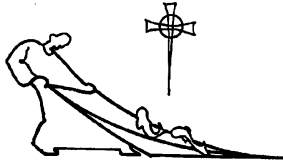


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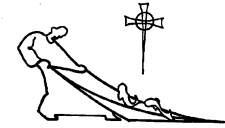
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The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations. This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnabek Nation and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the life of the Great Lakes. The Treaties that were signed for this Territory are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties. We recognize how settlers and our church have continuously broken the sacred covenant of this Treaty, and offer this land acknowledgment as a first step on the path of reconciliation, recognizing the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and their continued leadership on this land.

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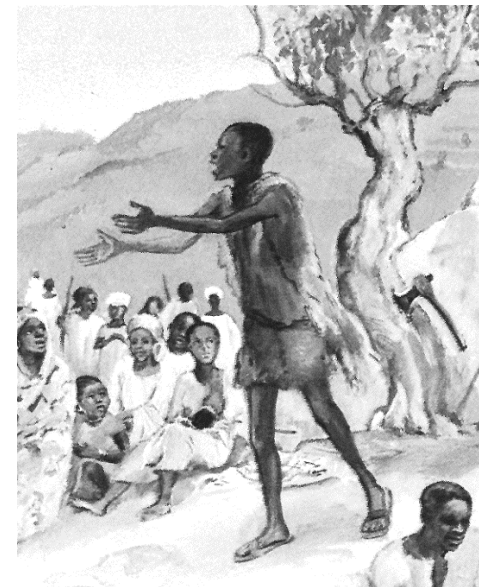


*To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ;
to extend this love into Christian action in the community.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:00AM



Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
By being here, you have enriched our community.
We pray that you find the service meaningful.

We hope that you sense God's presence and His love for you in our midst, and that you consider the Church of St. Andrew a place where you can belong and call home.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Processional Hymn: #89 vv.1-2, 5-7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(All Stand)*

Opening Sentence Luke 3:4,6

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God

Greeting

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(We sing as the candles of Hope and Peace are lit, then there is prayer.)

Song: A Candle is Burning *(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,

A candle of HOPE in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,

Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,

A candle to signal that conflict must cease

For Jesus is coming to show us the way

A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

Hymn: #107 "Prepare the Way" *(Sung 3 times)*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(All Sit)*

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Book of Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall

ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Helen Greer & Yvette Davey
LECTORS: 1. Maxine Sylvester / 2. Paulette Athill
INTERCESSOR: Gail Smith
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Alexandra Browne

NOTE: The deadline to ensure that your cash offering is received and accounted in 2025 is Sunday, December 28, 2025.
Cheques and e-transfers must be dated on or before Dec 31, 2025.

Your submissions for The Network newsletter **MUST** be received in the church office by Tuesday, December 9th!

Our Advent Study on the Foundations of Christianity continues on December 14 & 21. We will meet in the Parish Hall following the service.

Family Movie Night, Friday December 12, 6:30-10pm in the Parish Hall. Join us for the Christmas classic, *Elf!* Light refreshments served!

Kid's Christmas Party, Sunday December 21, 11:30am-1pm in the Parish Hall, following our Sunday service. Sweet treats, gifts, and more!

Please join us online for **Morning Prayer**, Tuesdays, 9:00–9:30AM, and **Bible Study & Compline**, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15PM. **Zoom info: Meeting ID: 625 721 4565.** If you are calling in, dial +1 647 374 4685, then follow instructions to enter the Meeting ID followed by #, then press # again to join. Press ***6** to unmute.



The flowers on the Altar today are given by Lethel Shand to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my dear husband, Patrick Augustus Shand.

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Eva Targett to the glory of God, and in memory of my beloved husband, John Targett, on the third anniversary of his passing.



The Sanctuary Lights for the month of December are given by Richard Moriah, to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Greta Celestine Moriah and Cromwell Marcus Moriah.



BIRTHDAYS

December 7 – Saleem Morgan

December 13 – Sadie Wright

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Hymnal #685

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion - please indicate to the Celebrant if you require a gluten-free wafer. All may receive a blessing; please cross your arms to indicate that this is your wish.

To receive Communion or a blessing at your pew, please notify a sidesperson.

(All Stand)

Communion Hymn: #109 "When the King Shall Come Again"

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

(All Sit)

Announcements

(All Stand)

Recessional Hymn: #114 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Dismissal: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve the world God loves!

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 9	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Dec. 10	10:00-10:30am	Mid-Week Eucharist
Wed., Dec. 10	10:30-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew's Room
Wed., Dec. 10	7:00-8:15pm	Online Bible Study & Compline
Fri., Dec. 12	6:30-10:00pm	Family Movie Night
Sun., Dec. 14	11:30am-12:45pm	Advent Study #3 – Parish Hall

Stewardship Sunday is TODAY, when pledges will be blessed. We are pleased to welcome Peter Misiaszek, Diocese Director of Stewardship, as our guest preacher.

We warmly welcome Peggy Wong as our guest Organist today.

strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (*prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses*)

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; * that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.** He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. **He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.** He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth. **In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.** Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds! **And blessed be his glorious name for ever! * And may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.**

The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again

Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(All Stand)

Gradual Hymn: #106 vv.1-2 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: #106 vv.3-4 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

(All Sit)

The Homily

Mr. Peter Misiaszek,

Diocesan Director of Stewardship Development

(All Stand)

Nicene Creed

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(Sit or Kneel)

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

Celebrant: Let us therefore confess our sins.

Almighty God, **our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(All Stand)

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" *(sung)*

by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family, Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Peace

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

#103 "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

Prayer over the Gifts:

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sanctus *(sung)*

Hymnal #683

(Sit or Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Hymnal #684

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.