

Welcome to St. Andrew's Order of Service: Advent II

For your convenience, large print bibles and Hymn books are available at each sanctuary entrance.

Carol Sing 10:15am

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *(see insert)* The Kurtimah Family

***Hymn 128** "There's a voice in the wilderness" Ascension

Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Psalter Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
Scripture Matthew 5: 38-41

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 113** "Comfort, comfort you my people" Genevan
(This hymn will be unannounced)

Message: "The Third Way"

***Hymn 635** "Brother, sister, let me serve you" Servant Song

Offering

Offertory "Two Noels from Lorraine" arr. M. Rouher

***Doxology** Tallis' Canon

*Offertory Prayer

Anthem "Creation will be at peace" A. Page

Prayers of the People

Opportunities in the Life of St. Andrew's

Pinning Our Hopes on Jesus: A Prayerful Action *(See Insert)*

***Hymn 110** "Come thou long-expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

*Benediction

Postlude "Hyfrydol"

** if able, please stand*

Helping Today

Coffee Hour-Welcome Committee

Greeters ~ Janet Dalgleish, Malcolm McAlister, Knolly Toolsie,
Paul Pennock

Scripture~ Gwen Gooyers

Nursery~ Diane Hawes, Kate Borthwick

Sound System ~ Colin McGuffin

Lock -Up ~ Don Grainger

This Week @ St Andrew's

Today- *10:30am Sunday

Mon. Dec. 11- 7:00pm Guelph Scottish Dancers, 7:00pm Breast
Cancer Support Group

Tues. Dec. 12- 7:00pm Shout Sister Choir, 7:00pm Gaelic
Conversation

Wed. Dec. 13- *10:00am Ladies Drop In, *2:00pm WMS Meeting,
6:30pm Brownies, *7:00pm Handbells

Thurs. Dec. 14-*7:00pm Choir, *7:00pm Board of Managers

Sat. Dec. 16- 10am Great Big Theatre Group

Sun. Dec. 17- *8:55am Adult Bible Study, *10:30am Worship &
No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, Cookie
Exchange

*St. Andrew's related activity

For those currently assigned offering envelopes, you can find your box of 2018 offering envelopes at the Welcome Centre this morning. If you would like to have a box issued to you or you are considering doing Pre-Authorized Bank Debits instead, please contact the church office.

Please note: Envelope #'s have been changed for next year! Please DO NOT USE 2017 envelopes after Dec. 31. Any 2017 (or older) envelopes that come in without a name on them will be entered as loose collection and will not be receipted.



4th Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will take place next Sunday, following the service. People are most welcome to sample all the treats along with their coffee. We also

encourage you to exchange your best with others favourites... feel free to bring in your tins and Ziploc bags to take home a mixture of treats with you to share with your family and friends over the Christmas season... or maybe you want them all to yourself! No judgement.

Poinsettias- On behalf of the Congregational Care Committee I want to sincerely thank everyone for their assistance to deliver 42 Poinsettia plants that were ordered this year. The people receiving them really appreciate being remembered at this time of year. Your willingness to help with the deliveries reinforces how caring a church we are. Thank you.

Catharine Johnston

The **WMS** will be holding their Christmas meeting on Wed. Dec. 13th at 2pm. They warmly invite all who would like to attend.

Helping Next Sunday

Just a reminder!

