

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH!

We are so glad that you've joined us for Sunday worship. Our hope is that during today's service, you will experience the warm welcome of Christ's Spirit, receive his Word and guidance in your life and discover the courage to pursue his will in the world. Please join us for coffee in the Lounge opposite the Sanctuary following the service.

If this is your first time visiting with us, we would love to get to know you more. Please fill out a Connection Card in the pew rack. You can drop it in the offering plate or leave it with the ushers at the back of the sanctuary. Please visit the Welcome Desk in the Foyer or speak to one of our ministers if you have any questions.

GIVING OPTIONS

There are many ways to give at St. Andrew's. Everything we do is supported by the financial generosity of our community. We give generously in many ways, some of which are:

Offering Envelopes (ready for pick-up this week)

Debit/credit machine (at the Welcome Desk, along with someone who knows how to operate it)

Cheque or cash in the offering plate—please provide your name & address, or envelope number

On-line giving on our Website (coming soon!)

PAR (Preauthorized Remittance (please speak with Dolly Forcade if you have questions))

Legacy gifts through our planned giving program (please speak with Dolly Forcade if you have questions)



Need to reach us through the week?



office@standrewscalgary.ca



403-255-0001



703 Heritage Drive SW



CalgaryStAndrews



CalgaryStAndrews

Lead Minister
Family Ministry
Congregational Care

Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald
Rev. Jared Miller
Rev. Jan Hazlett
(On Leave)

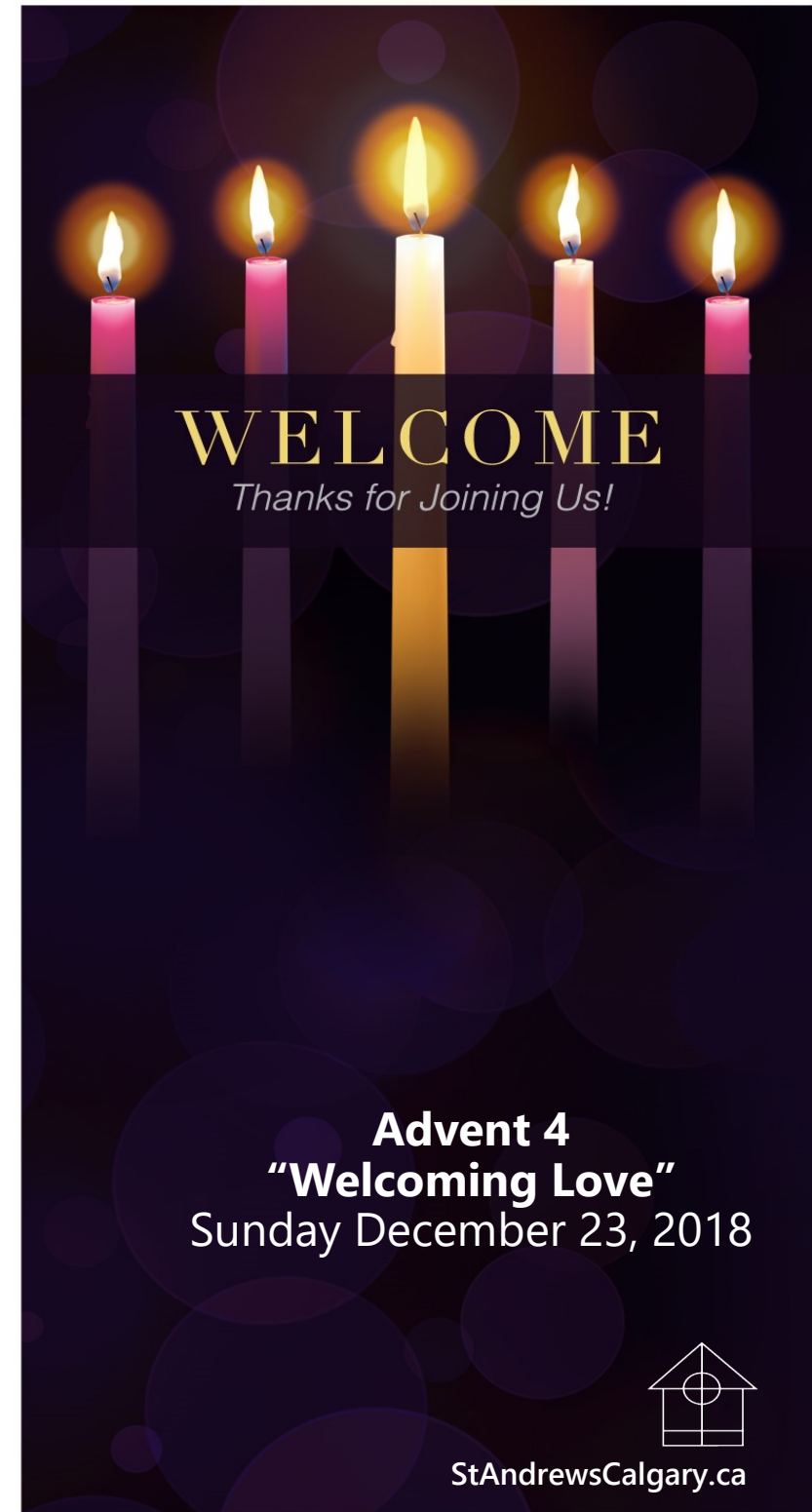
Interim Pastoral Care
Director of Music
Nursery Caregiver

