

**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: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - By JS Bach

### WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Candle of Joy (see insert) Lit by Jason McClellan & Heather Robertson

Introit: Betlehemu - Traditional Nigerian Carol, Arr. Andy Beck

\*Prayer of approach

\*Opening Hymn: "Oh come, all ye faithful" verses 1, 2, 5 #159

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

L: In gratitude for who God is and in honesty about who we are, let us confess to God our sins:

**P: Gracious Judge, we have sinned against you, through ingratitude, because of disobedience, and as a result of the hardness of our hearts. We have not attended to the words of prophets. We have not looked for the signs of your realm of justice and light. We have not lived with expectation or hope. In your mercy forgive our sins and free us so that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

L: Hear the good news of Christ: God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Know that you are forgiven, forgive one another, and be set free to live in peace.

**P: Amen! Thanks be to God.**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

Music: Joseph Made a Treasure Box - By Larry Nickel

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Luke 1: 46b-55

L: "My soul magnifies the Lord,

**P: and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,**

L: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

**P: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

L: for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

**P: and holy is his name.**

L: His mercy is for those who fear him

**P: from generation to generation.**

L: He has shown strength with his arm;

**P: he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

L: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

**P: and lifted up the lowly;**

L: he has filled the hungry with good things,

**P: and sent the rich away empty.**

L: He has helped his servant Israel,

**P: in remembrance of his mercy,**

L: according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

**P: to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

Music: Suogan - Traditional Scottish Carol, Arr Douglas E Wagner & A la nanita nana - Traditional Spanish Folk Song, Arr. David Eddleman

Children's time

\*Hymn: "The first nowell" v. 1, 2

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10 p. 663  
James 5: 7-10 p. 231  
Matthew 11: 2-11 p. 11

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Music: A la Media Noche - Traditional Puerto Rican Carol, Arr. Greg Gilpin

Sermon: Patience - Part I

Music: The Wexford Carol - Traditional Irish Carol, Arr. Vincent M. Ryan

Sermon: Patience - Part 2

Music: Ose Shalom - Traditional Hebrew Text, Music by John Leavitt

### WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Music: Comfort, Comfort You My People - Traditional German Carol

Offering & Offertory: Stille Nacht - By Joseph Mohr & Franz Gruber

Doxology #145 v.4

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.

Prayer of dedication:

**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Joy to the world" verses 1, 2, 4 #153

\*Sending and Choral Response #137 v. 4

*Hope of the world, Mary's child,  
you're coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary's child,  
Walk in our streets again.*

Postlude: Various Themes on "Fa-la-la" Arr. Chuck Bridwell

### This week in Sunday School

Divine Detectives: The Shepherd and the Magi Show the Way  
Holy Sherlocks: Choose to be Courageous, Luke 1: 47-55

The 2020 envelopes are available. Please pick yours up at the back table.



Next week is our **Family Advent Service**. We will enjoy a time of fellowship following the service. If you are able, please bring a finger food item to share with everyone else (peanut free). There will be a Hot Chocolate Bar, some seasonal activities for the children and a special visitor might just stop in, too! Please join us!

## GIVING TUESDAY™

This is the third week of our month long *GivingTuesday* campaign! We are over half way to meeting our goal of \$45,000. St. Andrew's is fortunate to be in the heart of the Village of Hespeler, where we can live out our motto: "Living in Christ, Sharing His Love" with so many people and groups. Many people have come to depend on St. Andrew's and the way we serve our brothers & sisters in Christ. We serve food, we give clothing and personal hygiene to those who need help; we offer space for many community groups; we offer a safe place for four different A-A, Al-anon & Al-ateen groups; we offer a friendly smile and a listening ear to many people who have difficulty trusting others. It sometimes takes years to develop a trusting relationship with some people who are simply looking for some acceptance and understanding. We wouldn't be able to do all of this without the help and commitment of an incredible number of people. Did you know that over 52 (different) volunteers work tirelessly each week for each worship service? We give thanks to all of those, too numerous to mention individually, who help us to give praise to God each week.

We will continue with our *GivingTuesday* "rolling board" at the back of the sanctuary. If you haven't had a chance please take a moment to sign the poster and describe why St. Andrew's is important to you or how you are a part of our church & community.

Please keep in mind that a congregational workshop will be held on congregational health and vitality on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Our worship leader will be the Rev. John-Peter Smit. Details are in the Advent Newsletter, *Andrew's Voice*.



Please check out the Children's Library on the 2nd floor. You will find many Advent & Christmas books and DVD's. This library is self-serve, so please fill out the card and leave it in the basket. Enjoy the book or DVD and return it when you are finished. Thanks go to Catherine Taylor for tidying up the library and getting it ready for this Advent season.

