

Welcome to St. Andrew's Advent III & No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

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 Wynne Family

*Hymn 147 "Angels we have heard on high" Iris (Gloria)

Opening Prayer and Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture Luke 2: 8-14

Time for Silent Reflection

"The No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant"

Carol 138 "While shepherds watched"
Response: "Gloria, in excelsis Deo" Winchester Old

Musical Interlude- Song by the Church School Children

*Carol 154 "Silent Night" Stille Nacht

The Sacrament of Baptism

Offering
Offertory solo
(solo: Julia Mclsaac)

*Doxology Old 100th

*Offertory Prayer

Opportunities in the Life of St. Andrew's

Prayers of the People

*Carol 153 "Joy to the World" Antioch

*Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the world" arr. D. Hustad

* if able, please stand

Helping Today

Coffee Hour-MOCC

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

Nursery~ Penny Devries, Kathleen Black

Sound System ~ John Kerr

Lock -Up ~ Anne Holman

This Week @ St Andrew's

Today- *10:30am Worship: Pageant & Baptism,
Cookie exchange

Mon. Dec. 18- 7:00pm Guelph Scottish Dancers

Tues. Dec. 19- 7:00pm Session, 7:00pm Shout Sister Choir,
7:00pm Gaelic Conversation

Wed. Dec. 20- 6:30pm Brownies, *6:00pm Choir and Handbells
Christmas Party

Thurs. Dec. 21-*7:00pm Choir

Fri. Dec. 22- *7:00pm Movie Night- "Miracle on 34th Street"

Sun. Dec. 24- *10:30am Service of Festive Music, *8:00pm
Family Worship Service, 10:00pm Two Rivers
Worship

*St. Andrew's related activity

Sunday Morning Bible study- There will be no Sunday meetings in December. We will begin again Jan. 7

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.

The church office will be closed over the Christmas Holidays for the weeks of Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Regular hours will resume Jan. 9, 2018. Phone messages will be checked regularly.

The Gift of Jesus

Christmas Season @ St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve MORNING (Dec. 24th)

10:30am **Service of Festive Music**
featuring St. Andrew's Choirs

Christmas Eve EVENING (Dec. 24th)

8:00pm **Family Worship Service**



Helping Next Sunday

Just a reminder!

Christmas Eve Morning

Coffee Hour- Elders Group 1

Greeters ~ John Holman, Malcolm McAlister, Gertie Reimer,
Fred Ferwerda

Nursery~ Carolyn Yule, Laurissa Di Ilio

Sound System ~ Peter Devries

Lock -Up ~ Harold Faulkner

Christmas Eve

Greeters ~ John Holman, Anne Holman, Glenn Stanley

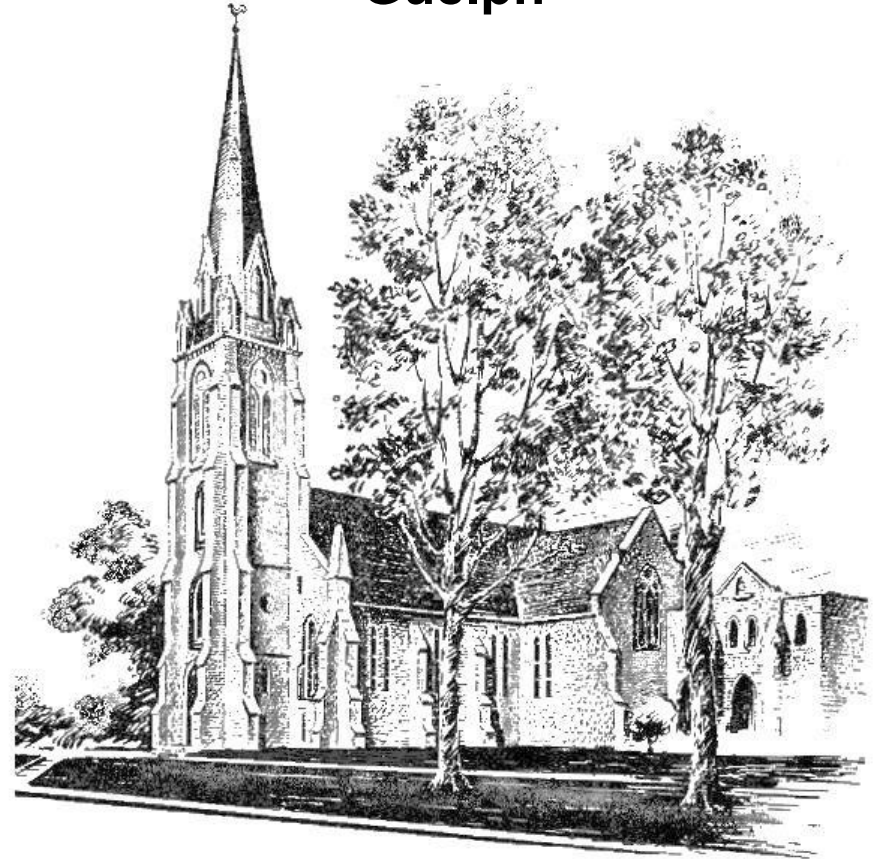
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St. Andrew's Territorial Acknowledgement

