

PRELUDE Carol Medley arr. G. Pollock
(piano/organ)

***CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: As we light these candles today, we thank God for hope God gives us, for the peace God bestows, for the joy God pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

All: We thank God for the gift of Jesus. We thank God that through Christ, God's light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. God's truth, God's love, God's very self, transforms all who receive God.

(The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit)

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may He be born in us and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through Him, this both now and forevermore. AMEN.

***Hymn 133 “Go Tell it on the Mountain”** Go Tell It

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER 98 (Responsive)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1 – 14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Glory to God in the highest arr. G. Pollock
(piano/organ)

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AS TOLD IN CAROLS

Carol 139 “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Carol 154 “Silent Night”

Carol 136 “The First Noel”

Carol 138 “While Shepherds Watched”

***Carol 153 “Joy to the World”**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Joy to the World arr. J. Innes
(piano/organ)

**If able, please stand.*

This Week @ St. Andrew's

For the most up to date information on What's Happening @ St. Andrew's, check our website regularly.

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Wednesday, December 29, 2010 – Youth Lock In
5:45PM-11AM December 30th

What's Happening in January

Presbyterians Sharing (update from Karen Plater, PCC)

Goal for 2010: \$8,675,000

Given by November 30, 2010: \$5,860,068

Given by November 30, 2009: □\$6,082,213

As of the end of November 2010, congregations have given \$5,860,068 to *Presbyterians Sharing*; 68% towards the goal of \$8,675,000 set by General Assembly. Givings are currently \$222,145 (3.7%) below what was given at this time last year, so every little bit matters. The support of our international mission staff, missions and ministries supported through Canada Ministries, the functioning of General Assembly and its committees, theological colleges and much more depend on these funds. St. Andrew's givings update: As of December 12, 2010, we at \$43,512.50 – up from \$40,917.50 at the end of November – toward our commitment of \$50,000.00.

Royal City Christian Life Centre Announcement: Kevin Coghill has been hired to replace Pastor Paul George. For details, please see the letter on the bulletin board opposite the office.

Surprise Meeting

It's coming! It's coming? Tuesday January 11th at 2:00pm. It's coming? Join us for the birthing of a new group of ladies who want to have fellowship and fun. Mark your calendar.

TODAY December 26, 2010

Coffee Hour~ Session Elders Group #4
Greeters~ Pauline Sanderson, Janet Dalglish, John Holman, Anne Holman
Ushers ~ Joan Bentley, Ray Bentley
Nursery ~ Kate Borthwick, Nancy Evans
Lock-Up ~ Gwen Gooyers
Sound System ~
Scripture Reader ~ Barb Dilio

January 2, 2011 Just a Reminder!

Coffee Hour~ Stewardship Committee
Greeters ~ Anne Pennock, Bill Laidlaw, Doug Gray, Nell Gray
Ushers ~ Mari Millar, Ian Millar
Nursery ~ Gertie Riemer, Maja Ferwerda
Lock -Up ~Anne Pennock
Sound System ~
Scripture Reader ~ Akindele Faulkner

Christian Education News

Children's Ministry

- Operation Baby King was an awesome success this past weekend. Thanks to all the children who took part in making it a wonderful show. Special thanks to Kate Borthwick, Craig & Colleen Clack, Peter & Penny Devries, Gwen Gooyers, Dave & Nancy Nicol and Jonathan and Alison Van Hoffen who helped put together such an amazing show.
- There will be **NO** church school during the Christmas Holidays. Church School will resume on January 9th.

Youth Ministry

- There is NO Youth Class during the Christmas Holidays, Join us on January 9th when we resume our regular classes.
- Our Annual Christmas Break Lock In will be taking place on Wednesday, December 29th at 5:30pm. If you are planning on attending please speak to Matt ASAP as we are going to the Storm Game that evening. Cost of this event is \$20/person.
- Thanks to the youth and their families who sponsored our Michael House Family. We were able to deliver tons of gifts to Michael House in time for a family to celebrate Christmas. Also a big thanks to all those who supported Michael House at the Christmas Pageant. Many articles were collected as well as close to \$300 was raised for Michael House. Way to go St. Andrew's.

For more information on Children & Youth Ministry @ St. Andrew's please speak with Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry, and Interim Director of Children's Ministry at 519-822-4772 or e-mail at youth@standrewsguelph.com

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

@ ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday December 26, 2010

Christmas I

The ushers can assist you in locating **Large Print Hymn Books, Hearing Devices and Pew Cushions.**

If your infant or small child (5 years old and under) needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service can be heard in **our nursery**, where you and your child are welcome. See an usher for directions.

Church School for children and youth is offered during the service of worship. The children and youth begin in worship and leave prior to the Scripture Readings.

We invite you to stop by our fellowship time in the Church Hall after worship for refreshment, conversation, and information about our congregation.

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Office Hours: Mon: Closed;

Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30AM-2:30PM