

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

ALL-AGES CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION – THE GIFTS OF GOD

The Opening of Worship

Prelude

Entry of the Written Word

Hymn # 651

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Welcome

I Am the Bread of Life – I Will Never Turn Away Anyone

This is how we enter worship

(Rev. Mark)

Scripture

John 6:30-38 (Margie Warren)

The Bread of Life

(Rev. Mark)

Hymn # 534

All who hunger, gather gladly

I Am the Vine, and You Are the Branches

Jesus is the vine, you are the branches

(Rev. Greg)

Presentation to Jessica Jaremchuk of Family & Children's Services

(Lauren Wasyluk)

Scripture

John 14:8-12 (Margie Warren)

Why Did Jesus Chose Bread and Grapes?

A Responsive Reading about the Gifts of God

The First Candle of Advent *The Candle of Hope (Tim & Samantha Rickert)*

Offering / Offertory

To a Maiden, Meek and Mild

Doxology

Opportunities for Ministry

Hymn # 548

Let us break bread together

The Gifts of God for the people of God

(Rev. Mark & Rev. Greg)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn # 119

Hope is a star

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to St. Andrew's, we are thankful that you have taken the time to be here today. We pray that you will be met with warmth and love and that you will experience God's presence in this worship. We believe that God loves everyone regardless of race, creed, religion, colour, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or level of intelligence. God is with you! God is on your side! God is for you! At St. Andrew's everyone who loves Jesus is welcomed at the Lord's Table. Come to the table for the renewal of your soul and the healing of your spirit.

Please note the death of St. Andrew's member, Lillian Neilly. Lillian died on *Friday, November 24th*. A service was held at the Erb Good Funeral Home on *Tuesday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m.* Please lift Lillian's family in your prayers.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Frank Plust by his wife Jean.

The Flowers are placed today to the Glory of God and in memory & thanksgiving for my parents, Jean and Carmi Warren by Margie Warren.

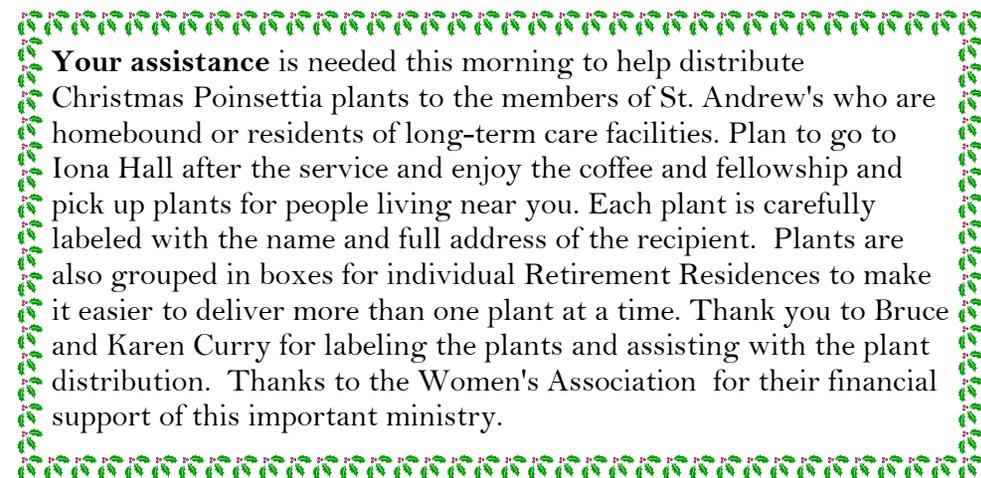
Thank you to our Ushers; Michael Cassidy, Victor Morton, Karen Chisholm, James Poser, Kathy Enstone, Carole Alguire, Fred Creed, Linda Creed, Peter Kalbfleisch, Ted Brough, Mary Brough, Bob Fewster, Jeff Anderson and Donni Jamieson.

Thank you to our Greeters this morning; Cathy Hoffman, Alison Krupicz and Ednajeane Manarey.

Thank you to our Beadle this morning, Brent Lappage.

Thank you to Ron & Sue Shane, Jan Ashton and William Nurse for serving coffee this Sunday.

St. Andrew's has been approved as a Fairtrade Faith Group! See the insert in the bulletin for more information.