Coffee Hour-MOCC

Greeters ~ Janet Dagleish, Bill Laidlaw, Doreen Cherry,
Dorothea Faulkner

Scripture~

Nursery~ Penny Devries, Kathleen Black

Sound System ~ John Kerr

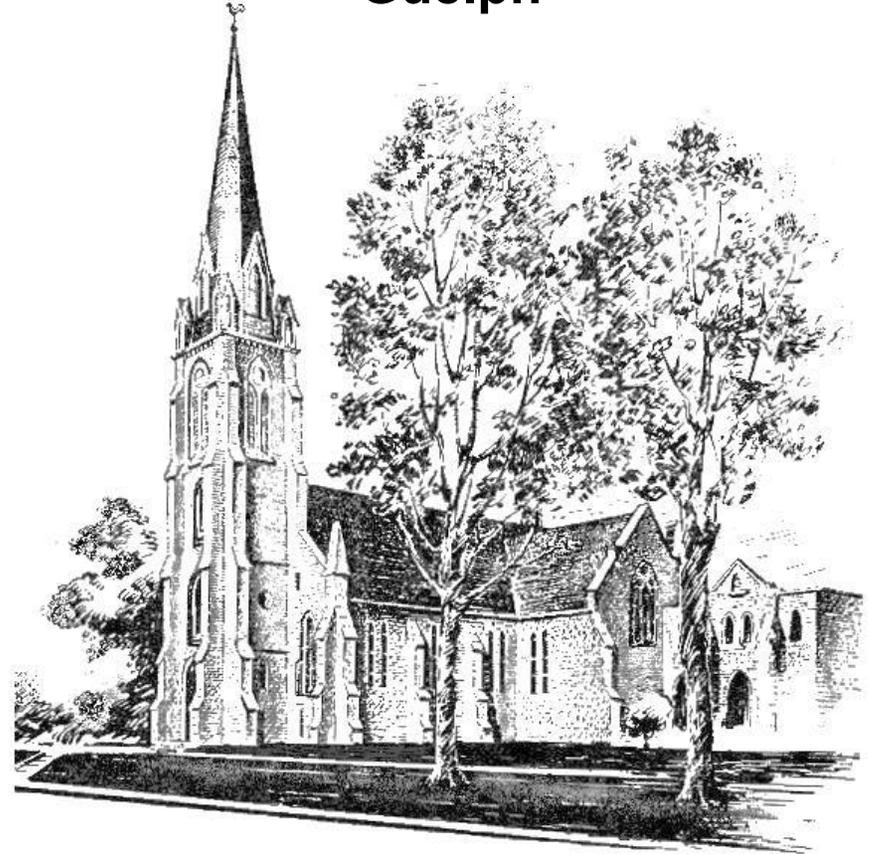
Lock -Up ~ Anne Holman

St. Andrew's Territorial Acknowledgement

As we gather, we acknowledge that Indigenous people were here long before us who cared for this land and called it home. This territory has a rich history and was, and is to this day, considered sacred by many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. We have a responsibility to care for this land as their ancestors did and to continue to strengthen our relationships with our Indigenous neighbours.

Sunday December 10, 2017

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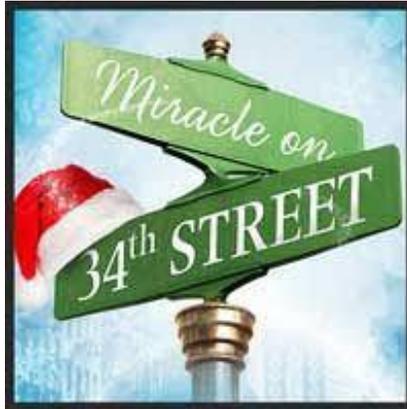
Fred Gingrich, Organist

Rev. Dr. Robert Spencer, Minister in Association

Laurissa Di Ilio, Interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Shainna Poulin, Administrative Assistant

Please join us on Friday December 22nd for "Miracle on 34th Street" the original version of this classic Christmas movie starring Maureen O'Hara, Natalie Wood, John Payne and Edmund Gwenn as Kris Kringle. The doors will open at 6:45 with the film beginning at 7pm. Admission is \$5/person and \$15/family. Please invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of fun and nostalgia as we share in the magic of the Christmas season together.



Sign-up sheet for church school and nursery volunteers is up! If you would like to sign up to volunteer on Sunday mornings, Laurissa would be greatly appreciative. The sign-up sheet is at the welcome centre. Dates are from December to March. Thanks!

The Progressive Dinner for the youth that was to be on Fri. Dec. 15th has been cancelled

Rejuvenation 190 Fund Raising Committee's Robbie Burns Supper

After checking the sign up lists, it's been decided that the Robbie Burns Supper will be held Saturday, January 27. Doors will open 5:15pm and dinner served at 6pm.

Tickets will be on sale after worship. There will be a limit of 60 tickets sold, as that will be the maximum we can do for the available space.



The Fundraising Committee is raffling off a hand crafted knitted Nativity Scene as part of its ongoing fundraising campaign.

Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus in the Manger as well as the three wisemen with their gifts, the shepherds and lamb and the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem are all included in the scene - a total of 11 pieces in all.

Tickets for this beautifully crafted Nativity are available for sale in the church hall. The winning ticket will be drawn next Sunday, just in time for the lucky ticket holder to take the Nativity home for Christmas. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10.

Chalmers Challenge Update: In November, St. Andrew's donated 99 pounds of food to Chalmers for a 2017 total of 2492 pounds which represents 125% of our goal for the year. Praise God! Let's see how high we can go by year-end. During the month, a whopping 257 packages of diapers were given out.

Seniors Connecting At Knox - This month's gathering will be held on Thursday, December 14. Lunch is followed by entertainment at Knox, Metcalf Hall (Chapel Lane entrance) from 11:30 am to 2 pm. View posted flyer or visit www.knoxguelph.ca for event information.

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace



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L: The Baptist cries out:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight!"

P: Help us, Lord, to repent.

L: The way of God is made crooked by our sin.
Will we confess our failings and repent?
Will we remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness?

P: Restore us again and grant us your salvation.

L: As we have been baptized with God's mercy and grace,
will we have the courage
to forgive one another?

P: We pray that your light,
O Lord,
will guide our feet into
the way of peace.

(Light the candle of peace.)

