoing. Popular items include pasta and sauce, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, rice, tins of tuna, salmon, ham, and chicken, soups (both canned and instant), cans of beans, lentils, chickpeas, and vegetables. Cereals and instant oatmeal, Mr. Noodles, pudding cups, and other quick lunch items are popular. Baby food is always needed. Please include St. Andrew's Food Bank Drive on your grocery list!



GLACIER RIDGE & SISTER LEILA GRECO SERVICES

Rev. Joyce will be leading a service at Chartwell Glacier Ridge (1261 Jasper Dr.) this Tuesday, **December 2nd at 10am.** She will also be leading a service at Sister Leila Greco (330 Lillie St. N.) on Wednesday, **December 3rd at 10am.** All are welcome to attend.



SHORTBREAD WRAP UP

With our shortbread drive wrapping up, we would like to extend our thanks to all who made this year's fundraiser such an incredible success! To all the bakers, buyers, packers, and coordinators - we could not have done it without you!