Your assistance is needed this morning to help distribute Christmas Poinsettia plants to the members of St. Andrew's who are homebound or residents of long-term care facilities. Plan to go to Iona Hall after the service and enjoy the coffee and fellowship and pick up plants for people living near you. Each plant is carefully labeled with the name and full address of the recipient. Plants are also grouped in boxes for individual Retirement Residences to make it easier to deliver more than one plant at a time. Thank you to Bruce and Karen Curry for labeling the plants and assisting with the plant distribution. Thanks to the Women's Association for their financial support of this important ministry.

Gas and grocery cards are available in Iona Hall and outside the Chapel this Sunday during coffee hour or at the church office during the week. The Women's Association would love to assist you with your gift cards for the upcoming Christmas season or at any time throughout the year. The deadline is *December 3rd* for special orders to be delivered before Christmas.

Join us tonight at 7:30 p.m. for a Taizé Prayer and Song Service. Taizé is a way of praying through song. It offers a contemporary take on traditional monastic prayer. Taizé prayer involves candlelight, short scripture readings, singing and meditative silence. Songs are sung in English and, occasionally, other languages. Participants can sing along, or simply sit back and listen prayerfully. Melodies are simple and accessible and singing is usually accompanied by a variety of instruments including piano, guitar, violin, flute and others. Everyone is welcome.

BAZAAR TALK: Heartfelt thanks again to all those who supported the Heather & Holly Bazaar by being on the team, donating time/talent/materials, helping out, spreading the word, attending, bringing friends and tidying up. This only happens because of your support and enthusiasm. It's a major endeavour and we are thankful it has once again been a tremendous success. (NOTE: Some items are for sale today during coffee hour and at the Noon-Hour Concert Mini-Bazaars on *December 6th* and *13th*.)

The CE Committee would like to thank the HR committee for their contribution of food preparation to the successful kick off of the Christmas Family night on *November 26th*. Given that this was a start to the Christmas activities, the HR committee prepared a turkey dinner with a stuffing recipe which received great raves (we apologize to the family recipes which may no longer be the "fav"). Approximately 100 people attended the event which is a significant increase from prior years given that it is the start of a very busy season. There were a lot of fun activities, Christmas mini golf, making edible Christmas trees, ornament decorating, and a marshmallow wreath toss to mention a few. Family nights are a vital part of our church's ministry which require a lot of planning, organizing and volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the evening a success and who are critical to every family night. Keep the following dates open and join us on *February 25th*, *March 25th* and *April 29th*.

On Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir of St. Andrew's directed by Gordon Burnett With soloists – Emily Grignon, Catherine Hertel, Amy Mairs, Pam Patel, Douglas Haas – organ and Lorin Shalanko – piano will perform “The Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi. This concert will be televised on Christmas day at *10:00 a.m.*

Technical Help with Sunday Audio – We would love to have one or two people who are willing to learn our audio system for Sunday worship, and who would be willing to run the sound board just once or twice per month. Clear sound is a vital part of worship; it is one of those things that no one thinks about, but when it is not working, then meaningful worship is not possible. If you are interested please call the church office and ask for Rev. Mark. Please share this request with others who might have an interest in gaining some experience with audio systems.

On December 6, 2016, A vigil will be held in the Chapel here at St. Andrew's. The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women will be held at 6:00 p.m. by the Canadian Federation of University Women Kitchener-Waterloo in memory of the 14 women murdered in Montreal in 1989, the 1200 + missing and murdered indigenous women and the many women who died from domestic violence. Everyone is invited to honour those women.

Sunday Smile: As preacher visited a home for the elderly where he visited a lady from the congregation who hadn't been out to service recently and they had a long discussion. There was a jar of peanuts on the night stand by the old lady's bed, and the preacher asked if he may have some. He unscrewed the top and eat ate a few and as they talked he kept eating, until he had eaten almost all of the lady peanuts. As he prepared to leave he offered to pay the lady for her peanuts, the lady said no you don't owe me anything but the preacher kept insisting that he let him pay her so the old lady answered, “I'm through with that jar anyway, I have licked all of the chocolate off all of them.”

Calendar for December 04 to December 09, 2017

Mon.	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Beavers	<i>Iona Hall</i>
	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>	W.A.	<i>Upper Room</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	Police Band Concert	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Tue.	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	Camp K	<i>Heather Room</i>
Wed.	<i>12:15 p.m.</i>	Noon Hour Concert	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Vigil Service	<i>Chapel</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Cubs	<i>Iona Hall</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	Young Adults	<i>Youth Room</i>
Thurs.	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	Prayer Shawl	<i>Heather Room</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	Choir Practice	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Sat.	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	Congregational Meeting	<i>Elizabeth Room</i>