



## Welcome to Saint Andrew's

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov. 29, 2020  
11:00 am

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# SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – OUR HOPE**

November 29, 2020

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

#### Music for Gathering

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (tune: “Margaret”) TK Matthews / arr. AC Whitworth

“Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming” (German hymn tune – 1509) / arr. GM Martin

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” ... J Schop, 1641 / arr. RW Thygeron

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (German hymn tune)

... JG Walther / arr. HH Hopson

The Placing of the Bible

Entrance of Minister

Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

One: In this uncertain season of Advent, we wait.

**All: Hoping, hoping God is coming to us.**

One: In the vagueness of these days, we try to listen.

**All: Hoping, hoping the Word will be whispered to us.**

One: In the weariness of our times, we wait, we listen, we watch.

**All: Hoping, hoping the Spirit will be found in our midst.**

**Hymn #122** “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mary & David Charters

One: The season of Advent begins, and we celebrate the hope we find in the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: Through the birth of a tiny and helpless child God comes to save the world.**

One: While we watch and wait for Jesus, we join God's mission by bringing grace and mercy to those who need it most.

**All: We engage the poor and the poor in spirit, letting Christ's light shine through us.**

One: We speak words of comfort and love to a world in need of hope and healing as we share our stories of God's transforming Spirit.

**All: Together, we are a sign of God's hope for the world.**

*(The candle is lit.)*

One: Let us pray:

**All: God of surprising grace, when we least expect it you bring fresh new life; and where we feel that all is lost, you bring redemption. Give us courage as we share all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will accomplish through Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Hymn # 119, verse 1** "Hope is a Star"

**Prayer of Approach**

Anika Fraser

**Call to Reconciliation**

Susan Brasier

We try to stay faithful but fail.  
We long to care for others but end up focusing on us.  
We think we are being safe but know how often we live dangerously.  
Yet, God knows our foolishness, and forgives our mistakes,  
so we can be made new people.

Let us pray, as we say,

**Redeeming God,**

**We confess that waiting is difficult for us.**

**We want to be comfortable in this festive season,  
but the pandemic keeps us anxious and unhappy.**

**We complain about our own troubles and close our eyes  
to the suffering of others,**

**Forgive us for ignoring truths we do not want to see.**

**Forgive us for seeking our own comfort at the cost of others.**

**Give us eyes to perceive the great need within our community.**

**Give us eyes to see the deep need within our own lives.**

**Turn our hearts to you again and again.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, the good news of Jesus Christ is for all people. There is nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, that will separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. This love is yours! So live in love as forgiven and forgiving people.

**Time with Children of All Ages**

Sheila Black

Children's Hymn: "Light One Candle"

Anika Fraser

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Prayer of Illumination		Rose Carolyn Smith
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	Rose Carolyn Smith
Psalm	80:1-7, 17-19	
Gospel Reading	Mark 13: 24-37	
Sermon		Susan Brasier

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**Choral Anthem:** "Advent Carol of Hope" ... D. Besig

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creature high and low;  
Praise God in Jesus fully known;  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Benediction

**Dismissal:** "Walk in the Light"

**Organ Postlude:**

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" ... C. Saint-Saens / arr. AC Whitworth

**Thanks to our volunteers today:**

Greeters – Paul Lawson & Sheila Black

Counters – Larry Sheppard, Paul Lawson, Rose Carolyn Smith,

Psalmist –

Scripture Readers – Rose Carolyn Smith

Prayer of Approach – Anika Fraser

**Children in Church:** Necessity is the mother of invention. Prohibited from participating in Sunday School because of Covid restrictions, our children sat patiently in the pews while we worship God in our grown-up way. Each week, we are working to create an intergenerational worship service. While maintaining the structure of traditional worship, we incorporate elements to allow our children to worship God in real and meaningful ways. This is a season to bear the fruit of the spirit and be PATIENT as we stumble our way forward to meet these needs and show our love.

**Christmas Is Coming!** Christmas Eve at Saint Andrews will have a 5:00 family service and a 7:30 Candlelight Communion service. Because of Covid, we are requesting everyone to make reservations. If we exceed the space of our sanctuary, we will consider creating a third service. God willing, we will also have our on-line video service that will be posted by 5:00 Christmas Eve.

**Angel Tree:** Once again, Saint Andrews will help bring a little support and joy for a local family. The Christmas Tree at the back of the sanctuary is decorated with Angels. We ask everyone to take an Angel Ornament and to purchase the item requested on the ornament. This young family has two children: a 6 year-old daughter who loves pink and a 3 year-old son who likes blue and green. Both children like Power Rangers and art supplies as well as the items indicated on your chosen Angel Ornament. The father has just completed the first block in a carpenter apprentice program. We are also requesting items for the parents and possibly gift cards for a meal for this family. Any questions should be direct to Heather Rutherford. [rutherford\\_h@live.com](mailto:rutherford_h@live.com)

**Mission is on the Move!** St. Andrews is collecting non-perishable food items for the Fredericton Community Kitchens and Student Hunger program. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of BOGO sales and help our neighbours. You may place your donation in the designated bins located at the entrance to the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.



**Adult Education starts tonight!** It is STILL not too late to participate in the **Advent Bible Study: *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent*** by AJ Levine. Books are available on Amazon, Kindle or Audible. Rev. Susan will lead TWO separate studies:

- 1) an “in-person” study on Tuesday mornings at 11am.
- 2) a ZOOM study Sunday evenings at 7:00.

Tonight’s Zoom Meeting link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85223706741?pwd=VnVkUjZPUjNSR3dTLyThMWg0dk5Gdz09>

**Meeting ID: 852 2370 6741**

**Passcode: 841772**

Any questions should be directed Sheila Black (450-4467)

**Prayer Service:** St. Andrews is now hosting a prayer service on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity to offer space to invite God to dwell among us and to take a pause in our busy weeks to sit quietly with the Almighty. Prayer services are not something we usually do and may seem a bit different – but so worth it! Bring a pen and a notebook (although we will have extras) because there will be an opportunity for some writing each week.

**Ladies Group:** The Ladies Group gathering is suspended for the time being. Any questions should be directed to Colleen Watson at [becacinedavis@hotmail.com](mailto:becacinedavis@hotmail.com).



**Parking Reminder!** Winter parking restrictions start **November 1**. Parking is prohibited on the westside of Carleton Street between George and Charlotte Streets.

# Worksheet for all ages!

Draw a picture of something you are waiting for.

## Prophets in the Bible

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Z N H H M N H G E I W G B E  
N N A L N R A C A M G T Z T  
R N J M T F J C A A I E E C  
H V H O R W I T H L K A C H  
U C O M N M L Z P I A R H A  
L L S Y N A E T E C M M A I  
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X Y R O T G H A I A S I H O

Amos

Joel

Elijah

Jonah

Elisha

Malachi

Ezekiel

Micah

Habakkuk

Micaiah

Haggai

Nahum

Hosea

Obadiah

Huldah

Oded

Isaiah

Zechariah

Jeremiah

Zepaniah