

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Prelude	
Hymn # 122 (vs. 1,3,5,6, & 7)	<i>Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel</i>
Call to Worship	
Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer (# 831)	
Welcome	
Responsive Reading	<i>Psalm 126 (Refrain 3)</i>
The Second Candle of Advent	<i>Eric & Henry Brox</i>
Scriptures	<i>from the prophet Miriam :Exodus 15:19- 21</i> <i>from the prophet Hannah: 1 Samuel 2:1-2, 8</i> <i>from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 1:26-31, 38 & 46-55</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>James Brown</i>
Hymn (see insert)	<i>The Lord's Goodness</i> <i>reprise Matthew Dudziak</i>
Sermon	"Yes" Changes Everything <i>Rev. Greg Smith</i>
Choir	<i>Lo How A Rose E're Blooming</i>
Prayers	
Hymn # 123	<i>My soul gives glory to my God</i>
Offering	
Offertory	<i>Nadia Vorobieva</i>
Offertory Hymn # 830	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>
Offertory Prayer	
Announcements and Opportunities	
The Sacrament of Baptism	
Hymn # 110	<i>Come thou long- expected Jesus</i>
Benediction	
Response	<i>Three - fold Amen</i>

St. Andrew's, is a welcoming and affirming congregation. You are welcome here regardless of your gender identity or sexual orientation. You are welcome whatever your race, cultural background, physical ability, or financial status. We welcome you and we value each person in all of our diversity. We are all children of God.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving remembrance of Bill Alguire, from his wife Carol, their 6 children and 14 grandchildren.

Today we are pleased to welcome Ethan Brendan Martz into the family of God by the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray God's blessing on Ethan and his parents, Jeffrey Martz and Melissa Coleman

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; Ian & Dawna McGee, Barb Niebert and Tom Frederick.

Thank you to our Beadle this morning, Dave Mitchell.

Thank you to Ron & Diana Watson and Tracy Blair for serving coffee this Sunday.

The Women's Association thanks you for your patronage this year and wishes you a very Merry Christmas with family and friends.

Poinsettia Delivery: Thank you to everyone who delivered poinsettias to our home bound and retirement residence members last Sunday. The plants are very much appreciated by those who receive them. We also would like to thank the Women's Association again for their generous support of this ministry and to Bruce and Karen Curry for helping to label and distribute the plants for delivery.

Gas and grocery cards are available outside the Chapel and in Iona Hall this Sunday during Coffee Hour. *December 24th* and *December 31st* gift cards will not be sold following the service, however they will be available in the church office anytime the office is open.

All folks are warmly welcomed to attend the WMS Christmas meeting on *Thursday, Dec.14th at 2:00 p.m.* In our worship time, we will compare the accounts of Jesus' birth as presented in Matthew and Luke. Join us for worship, carol singing, fellowship and Christmas baking. Need a ride? Call Josie 519 208 7075 or Helen 519 576 6015.

We need your strong financial support as we head towards the end of the year. We are about \$30,000 behind budget for this year, so please consider a special gift in the Christmas season. Some may wish to make a gift of securities which will result in a 40% tax credit for the donor, others may be able to make a more modest gift. Every gift is greatly valued, and we are thankful for all your generosity. Please help us to keep up all our beautiful missions and ministries. Thank you.

BAZAAR TALK: *Wednesday, December 13th* is our last chance to support Heather & Holly Bazaar 2017. Why not take in the final Noon Hour Concert, finish your holiday shopping at the Mini Bazaar between *11:00 p.m.* and *1:30p.m.*, and help us set a new sales record.

Our mite donations make a difference in our local community! Please fill your mite containers and envelopes and bring them to the church before the end of the year. Still need a container or envelope? Pick one up from the tables at the entrances and return it by the end of the year. Make sure to write your name on the label so you can be credited for the donation. Thank you for your support of our local missions. Merry Christmas!

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

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.*

The New Year's dinner and May BBQ have both been discontinued because they are duplicating the efforts of existing ministries in KW. In their place, the Local Outreach Committee will be facilitating the involvement of church members in a number of local ministries. Stay tuned for details on new opportunities!

Turkey Giveaway! The House of Friendship is giving away turkeys to folks that need them from *December 15th - 22nd*. If you would like to be involved in either the giveaway or in packing and delivering hampers, please contact Glenn Stewart.

Food Not Bombs! This organisation prepares, then distributes a meal in Downtown Kitchener every *Saturday*. If you would like to be involved on either an occasional or ongoing basis, please talk to Ken Schade after the service, or email Mark Johnson at markedjohnson@gmail.com.

Advent Quiz Questions

- 1) What is the meaning of Advent?
a) Coming b) Going c) Receiving d) Giving
 - 2) How many Sundays are in Advent?
a) Three b) Four c) Five d) Six
 - 3) What is the traditional colour of Advent?
a) Red b) Green c) Purple d) Yellow
 - 4) Which feast follows Advent?
a) Easter b) Christmas c) Transfiguration d) Pentecost
 - 6) What is the contemporary colour of Advent?
a) Blue b) Black c) White d) Brown
 - 7) When did Advent begin in the 5th century?
a) 11 November b) 15 November c) 3 December d) 7 December
 - 8) When was Advent reduced to its current length?
a) 6th century b) 7th century c) 8th century d) 9th century
 - 9) What do evergreen branches of Advent Wreath symbolize?
a) Faith b) Hope c) Eternal life d) Love
 - 10) What does the rose (pink) candle lit on third Sunday of Advent symbolize? a) Joy b) Peace c) Victory d) Fertility
- Advent Quiz Answers below.

Calendar for December 11 to December 15, 2017

Mon.	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Beavers	<i>Iona Hall</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	Women's Sacred Circle	<i>Heather Room</i>
Tue.	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	Camp K	<i>Upper Room</i>
Wed.	<i>12:15 p.m.</i>	Noon Hour Concert	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	Parent Freedom Night	<i>Temple Room</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Cubs	<i>Iona Hall</i>
Thurs.	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	WMS	<i>Elizabeth Room</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Pageant Practice	<i>Temple Room</i>
	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	Choir Practice	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Fri.	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Pageant Practice	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Sat.	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>	Pageant Dress Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

- (8) (c) Eternal life (9) (a) Joy
(5) (a) Blue (6) (a) 11 November (7) (a) 6th century
(1) (a) Coming (2) (b) Four (3) (c) Purple (4) (b) Christmas