

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Isaiah 40: 9 (Unison)

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.

**You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”**

Praise Time

Christmas Offering

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Midnight Clear (Love Song)

Prayer of Approach

Choir Ministry of Music

Advent Hymn

Children’s Hymn

A Candle is Burning

Time with Children

Children ages 3-Grade 5

*Responsive Advent Litany: The Candle of **Hope** is lit.*

Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1: 18-25

Series: Christmas Angels Speak

Sermon: Who Needs Good News?

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings ~ **“Every good and perfect gift is from above, ...”**

– James 1: 17

Doxology

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Benediction

Commissioning Hymn Nowell

Postlude

Where Faith Comes to Life

Welcome!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

To Our Guests

We invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the Atrium for more information. View our website at www.standrewsmoncton.net

Nursery

Caring nursery is provided for infants and toddlers.

After the Time with Children**

****Young Children and Worship** is for children age 3 to grade 2 where they will hear God's word in a multisensory format geared for their level. All are welcome, including parents. **Older Children and Worship** is for children in grade 3 to grade 5. We will be doing "The Story" curriculum.

For Your Comfort & Convenience

Coat racks are available in the atrium.

We strive to be scent free and peanut free church.

Please remember to turn on your cell phone after the service.

Spiritual Care

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to our pastor or use one of the prayer cards in the seat back pocket. Our church elders are also available to speak with you.

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To greet you this Sunday: Dean Meadows

Distributing Bulletins this Sunday: Darryl Wood

Attending Elder: Brian Davidson **Coordinator:** Ronnie Meadows

*During the month of December an invitation is extended to our children/youth who play an instrument **to play during the prelude time**, before our services. If you would like an opportunity to participate, please contact Laurie Kammermann.*



What a great God we have! He gives without reservation. Have you ever given without reservation? Experience the joy of giving extravagantly, just like God gives to us.

Here at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church we believe the quality and the significance of people's lives are transformed by Jesus Christ.

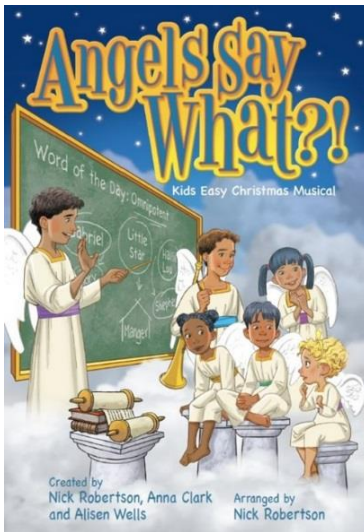
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**Our Children's
Christmas
Musical will be
presented on
Dec. 16th
@10 am
Invite your
friends!**



Advent Food Drive: Starting today, Sunday, Dec. 2nd we will be collecting food each week throughout the Advent season for *Teen Challenge Atlantic* in Memramcook. Totes are behind the tree display. Let's fill them all!!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 22, 5 pm

The Community Christmas Dinner is for any and all who may benefit from the company of others, and a hot home cooked seasonal meal. There are many reasons that many people come to the Community Christmas Dinner. They may be away from family or home; they may living alone; many are facing financial or personal stress; and many others simply enjoy the fellowship of a community activity.

Merry Christmas

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Joyeux Noël

Please sign up in the Atrium to bring food for the dinner. Please bring the food to the kitchen by 4:15 pm on December 22nd. Anyone who would like to be part of the service team, including prep and clean-up, please talk to Melissa Steen.

Everyone's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect, and Anything's Possible!



ADVENT LITANY

Reader: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

Congregation: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Reader: You have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

Congregation: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Reader: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Congregation: Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Reader: We light this candle, the first candle of Advent, to remind us of Jesus, the One in Whom we have hope - hope rooted in His first coming as a child to save the world, hope restored in His resurrection from the dead, and hope renewed in His promise to return as Redeemer of His Church and Judge of all in righteousness.

[The first candle is lit.]

Prayer (in unison) - Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. Help us, O God, in our hearts to set apart Christ as Lord. Help us always to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for hope that we have. May this our hope purify us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Advent litanies prepared by J.T. Hurd, Parkwood Presbyterian Church,
Ottawa, based on NIV Scripture ©1984*

*You may want to join others in prayer before the service.
Please go to the Ministers' Meeting Room at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings.*

TODAY

11:30 a.m. **Second Hour Class**, a video series called
"Dust to Glory", on Bible themes. Meeting Room.

Angels Say What?!, practice for children's
Christmas musical on Dec. 16. Sanctuary.

7 p.m. **Combined Advent Service** with Bethel Presbyterian
Church & Congregational Christian Church here at
St. Andrew's. Rev. Ron Kammermann will be
preaching. Refreshments to follow.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. **Pioneer Club** for children Age 4 - Grade 6.

7:30 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**



Prayer for the Children and Youth of St. Andrew's will be held at the church on **Friday, December 21** at 10:30 a.m. Come join our group as we uphold the **NEXT** generation up in prayer. Contact Jean Morton.

ADVENT CALENDAR – Join Us To Celebrate!

December 9	Communion
December 16	Children's Musical – Angels Say What?!
December 22 (Sat.)	Community Christmas Dinner at 5 pm
December 23	4 th Sunday of Advent
December 24 (Mon.)	Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival."

During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again.

Know... Grow... Show... Christ



Into the Word...

Series: Christmas Angels Speak

Sermon: Who Needs Good News?

Matthew 1: 18-25

Introduction:

- Lots of parts of our country and world need good news.
- Hopelessness abounds. Such was Joseph's plight.

Context:

- Between the Testaments was 400 years of silence. Amid growing Messianic expectations, no one knew when or how or where.
- Three stages of marriage: 1) Engagement 2) Betrothal 3) Marriage
- Angel visited Joseph in a dream and he followed directions.

1) Good News For Families With Colourful Histories.

- Dark histories may be in your own generation or previous ones.
- Jesus genealogy was anything but spotless! The point is that it is to such sinners the Angel proclaims good news!

2) Good News Is For His People

- Name "Jesus" means literally 'the Lord saves.' Whom will he save? Christmas often falls into the heresy of universalism.
- Jesus came to save His sheep who recognize Him. Those who recognize Him undergo transformation from the inside-out.

3) Good News In Deed

- Joseph received the word from the Angel and acted upon it.
- Faith is a verb. (James 2: 14). If faith doesn't lead to action then you're likely a fake, a flake or a fabulous liar.
- Good news is only good news for those who know they're in a bad way. Are you in need of good news? Of hope restored? What about others you know – you can be a beacon of hope!