

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDES

WELCOME

INTROIT: A Shoot Shall Come Forth - G. Walshaw

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

***OPENING HYMN:** VU #2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

PRAYER OF WELCOME & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***PASSING THE PEACE**

N2Y ("NEVER TOO YOUNG")

GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Largo in F (Voluntary #6) -W. Russell

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** VU #55 vs. 4

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN:** VU #18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

LISTENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:1-12

ANTHEM: Every Valley Shall Be Filled -G. Walshaw

SERMON: "Why We Flock"

***CLOSING HYMN:** VU #626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

RECEIVING GOD'S COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

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***SUNG RESPONSE** VU #965 The Lord Bless You & Keep You

POSTLUDE: Voluntary #3 in D Major -W. Croft

MUSIC NOTES

Organ Preludes:

Voluntary #7 in E-Flat	- M. Greene
Sonata #6	- T. Arne
Andante in F	- S. Arnold

Each Sunday in Advent has a theme. The first Sunday is hope, the second peace. The third is joy, and the fourth love. Hymn number 7 in Voices United, Hope Is A Star sees each of the four verses follow these themes, as do the first four verses of number 6, A Candle Is Burning. These themes, however, are not always reflected in the lectionary readings. Last week, the Sunday of hope, saw the reading from Matthew about being ready for the coming of the Son of Man and how no one knows the hour. This week, for peace, we have, again from Matthew, John the Baptist as the voice in the wilderness, crying.

For the organ music this morning, I have tried to make selections that reflect peace. This would be an easier task on Christmas Eve when cradle songs can abound. Instead, I've turned to English music from the 18th century. Slow tempos and soft registrations are the order of the day for these particular pieces. Maurice Greene's Voluntary #7 in E-Flat begins with gentle chords in the left hand, and a double melody in the right. Most of the slow opening takes on the texture of a trio sonata: a bass line supporting two melodic voices, which was a staple of the Baroque period. Most English voluntaries have a slow opening and a faster second section, and this one follows that pattern. To make it peaceful, I have slowed it down a little bit.

Thomas Arne belongs more to the Classical era than the Baroque. His Sonata #6 was published in 1756, the year Mozart was born. It begins in the minor mode, which tends to be more dramatic than the major. The second part of the piece is in major, and is a gentle dance.

The piece by Samuel Arnold features two musical ideas. The first is a rhythmic figure that sees a dotted rhythm (long-short) followed by two notes of equal duration. This pattern repeats several times before the introduction of the other main musical idea - a series of flowing triplets (three notes to a single beat).

William Russell's Largo in F is the opening section of a voluntary that sees a melody in the right hand accompanied by chords in the left, with the melody starting off by moving in slow, but ornamented notes.

Most of these pieces employ a slow harmonic rhythm, which means that the harmonies change at a relatively slow pace. Hymns have a fast harmonic rhythm, with the harmony changing with every melody note. Bach often uses a fast harmonic rhythm as well. In these pieces today, the same chord will be held or repeated for several beats.

The postlude is a little livelier. It is a trumpet tune, but a relatively gentle and peaceful one.

Welcome to St. Andrew's United Church

December 8th, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent



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Staff Office Hours

Main Office: Monday—Friday, 10:00-3:00

Stephen: please call for an appointment

All other visits with the ministers must be scheduled by appointment with the main office.

The **Order of Service** is printed within this bulletin and is also projected on the chancel screen. Most hymns are selected from our hymn book, Voices United (VU), which are available in the hymnal racks. If you would like to read along during the scripture readings, Bibles for use during the service are available in the cabinets at the back of the sanctuary, please help yourself.

Guest Book – Visitors and newcomers are invited to sign the Guest Register in the narthex (entry-way)

A **Nursery** under the care of Sherri Gamble (ECE) is provided for children three years of age and younger. The nursery is located in the west room just off the narthex and is open at 10:15am to receive children. The service can be heard in the Nursery & in the Family Room by turning the “dimmer” knobs.

Children’s Church is offered for children four years of age and older. We begin worship together as a community of faith. The children will join Stephanie Robinson following “N2Y.”

Allergies - The congregation shares concern for those who face the challenge of allergies. Everyone attending worship is encouraged to be conscious of those who may be allergic to nuts & scents. This includes flowers so please keep this in mind when selecting flowers for Sunday.

AED (Defibrillator) - in case of a cardiac emergency the AED is located on the wall next to the office door.

A **wheelchair** is located in the sanctuary to assist those in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW’S

It is with Joy and Thanksgiving that we welcome you to this service at St. Andrew's. Whether it is your first time here or the first time in a long time, it is an honour and privilege to serve you.

~Peace, Rev. Stephen Iverson

If you would like to contribute to the life and work of the congregation, please feel free to use the envelopes found in the chairs. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.

Thanks for joining us today!

A special **THANK YOU** to Stephen, Greg and all those who braved the ice storm on Sunday in order to celebrate the baptism of my great-granddaughter Elizabeth Eleanor Budd! Our family appreciated the work to keep the church open for this special day.

~Mildred Macaulay & Family

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT! All are welcome to join the choir for the Advent season. Rehearsals continue on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm.

A big **THANK YOU** to Art Meens, John & Heather Wyatt, Mike Wyatt and Martha Cookson for helping to decorate the church for the festive season.

~Chris Harris

The **CHRISTMAS CAKES** are going quickly! Cakes are available in the main office or from any member of the UCW for \$8.00.

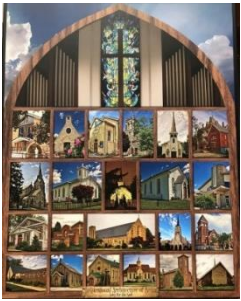
The **MITTEN TREE** will be at the back of the church starting today until December 15th. Donations of mittens, scarves, hats, books, colouring books and crayons will be delivered to Christmas Baskets weekly. There is also a critical demand for **socks** this year. Thank you for participating in this caring venture!

Too busy to do your Christmas Baking?
SOUP FOR THE SOUL Outreach Committee TO THE RESCUE! Please join us after the service **TODAY** and shop your heart out on shortbread, gingerbread, butter tarts, nuts and bolts, pies, macaroons, oatmeal and date cookies, squares, mincemeat tarts, apple crisp,
Marg Fanjoy’s preserves and more items.
Turkey pies are also available!

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SFTS POSTER FUNDRAISER:

Inspirational Architecture of Brant! This beautiful poster features the gorgeous and eclectic mix of church architecture throughout Brantford and Brant County. Add this stunning piece of art to your collection for only \$30 and you will feed a family of four, just like that! A perfect Christmas gift for that someone on your list who loves Brantford and Brant County history and architecture! The posters are available for sale after the service in the family room or in the office throughout the week (Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 3:00pm).



The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed from **Tuesday, December 24th to Sunday, December 29th** and **Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st** for the Christmas holiday. It will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd at **10:00am**. Pastoral and/or other emergencies during this time should be directed to 519-771-4559 or 519-717-5547.

PASTORAL CARE: For those in need of Pastoral Care while in hospital, please call the church office 519-752-5823 to have your call directed to Stephen.

Upcoming Important Dates

TODAY:	SFTS Bake Sale after service
Dec. 15th:	Children’s Pageant (musical written by Greg Walshaw) & White Gift Sunday
Dec. 22nd:	10:00 am – Choir Service with guest musicians & children’s choir. SASC Brunch to follow
Tuesday Dec. 24th:	4:30 – Children & Family Service 7:00 – Lessons & Carols