

## GATHERING

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf" J.S.Bach  
**Handbells** Veni Emmanuel arr.E.Lorenz

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN 122 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)  
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN 119 Hope is a Star Moon Beams  
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN  
Lighting the First Advent Candle by the Church School (see insert)

## THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 122 (*Responsive*)  
Matthew 24:36-44, Romans 13:11-14

**The Bible Trail - Ready and Waiting**  
*Listen again @ [www.standrewsguelph.com](http://www.standrewsguelph.com)*



## RESPONSE

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY: People Look East (Handbells) arr.L.Lamb  
**THE DOXOLOGY (830)** Old 100<sup>th</sup>  
OFFERTORY PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW'S  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** (See Insert)  
\*Hymn 558 The Son of God Proclaim Festal Song  
Music During Communion: Conditor Alme Siderum Catalan Melody  
Post Communion Anthem: Communion Canon Schram/Lorens

\*HYMN 118 Hark the Glad Sound Richmond  
\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE: Finale on "Wachet Auf" arr.W.Wold  
*\*If able, please stand.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING in OCTOBER

Sunday, December 2

10:30 am **Worship Service - Communion**

5:00 pm **Christmas Dinner**

7:00 pm **Children's Christmas Pageant**

Tuesday, December 4

9:15 am Congregational Care

Wednesday, December 5

9:30 am Breakaway Group

7:00 pm Handbells

Thursday, December 6

7:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Outreach Committee

Saturday, December 8

10:00 am Nativity Scenes Display (until 3p.m.)

Sunday, December 9

10:30 am **Worship Service**

12:00 pm Outreach Committee

12:00 pm Nativity Scenes Display (until 5p.m.)

3:00 pm **"Ring in Christmas" Bells Concert**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Let's Go to Bethlehem!** A collection of Nativity Scenes from around the world will be on Display December 8 (10 am to 3 pm) and Dec. 9 (12 - 5 pm).

**Christmas Shoe Boxes.** Chalmers Community Services has asked us to participate in providing Christmas Boxes to be distributed in the Community. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Centre along with a box and a list of suggested contents. Please return by week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Crèches for the Nativity Exhibit** can be dropped off at the church hall on Thurs. Dec. 6 (7 - 8 pm) or Fri. Dec. 7 (1-3 pm). If you are able to help set up the exhibit on Fri. Dec. 7 or to help at the exhibit on Sat. Dec. 8 or Sun. Dec. 9, please contact Jennifer Marett at 519-836-5484.

### LET'S HELP MAY CELEBRATE HER RETIREMENT

As you may know our Administrative Assistant, May Goodwin, has decided to retire at the end of December 2007. A Wine and Cheese Open House is being planned to provide the congregation the opportunity to say farewell to May. This will be held on **Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Parlour**. If you would like to contribute to a gift for May, please speak to either Paul Pennock (519.824.4008) or Margaret Blatherwick (519.824.2928).

### TODAY - December 2 - Communion

Coffee Hour - Youth Group

Greeters~ Anne Holman, Jim Runions, Peter Devries

Ushers~ Bob & Sharon Ireland, Allan & Janet Galloway

Lighting Peace Candle - Liana & Laurissa Di Ilio

Scripture Reading~ Paul Evans

Nursery ~ Gertie Riemer, Annika & Maija Ferwerda

Lock-Up~ Gwen Gooyers

Sound System - Colin McGuffin

**December 9, 2007**

*Just a Reminder!*

Coffee Hour~ Congregational Life Committee

Greeters~ Don Bower, Anne Holman, Jim Runions

Ushers~ Bob & Sharon Ireland, Brian Grinwis, Paul Pennock

Scripture Reading ~ Don Kennedy

Nursery ~ Nancy Fountain, Natasha Bauer

Lock-Up~ Christie Wynn

Sound System - Malcolm McAlister

Please note that the administrator's e-mail address will be closing shortly. All e-mail correspondence should be directed to [mailbox@standrewsguelph.com](mailto:mailbox@standrewsguelph.com)

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# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, December 2, 2007  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

**If your infant or small child 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.

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

Dear Friends:

As we bring another year to a close, I am pleased to have this opportunity to up-date you on church finances.

Givings for the first line (support of St. Andrew's) are within a few dollars of last year's givings level. Fortunately, expenses are down considerably from last year as well as from what we passed at our last annual meeting. At present, we have a shortfall of \$19,000 that is being covered by earnings from the rental properties that the church owns. There are two concerns that we need to address in December. First, the repointing of the steeple was completed over the summer and the wooden louvers are just being returned to their windows. The total cost of this project was \$10,000.00 and we have received \$2,500 in donations without asking for the congregations support. This will add another \$7,500 to the present deficit. You can help us by marking the third line of your offering envelopes "STEEPLE". Secondly, we up-dated our appraisal of value for insurance purposes early in this year. The last time this had been done was in 2001. The report conformed that we needed to increase our coverage from \$3,500,000 to five million dollars and we immediately increased our policy for the second half of the year at a cost of \$800. Our policy runs from December 15<sup>th</sup> so we are anxiously awaiting word of how much our new premium will be. Our carrier allows us to pay the policy in three equal installments – Dec. Jan. and Feb. of \$2,500 per month so this will add at least the December payment to our shortfall. The Board and Session thank you for your generosity and we look forward to presenting final figures to you at our annual meeting in February 2008.

Givings to the second line (Presbyterians Sharing ...) continue to run a little ahead of last year's levels and very close to the increased budget passed last March. We continue our support for other mission projects with "The Well Project" approaching \$14,000. Cornshare and PWS \$ D also ahead of prior year's levels.

On a personal note, Mary and I will be journeying south to be with Mary's parents over the Christmas holidays, but we thank you all for your prayers and wish you the best for this special time of family and celebrating our Lord's birth. May God continue to bless us all and may we be grateful for all of life's riches.

Sincerely, Jim Rife, Treasurer.

Dear Community Partner,

I would appreciate your support to encourage others to share the spirit of giving by donating blood. This time of year can be a difficult time to collect blood with many people busy getting ready for the holidays. As a result, the holiday season represents a challenge for the blood system. Hospitals continue to draw on the supply of blood and blood products, while donors, preoccupied with holiday activities, do not continue to replenish the supply.

There is an opportunity to give the gift that doesn't come from a store at the Guelph Blood Donor Clinic. Please call or email me if I can arrange a special donation event for your group.

Guelph Blood Donor Clinic  
130 Silvercreek Pkwy. N

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>8 am – 1 pm and 2:30 pm - 7 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4 pm – 8 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8 am – 1 pm and 2:30 pm – 7 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 am – 1 pm</b>

Special Holiday Hours (Many appointments available)  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 9am – 1 pm**

Kindest regards,  
Sharon Delisle, Recruitment Coordinator  
Canadian Blood Service  
(519)837-4564