

Sunday, December 29, 2019 - 10:30 am
First Sunday after Christmas
Lessons and Carols

WE APPROACH GOD

Processional Hymn #166-"Once in royal David's city"
(v. 1 solo, vv. 2-4: Congregation)

The Greeting and The Peace

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

The Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer ("trespasses")

1st Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
*Hymn #159 "Oh come, all ye faithful"

2nd Lesson: Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7
Anthem "Break forth, O bounteous Heavenly Light" [Bach]
Choir

3rd Lesson: Luke 1:26-38
"Sing for joy" [G.F Handel]
Choir

4th Lesson: Luke 2:1-7
"No Room" [J. Peterson]
Choir

5th Lesson: Luke 2:8-20
*Hymn #139 "Hark! The herald angels sing"

6th Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
Anthem "Silver Star" [A. Pote]
Choir

7th Lesson: John 1:1-14
Anthem "Christmas Grace" [R. Schram]
Choir



The Blessing Prayer

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayers of the People

*Offering

*Doxology #145 *"In the bleak mid-winter"* (verse 4)

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #153 *"Joy to the world"*

*Benediction *"Go In Love"* [Besig/Price]

Go in love; have no fear.
God will guide you, He is always near.
Go in Love; take His hand.
God will hear you, He will understand.
May His light forever shine upon you;
may His peace be always in your heart.
Go in love; face each day, God will lead you,
He will show the way, Go in love and live in faith,
Amen

Mike Graves, professor of preaching

This Week at St. Andrew's

Wednesday New Years Day Office is closed
Sunday Jan 5 Epiphany Sunday (Holy Communion with Intinction)

10:25 am Announcements
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Time : Board of Managers

The complete adequacy of Jesus Christ is the theme of Colossians. All are welcome to attend the Precept study of Colossians & Philemon beginning Wednesday, January 15, 1:30pm at Elgin Missionary Church. Let's "dig in" to God's promise that "in Christ we have been made complete" (2:10). To sign-up or ask a question, contact Brenda Kechnie (519-271-8692 or brenkechnie@gmail.com).

Thought for Today

This is how he showed his love among us: he sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him.

1 John 4:9

Welcome, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the worship of God. May God give us a special blessing by being together to share the life-giving Word. Following worship, join in fellowship downstairs. The notices on this sheet will keep you informed of the life of the congregation from day to day, as well as offer prayers for your daily devotions. Thanks for being part of the church family!

Prayer and praise opportunities Worship and pastoral care opportunities

For Chris, Lloyd, Susan, Margaret, Marilyn, Wanda, Eva Dorothy, Carol, Ernie and those known to us who are in need of prayer for any reason, that prayer lifted will be prayer heard, and that prayer heard is answered by almighty God.

Pray for the Renewal Fellowship Board as they seek to lead each other and the PCC into authentic Biblical thinking, powerful Spirit-led prayer and effective Gospel witness.

Prayer or visit request cards are available in the narthex.

Want to Ride the Bus to Church! Call the Church Office, 519-271-5668 by Thursday! Arrangements will then be made for you.

Mission and stewardship opportunities

Mission Moment: Empowering rural women

In Africa, women comprise about 60 per cent of the agricultural labour force. And yet, structural barriers and social norms prevent many women farmers from making decisions about agricultural practices on their farms. So that vulnerable communities can rise above hunger, it is essential that women are able to make choices about land, resources and which crops to grow. With the help of PWS&D, this transformation is taking place in Kamisimbi County of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a place where many farming families struggle to meet their food needs, PWS&D is providing seeds and training in conservation agriculture and encouraging women to take the lead in agricultural decision-making. Empowering rural women translates to better food security and the improved well-being of households and communities.

PWS&D empowers rural women

Stewardship Moment: When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything—even the air that we breathe— is not ours; it is given to us.