

December 30th, 2018

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*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

CALLED TO WORSHIP

From God's fullness
we have all received grace upon grace.

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Parent
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

HYMN: "God Is Love: Come Heaven, Adoring"#314

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL ... unison

**Forgive us, merciful God, for doing so little to help others
experience grace.**

We judge them, grade them, and bear grudges against them.

We seldom make allowances for mistakes and shortcomings.

We put conditions on our love.

We put limits on our willingness to understand and accept others.

We seldom forgive and hardly ever forget.

**Forgive us because we fail to give to others what we have received
from you.**

**Forgive us because we forget that it is you who decides who is
included in your family circle.**

**Forgive us when we fail to put into practice on Monday
what we learn from you on Sunday,**

and when we simply fail at being the persons

we were created to be and the persons you want us to be.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER ... unison

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Child Of The Poor” – Words and music: Scott Soper
with –“What Child is This”, words William Dix,
tune Greensleeves; traditional English Melody

HYMN: “God, We Praise You For The Morning”#436

SCRIPTURE READINGS: ... *Leslie Dods*

FIRST READING: John 1: 1-18

SECOND READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

SERMON: “We continue in faith . . .”

HYMN: “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”#407
(*ushers will come forward during the last verse*)

OFFERING:

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING ... *Mike & Eileen Cosham*

DOXOLOGY: #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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**We leave the comfort and warmth of this church home
to bring news of Christ's birth to those who are alone,
people in darkness who have yet to experience
the joy and happiness of knowing Christ, our Lord.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”#371

BENEDICTION

PARTING SONG-

**Faith before us, faith behind us,
Faith under our feet.
Faith within us, faith over us, let all around us have faith.
Let all around us have faith.
Let all around us have faith.**

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year



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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.

Sunday Mornings: Choir practice at 9:00 am

Jan. 8: Session meeting at 12:30 pm.

Feb. 3.: Annual Meeting after morning worship

Gift Card members are available to take your orders after worship.



Richmond Food Bank
We continue to support the food bank. The donation basket remains in the hall.



Larga Baffin House
We have a long cold winter ahead. Socks and mitts are always a welcome item.



Our Worship Leaders

	<u>This morning</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Greeters:	Mike & Eileen Cosham	David Wallace
Readers:	Leslie Dods	David Wallace
Power Point:	Brian Slack	Dan Sinnett
Coffee:	May Sinnett	Sylvia Wallace
Counters:	Brenda & Neil	Shirley & Garry
	Organist/Pianist: Su-jen Lay	

Sleeping Through The Storm

Author Unknown

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When the farmer asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep through a storm."

This puzzled the farmer... but he liked the young man. So he hired him.

A few weeks later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm ripping through the valley. He leapt out of bed and called for his new hired hand, but the young man was sleeping soundly.

So they quickly began to check things to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace.

The farmer and his wife then inspected their property. They found that the farm tools had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. He sees that the bales of wheat had been bound and wrapped in tarpaulins.

The tractor had been moved into its garage. The barn was properly locked tight. Even the animals were calm and had plenty of feed. All was well.

The farmer then understood the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep through a storm."

Because the farmhand did his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for any storm. So when the storm did actually break, he was not concerned or afraid. He could sleep in peace.

Moral:

If we tend to the things that are important in life,
If we are right with those we love and behave in line with our faith,
Our lives will not be cursed with the aching throb of unfulfilled business.
Our words will always be sincere, our embraces will be tight.
We will never wallow in the agony of 'I could have, I should have.'
We can sleep in a storm.
And when it's our time to go, our good-byes will be complete.

– Moral by Rick,
from his Blog, "Life in Seminole Heights"