

Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God. *Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.

Prelude - We Three Kings - Arr. Phillip Keveren

WE APPROACH GOD

L: Arise! Shine!

P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: God's light pierces the darkness.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: God's light is revealed for the way ahead in this new year.

L: Arise! Shine!

P: For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Introit: verses 3, 4

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*To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulders ever rests all power in earth and heaven.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the great and mighty Lord.*

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "As with gladness men of old"

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Please be seated

Prayer of confession

L: In recalling all that you are and all that you do we recall who we are and what we have done. Let us confess together our sins:

P: God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us as a gift to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light; we waste our gifts, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new.

L: Be assured of God's love and forgiveness; begin again with God and with one another and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

L: There are varieties of gifts,

P: but the same Spirit;

L: There are varieties of services,

P: but the same Lord;

L: There are varieties of activities,

P: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

L: To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

P: to use it for the common good.

L: Together we are the body of Christ,

P: and individually members of it.

L: Though we have different gifts, together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

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Narration of Steps

Preamble (Approved, 1971 Revised, 1992, 1998.)

All ministries of the Church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the Church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the Church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the Church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the Church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the Church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to this pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his Church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

The Form of Presbyterian Church Government of the Westminster Assembly reminds us that Christ has furnished some in the Church, beside the Ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the Minister in the government of the church, which officers reformed churches commonly call Elders.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivant) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the Church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the Church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

Questions to the candidates

Questions to the congregation

L: Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?

P: We do.

L: Do you receive Dean Davidson, Patrice Wappler and Jean Godin as elders and Allison Cann, Jean McMurtrie and Margaret McKenzie-Leighton as deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?

P: We do.

L: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

P: We do.

Ordination Prayer

P: ...God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders and deacons rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

Declaration and Right Hand of Fellowship

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

P: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

P: until the moon is no more.

L: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

P: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

L: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

P: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

L: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;

P: and precious is their blood in his sight.

*Hymn: "We three kings" verses 1-3

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Children's time

*Hymn: "We three kings" verses 4-5

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 690

Ephesians 3:1-12 p. 193

Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"

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Sermon: King Herod... was frightened and all Jerusalem with him.

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory - We Three Kings - Arr. Victor Labenske

Doxology

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,

yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

Offertory prayer:

Gracious God, accept the offerings we bring; the gifts of our mind, the loving of our hearts, the work of our hands and the riches we have been given in life. Bless these gifts and bless us and use all things for the building of your kingdom of light in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Arise, your light is come"

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Sending

*Benediction: verse 1

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Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.

Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

Postlude - What Star is This? - Arr. Cindy Berry

Today we are ordaining and inducting new (and returning) Elders and Deacons. The elders are Dean Davidson, Patrice Wappler and Jean Godin. The deacons are Allison Cann, Jean McMurtrie and Margaret McKenzie-Leighton. We thank them for their service.

The family of Barb Krueger invite you to a Surprise 80th Birthday Open House for her today, January 6, 2019 from 2 to 4 pm at St Luke's Place Auditorium. Please join us!

Please remember to pick up your 2019 offering envelopes from the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

It's Back!

- Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume this week.
- Regular choir practices will resume on the 17th of January.

January 6: Every Gift Matters

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, "Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts." Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters!

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference!

God can do
INFINITELY MORE
than all that we
ask or imagine!



Starting today and for the foreseeable future, our Sunday morning readings will be chosen for us by the Revised Common Lectionary. The Lectionary is a three-year cycle of reading chosen by an Ecumenical committee and used by many churches and denominations. We pick up the readings part way into Year C, the third year of the cycle, which concentrates especially on selections from the Gospel of Luke. You can review the entire lectionary and some of the thinking behind its use at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. Next week's readings (in case you'd like to read ahead) are Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29:1-11, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-22.

New Partner in Ministry: We were thrilled to get a call from Silver Heights Public School. They have agreed to partner with St. Andrew's Hespeler to provide fresh milk for the Hespeler Off-site Food Bank location for the next several pickups! What a wonderful new opportunity God has given us in our community. Many thanks to our members who do donate to our milk fund regularly. Other much needed items on Food Bank days are fresh fruits and vegetables. We would also appreciate donations of eggs (store bought, grade A) instead of milk. These donations would also help provide nutritious meals for our Food Bank clients. If you have any questions, please talk to Jean Godin.

This Week at St. Andrew's		
Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Parenting in Stages
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Family Night
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	11:00 am	Self-help Food Bank & Lunch
Thursday	6:00 pm	Youth Band Party
Friday	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



The "**Parenting In Stages**" study will begin this Tuesday, January 8th, 2019; 7:30 pm. Your Christian Education Committee is pleased to bring this study to St. Andrew's. It is an informal, faith based study that will help parents support each other and become more intentional with the time we spend with our children. This is a six week study that is scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month from January - June. Child care will be provided for this study, babies are welcome! All parents, grandparents (children of any age & stage are the focus of this study) or interested people may join us. Please speak with Joni Smith if you are interested in joining us.



Thank you to those who contributed to FundScrip in 2018! If you would like more information about how it works, and to see a list of the new places added this year, please find them online at www.fundscrip.com, Instagram, and Facebook. The next order goes in on January 27th.

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:
 Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
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 Ushers: Randy Vermaas, Margret Hunter
 Tech Team: Alex Goulet
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 Holy Sherlocks: Cynthia MacDonald
 Nursery/Preschool: Mary Vincent, Jacquelyn Rowland
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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Epiphany Sunday



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The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Theresa Miller on the recent death of her mother. Please keep Theresa and her family in your prayers during this time.