

Welcome to St. Andrew's

Order of Service: Advent I - Communion

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

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel". arr. R.E. Schram

Introit "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" arr. F.E.W. Gingrich

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

***Hymn 478** "To Abraham and Sarah" Thornbury

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalter Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Scripture Exodus 6: 1-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 112** "Prepare the way of the Lord"
(*This hymn will be unannounced*) Prepare the Way

Offering

Offertory "Come, Thou long expected Jesus" arr. R.E. Schram

***Doxology** Tallis Canon

*Offertory Prayer

Opportunities in the Life of St. Andrew's

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

***Hymn 529** "O holy Father, God most dear" L

*The Apostles Creed (#539)

Narrative Communion Service

Post Communion Anthem "Bread of the World" harm. C. Goudimel

***Hymn 129** "Prepare the way, O Zion" Berden Vag For Herran

*Benediction

Postlude "Lift up your hearts" (Truro) arr. R.E. Schram

** if able, please stand*

Helping Today

Coffee Hour- Elders Group 3

Greeters ~ Anne Pennock, Malcolm McAlister, Roland Laliberte,
Marylin Laliberte

Scripture~ Paul Pennock

Nursery~ Dianne Hawes, Julia

Church School~ Laurissa Di Ilio, Susan Lucas

Sound System ~ Logan Borthwick

Lock -Up ~ Don Grainger

This Week @ St Andrew's

Today- *8:55 Adult Bible Study, *10:30am Sunday Worship &
Communion, *7:00pm Fr. Mark Curtis "Coming Home to
the Heart of Christmas- The Gift of Jesus" Concert

Mon. Dec. 4- 9:00am Getting Ahead Group, 7:00pm Guelph
Scottish Dancers,

Tues. Dec. 5- 9:00am Getting Ahead Group, 6:00pm Two Rivers
Church, 7:00pm Guelph Historical Society, 7:00pm
Shout Sister Choir, 7:00pm Gaelic Conversation

Wed. Dec. 6- 6:00pm ARCH Holiday Party, 7:00pm Handbells

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

Sat. Dec. 9- 10am Great Big Theatre Group

Sun. Dec. 10- *8:55am Adult Bible Study, *10:30am Worship,
6:00pm Two Rivers Worship

*St. Andrew's related activity

Would those who are delivering Poinsettia plants, please pick up there plants and cards in the church hall following today's service. Thank you

Lap blankets are also available for those who would like to take one to shut in's or those who would feel comforted by the warmth of the St. Andrew's congregation thinking of them. Please see Sharon Duff to choose one.

Fr. Mark Curtis, Canada's singing priest is returning to St. Andrew's with "Coming Home to the Heart of Christmas - The Gift of Jesus", TONIGHT @ 7:00pm, St. Andrew's. Free will offering at the door.

Last chance for our Annual Christmas Gift Card Order! Orders are due TODAY. Order forms are available at the Welcome Centre. You can submit your orders to Rev. John. Estimated delivery date is Sunday Dec 10th. Thank you supporting St. Andrew's!

Cookie
exchange

4th Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will take place Sun. Dec. 17th, 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.

Helping Next Sunday

Just a reminder!

Coffee Hour-Welcome Committee

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

Scripture~ Gwen Gooyers

Nursery~ Diane Hawes, Kate Borthwick

Sound System ~ Colin McGuffin

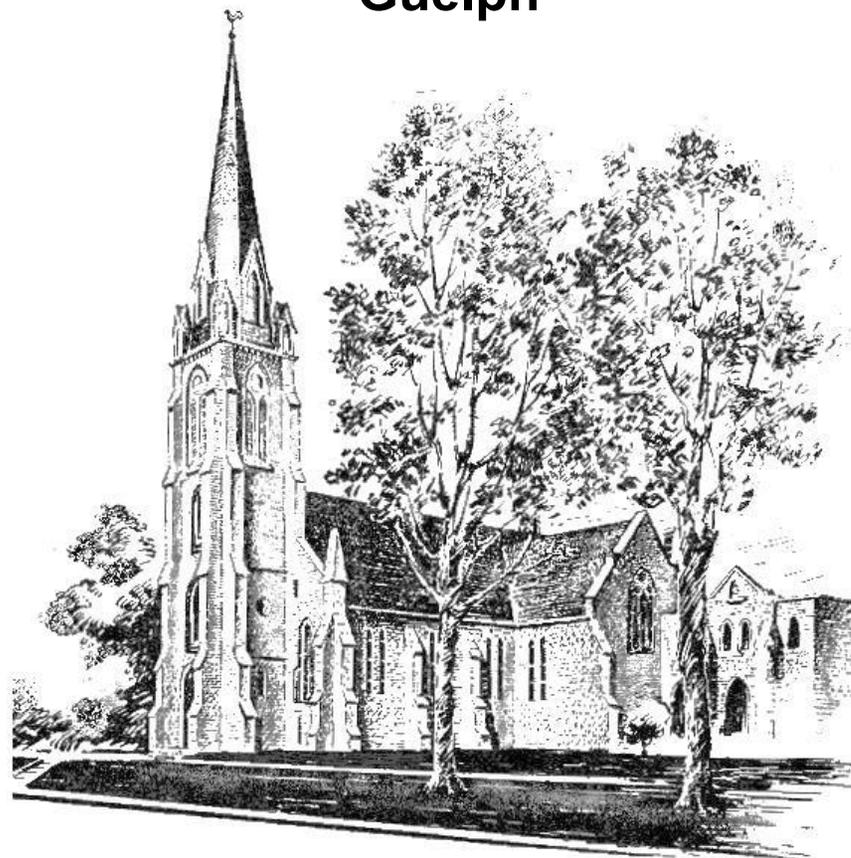
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St. Andrew's Territorial Acknowledgement

