

December 3rd, 2017

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3529 McBean Street, Box 910, Richmond, ON K0A 2Z0
613-838-3723 www.standrewsrichmond.org

*Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you.*

A New Creed

*We are not alone,
we live in God's
world.
We believe in God:
who has created and
is creating,
who has come in
Jesus,
the Word made
flesh,
to reconcile and
make new,
who works in us and
others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be
the Church:
to celebrate God's
presence,
to live with respect in
Creation,
to love and serve
others,
to seek justice and
resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our
hope.
In life, in death, in
life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP ... *responsively, please stand if you are able*

The heavens are trembling with anticipation

While we are waiting for Jesus.

The nights are long and the days are short

We wait for Jesus with great expectations.

Our redemption is drawing near, let us hope in God.

As we stay awake to witness the birth of Jesus.

Let us worship as people ready to embrace this gift from God.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

People of God, prophets like Isaiah pointed to a future hope, a Saviour.

No one knew when he would come.

They only hoped they would recognize the Messiah, the Son of God.

We wait with hope for the One who has come and is coming.

Today we light a candle to symbolize our hope.

We hope in the One who will come.

(We light the candle of Hope.)

People of God, a New Hope is coming.

We will rejoice in the Lord.

“HOPE IS A STAR” (#119 vs. 1)

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.



HYMN: “People In Darkness”#124

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL: *(unison)*

Advent God, we journey with you to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King.
 Our ears are attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
 Forgive us, if on our journey, we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world.
 Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour.
 Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHOIR: "Bring Us Hope" – Words & Music: Ruth Elaine Schram

HYMN: "Lo! Christ Comes With Clouds"#120

CHILDREN'S TIME**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** ... *Stan Pioro*

First Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Second Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

SERMON: "It's Hard Staying Awake When It's So Easy To Go To Sleep"

WE ASCRIBE ALL GLORY TO GOD

HYMN: "Hark The Glad Sound"#118

OFFERING:

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING ... *Stan Pioro & Brian Slack*

DOXOLOGY:

Tune
#79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures high and low;
 Give thanks to God in love made known;
 Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SETTING APART OF THE ELEMENTS

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

COMMISSIONING: ...*in unison, please stand if you are able*

As the people of God, we are now sent into our community
 to tell the story of salvation. Let it be so for you and for me!

CLOSING HYMN: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" #122
We will collect the symbols of hope during the singing of our closing hymn.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "Go Now in Hope" (tune #622)



Go now in hope, go now in hope
 For the Christ child's love is near you
 Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE



Our Worship Leaders

	<u>This morning</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Greeters:	Stan Pioro	Neil Lillico
Reader:	Stan Pioro	Neil Lillico
Power Point:	Neil Lillico	Bruce Moffitt
Coffee:	Mary Gemmell	Lorna Glennie
Counters:	Shirley Reddick & Sylvia Wallace	David Brown & Larry Monuk
	Organist: Su-jen Lay	

Announcements

A warm welcome is extended to you as visitor, friend or member. We pray that you will experience Christ's presence in our midst this morning. At the close of the service, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship. If you are visiting, please take a moment to sign our guest book.

Coming up

Today: Visit the Gift Card Table to place your order for "Specialty Cards" in time for Christmas.

Sun.: Choir Practice at 9:00 am

Tue: Board of Managers at 4:30 pm

Wed.: Study Group:

- Dinner at 6:00 – sign up necessary
- Study at 7 pm – no sign up necessary

Dec. 12: Curling Club Dinner

Dec. 17:

- 10:00 am Christmas story according to the four Gospels
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Eve:

- Morning Service at 10:00 am
- Evening Service at 7:00 pm



Church Leadership

Minister

Rev. Dr. Wayne Menard
(Ph.D./Th.D.)

Office: 613-838-3723
Home: 613 831-5047
Cell: 613 853-0296

Our Elders:

Clerk of Session
Sharon Stewart

819-360-0315

Karen Colenbrander
613-838-5170

Helen Slack
613-838-2808

Jeannette Cross
613-838-4066

David Wallace
613-838-3386

Mary Gemmell
613-838-5949

Bruce Moffitt
613-838-2927

Choir Director

Karen Colenbrander
613-838-5170

Life & Mission

Helen Slack
613-838-2808

Board of Managers

Garry Ross
613-435-5233

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Jeannette Cross

Envelope Secretary/ Par Program

Terri-Lyn Love
613-724-7518

Use of Church Facilities

Helen Slack
613-838-2808

Website

Mike Cosham
613-838-2801

www.standrewsrichmond.org

Check us out on Facebook!

Larga Baffin House

In addition to our on-going collection of toiletries, we at St. Andrew's have decided that one of our mission endeavours is to do an annual drive for a specific item identified by Larga Baffin as a pressing need.

This year the need is for diapers from newborn to toddler size.

We are asking that you consider donating a box of diapers or donating cash towards the purchase of diapers. We have a diaper bag available for you to place your cash donations in. Diapers will then be purchased with your donations.

For more information on Larga Baffin House please check out the poster on the bulletin board in the hall.

Richmond Food Bank

The Richmond Food Bank, sadly, is experiencing an increase in demand. Therefore, the Session and its Life and Mission Committee, encourage the congregation to give generously this season. Food collection baskets are placed in the church. The contents of the baskets will be regularly delivered to the Food Bank so, if you see an empty basket, don't hesitate to fill them up again, and again.



Mission Moments

Combating racism in Japan

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners. David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call.

Presbyterians Sharing walks with vulnerable people