Rev. Christian Persaud
Cody Obst
Emily Izett



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Growing in Faith. Going in Mission.

StAndrewsCalgary.ca



THIS SUNDAY
ADVENT 4 ~ WELCOMING LOVE
23 DECEMBER 2018

The Church Gathers

Prelude - *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Arr. Cathy Mocklebust

Procession of the Bible - *A Joyful Ring*

by Barbara B. Kenyon

Call to Worship & Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Song

O Come All Ye Faithful #159

Prayer of Praise and Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Dr. Tim

Welcome & Passing of Peace

Worship in Song

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven #156

Time with Children Rev. Jared

To Listen for the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Luke 1: 39-55 *Blessed Among Women* (The Message)

Sermon: Welcoming Love

Worship in Song

How Deep the Father's Love For Us On Screen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Christian

To Respond to God in Thanksgiving

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Ministry of Music - *Still, Still, Still*

German carol/arr. Cathy Moglebust

Offertory Response

Hope is a Star, Verse 4 #119

Offertory Prayer

And Go Out to Witness and Serve

Announcements

Dr. Tim

Worship in Song

See Amid the Winter's Snow #168

Benediction

Worship in Song

Emmanuel, Emmanuel #114

Postlude - *Carols of Christmas*

arr. D. Linda McKechnie

OF NOTE TODAY

Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical Calendar. For four weeks leading up to Christmas we prepare for the coming of Christ—his coming in Bethlehem; his coming into our hearts and world; and his coming again in glory. Advent nurtures a spirit of "waiting" without complacency for the transformation that Christ brings.

JUST A REMINDER:

Donations: December 30th is the last day to make a 2018 donation to St. Andrew's.

Expense Reimbursements: Please get all expense reimbursement requests in to Dolly as soon as possible. Deadline: Jan 19, 2019

A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Our Christmas "to-do lists" can be long - food, gifts, decorations, parties etc. Yet without Spiritual Preparation, all of our "to-do" lists can simply leave us exhausted. To access a devotional online, visit prayasyougo.org or d365.org. Let us prepare and take time to be still and open to the Spirit's presence and guidance.

AT THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you can **greet** or **usher** at any of our Christmas Services (Dec 24th and Dec 25th), please sign up at the Volunteer Corner.

COMING UP THIS WEEK
DEC. 23 -30, 2018

Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas at St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve, Dec 24

MON. 4:30 pm Children/Family Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

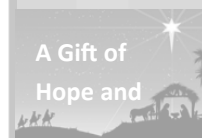
9:00 pm Reflective Communion Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day, Dec 25

TUE. 10:30 am Christmas Day Service - A simple service at the manger with Communion

First Sunday of Christmas Day, Dec 30

SUN. 10:30 am A service of Lessons and Carols. Sing all your favorite carols and be inspired by the stories of how they were written.



"A Gift of Hope and Love" bookmarks with services for Advent/Christmas are available in the Foyer. We encourage you to pick one up (or two or three!) to give as an invitation for a friend or neighbour.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVENT READERS TODAY:

9:30 am - *Annika & Marcus Thornborough*

11:15 am - *Donna Harrison*

THANK YOU TO OUR SCRIPTURE READERS TODAY:

9:30 am - *Derek Wilkinson*

11:15 am - *Jo-Anne Platt*

THANK YOU FOR ENHANCING
OUR WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC THIS MORNING:

St. Andrew's Handbell Choir
Trumpeter: *David Archibald*
Saxophone: *Noah Archibald*