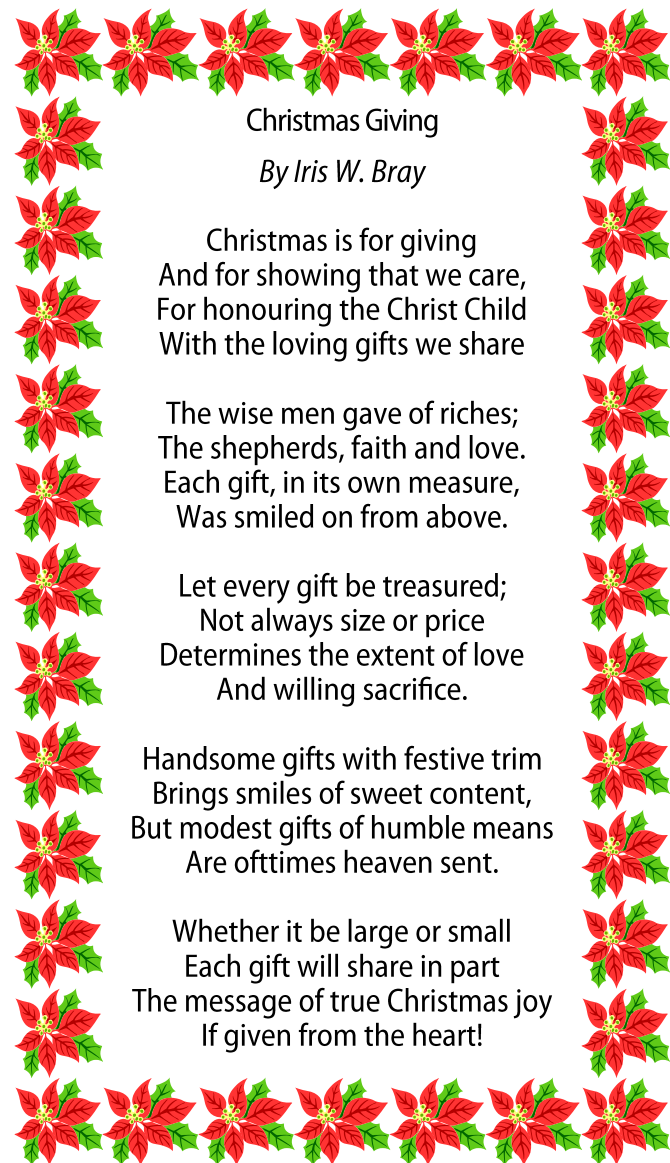
### Special Dates for Sunday School Children:

**Sunday, December 22:** Family Advent Service, with a potluck lunch, fun activities, and a special visitor.

**Sunday, December 29:** "It's Almost New Year's Eve" party; show up in your pj's! Come for breakfast and some fun activities during church time.



Our **Angel Tree** is now at the back of the sanctuary! On the angels you will find gift suggestions for the children who come to Thursday Night Supper & Social. Please think about adding an item to your shopping list. Unwrapped gifts need to be back to the church by December 15th. There is a \$30 limit on the gifts.



Christmas Giving  
By Iris W. Bray

Christmas is for giving  
And for showing that we care,  
For honouring the Christ Child  
With the loving gifts we share

The wise men gave of riches;  
The shepherds, faith and love.  
Each gift, in its own measure,  
Was smiled on from above.

Let every gift be treasured;  
Not always size or price  
Determines the extent of love  
And willing sacrifice.

Handsome gifts with festive trim  
Brings smiles of sweet content,  
But modest gifts of humble means  
Are oftentimes heaven sent.

Whether it be large or small  
Each gift will share in part  
The message of true Christmas joy  
If given from the heart!

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. The readings for next week are: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25.

Did you know that you can donate to St. Andrew's Hespeler online? For several years, St. Andrew's Hespeler has partnered with CanadaHelps to facilitate the acceptance of online donations. CanadaHelps itself is a charity whose purpose is to inform, inspire and connect charities and donors with the causes they care about. The online link to donate via St. Andrew's internet homepage is not only another means by which to donate regularly to St. Andrew's but it is also a great way to make memorial and honour gifts and the link to our website is easy to share using social media or e-mail. Scan this QR code to take you directly to our giving page!



This Week at St. Andrew's		
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	9:00 am	Early On
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:00 pm	Thursday Night Supper and Social
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



**Thank you** to everyone who helped prepare a service full of wonderful music. We are so fortunate for the many, many talented musicians in our community. Thank you to the Adult Choir, Youth Band, and Joyful Sound! On top of the music they prepare for worship week in and week out, they have taken the time to prepare something extra special for today. A special thank you to Zoé McAndless (violin) and Martin Bohl (organ) for the extra work you put in to this service. Thank you to our guest musicians - Erika Reiman (piano), Gerima Harvey (djembe), Karen McLeod (soprano), Alex Meizinger (alto), Evan Morin (tenor), Gerry King (baritone), and the Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir.

Ultimate Dining Card 7% (along with many other restaurants), Stokes 8%, Winners/Marshalls/HomeSense 8%, Esso and Shell 3%, Sally Beauty 12%, and Rona 4%. Next order goes in December 29th.



**Thank you to all who participated in today's service:**  
 Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
 Beadle: Patrice Wappler  
 Worship Assistant: Karen Nixon  
 Greeters: Elaine McLean and Bill & Joanne Pettit  
 Ushers: Hartley Vandermeer and Don Paddock  
 Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith  
 Little Explorers (up to JK): Kathy Bott  
 Divine Detectives: Laurie Paddock and Adria Marsh  
 The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): Lori Marsh  
 Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## December 15th, 2019

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Christmas Around the World



Patience!

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