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 3, 2017

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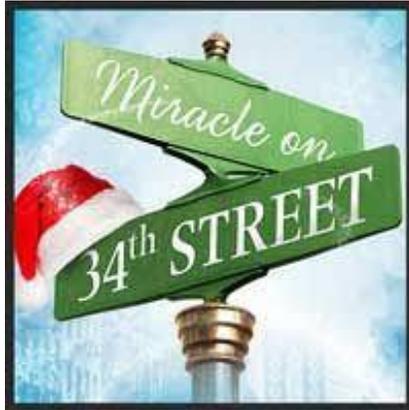
Fred Gingrich, Organist

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!

Progressive Dinner – Friday, December 15th 2017 – 5:30pm-9pm All youth and family/friends of youth: You are cordially invited to attend this evening of delicious food and fun. We will travel to three host homes and enjoy a festive meal, lovingly prepared by members of our congregation. Along the way, we will play games and get to know one another better. Please RSVP by December 1st to Laurissa if you plan on attending or are willing to help out. We are also looking for hosts/cooks who would be willing to offer their home for this event and drivers willing to take us to each home. We plan to make 3 stops - Appetizers, Main Course, and Dessert.



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 wise men 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 for the next 3 Sundays. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday December 17th just in time for the lucky ticket holder to take the Nativity home for Christmas. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$20.

Child Sponsorship at St. Andrew's:

By the end of the current year, the people of St. Andrew's will have contributed over \$9,000.00 to help support the orphaned Kurtimah grandchildren (Assanatu, Salamatu, Mohamed and Victor) while they remain in Sierra Leone awaiting their Canadian visas. That means over \$20,000.00 for 2016 and 2017 combined: Praise God!

During 2017, the Kurtimah's were denied the right to appeal the refusal of the Canadian government to issue visas to the children and a new application is now being prepared with help from the Pace Law Firm and generous financial support * from members of St. Andrew's. However, even if this new application is successful, the timeline for the children's arrival in Canada remains uncertain. Since the need will now continue into 2018, the Session has asked the MOCC to engage the congregation once again.

If you have contributed in 2017 via the automatic debit (PAR) program, you have been contacted directly and need not read further.

For donors who have used envelopes, your 2017 commitment will end on December 31, 2017.

Whether a previous donor or not, if you are able to contribute in 2018, please fill out a pledge form that can be found at the Welcome Centre, from the church office or from MOCC members (Rhonda, Knolly, Lonny, Natasha, Jennifer, Dorothea, Jean and Rick). The amount of your monthly donation is up to you. Please prayerfully consider this need and if you have any questions, please talk to Alex, Sallay or any member of the MOCC. If you have not previously had your donation added to your monthly automatic debit and wish to do so in 2018, please inform the church office accordingly.

Whether you can provide financial support or not, please keep the Kurtimah family in your prayers.

***Note: the monthly child sponsorship program is separate from the application support program for which pledges were given in September/October, 2017**

First Sunday in Advent: Hope



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Written by The Rev. Jeffrey Murray*

L: What do we wait for?

P: Our hope is in God.

We wait for God to tear open the heavens and come down,
so that God's presence may be known!

L: When we turn away, God's deeds become hidden from us.
We forget God's ways and lose hope in a world of terror and tears.

P: We are God's people, the work of God's hands.

The light of God will shine upon us
that we may be saved.

L: Keep us alert and waiting
with hope,
expecting that God will
come to save us,
to forgive us, to restore us
and shape us to be the people
of God.

P: We wait for Christ to come
with great power and glory!

(Light the candle of hope.)