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 17, 2017
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Rev. Dr. Robert Spencer, Minister in Association

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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!

Rejuvenation 190, Burns Supper, Saturday, January 27.

Tickets are selling fast and will be on sale at the Welcome centre again today after worship, there are only 25 left.

The next Saturday Night Supper will take place on January 13, 2017. St. Andrew's is providing the main course of Lasagna. Donations and volunteers are needed. Sign up is posted at the Welcome Centre or speak to Barbara Harron for more info.

Chalmers Christmas bags 2017 and Chalmers Challenge 2018:

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 we delivered 32 Christmas bags to Chalmers Community Services Centre. There is great coverage of the Chalmers Christmas bag program on Guelph Today. Distribution of the bags commences on December 13, 2017.

Although the final figure isn't in yet, St. Andrew's has already surpassed our 2017 Chalmers Challenge goal of 2,000 pounds of food. The MOCC is recommending that we renew our commitment in 2018 with a goal of 2,000 pounds. This goal includes both food and cash donations (with cash being credited at the rate of \$1.00 = 1 pound). During 2017, we began requesting eggs and cheese on the second Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support of this initiative. It will continue in 2018. Please do NOT place egg and cheese contributions in the Oskam egg fridge in the hallway. Instead, place them (clearly marked for Chalmers) in a fridge in the kitchen.

Thanks to all for partnering with Chalmers Community Services Centre as they respond to the needs in our community.

Ecumenical Campus Ministry Request

In carrying out its ministry to the students at the University of Guelph, the ECM partners with supporting congregations to provide meals at some of its events. The way it works is that the willing church will provide 3 crock-pots (or equivalent) worth of main course - basically enough to feed 25-30 people. At least one of those options should be vegetarian. Soups, chilli, pastas, casseroles, are all popular choices. The church also provides a dessert of some sort. ECM provides the salad, buns, and drinks. Churches can either deliver the food to campus, or I can arrange to go pick it up. Sometimes church people stick around and enjoy the dinner with students, but it's not required.

Last term, meals were provided by Harcourt, Trinity, Dublin, and St. Matthias & St. James and a different group of supporting congregations (including St. Andrew's) is being asked for the new term. The available dates are as follows:

January 24

February 14

March 7

March 21

April 4

Dates are "first come; first served" but if we choose soon, we may have our pick. If you are interested in participating in this outreach, please contact Rick McDonald.

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy



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L: "Rejoice in the Lord always;
again, I say, rejoice."

P: Christ comes to bring good news to the oppressed,
to offer healing to the broken,
to comfort those who mourn.

L: Rejoice and give thanks,
for God comes to offer good news and comfort.

P: Tears of sorrow shall turn
to laughter
and weeping into shouts
of praise!

L: Enter the joy of the Lord!
Take delight in all of God's
deeds and promises.

P: The Lord has done great
things for us!
We shall rejoice with praise
and thanksgiving!

(Light the candle of joy.)

