

Saint Andrew's (Presbyterian) &
St. Paul's (United)
Ecumenical Shared Ministry
January 4, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



**Welcome and Thank You to
Rev. Darryl Levy,
leading us in worship today.**

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***Bulletin submissions:
Noon Wednesday***

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples.

This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Psalm 8 VU pg. 732

[Refrain] ¹

O god, our God,

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold again your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

R.

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

R.

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation
and put all things under our feet,
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.**

[Refrain]

O god, our God,

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Opening Carol Sing:	"Joy to the World"	VU 59
	"Twas In The Moon of Wintertime"	VU 71
	"All Poor Ones and Humble"	VU 68
	"Jesus Our Brother"	VU 56 (vs 1-5)
	"Angels We Have Heard On High"	VU 38

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

A Christmas Prayer of Confession ²

VU 63

God of stable, stars, and surprises, of light and hope and new life:

open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;

forgive our obsession with property and possessions;

forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.

Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels,

and respond with a song in our hearts,

and in our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Carol of Preparation:

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

VU 55

(Time for all ages / children depart for Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm 66 - Parts 1 & 3

VU Pg. 784-5

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing to the honour of God's name;

make glorious the praise of God.

How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your strength, your foes wilt before you.

For all the world shall worship you,

shall sing to you and praise your name.

O come and see what God has done:

a work that is awesome to all earth's children.

God turned the sea into dry land;

they crossed the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God,

who rules in power forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations.

Let not the rebellious lift up their heads.

I will come to your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay you my vows,

the vows which I made with my lips,

and swore with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer fat beasts in sacrifice, a Savory offering of rams;

I will prepare you an offering of bulls and goats.

Come then and listen, all you who fear God,

while I tell what God has done for me.

I cried aloud to God; high praise was ready on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart,

God would not have heard me,

But truly God has heard me;

has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have not rejected my prayer,

nor withdrawn from me your steadfast love.

Gospel - John 1:35-51

Gospel – Luke 1: 39 – 56

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

Anthem: "Good Christians All, Rejoice"

Message: "Called to Be Disciples in 2026"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Carol of Response: "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

VU 44

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of the Offerings

Doxology

'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures high and low,

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

VU 541

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Our gracious and ever-living God, by your grace we have been set free; forgiven, redeemed and restored. As we present to you these our gifts, we ask that you continue to help us to reveal to others the greatness and the goodness of your love and mercy. Be with us and bless us as we move forward in the mission You lay before us. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Carol:

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

VU 60

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow"

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Gospel readings: www.biblegateway.com (NRSVA)

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE!

May this service be a blessing to you as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online.

Please join us in the Hall following service today for a Potluck Luncheon.

TODAY we welcome Rev. Darryl Levy who will be leading worship for us for the next two Sundays. In Rev. Michelle's absence, Rev. Richard Bowley will provide pastoral care starting Jan 5 - Jan. 17. He may be reached at his cell number (506 262 2150). We express our gratitude to Rev. Ellen Bearisto, who has provided pastoral care from Dec. 25 through today.

Thank you to our Volunteers today!

Greeters - Mary Stickles, Jean and Al Boudreau

Scripture Readers: Leanna Smith, Deborah West

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Coffee Hour/Fellowship Hosts - Kim Keetch, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters / Tellers – Jean and Al Boudreau / Laura Steeves, Alan Thorne

2026 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for Saint Andrew's and St. Paul's. Please take yours with you today, and if you are able to deliver a box to someone who lives close to you please consider doing so. If you would like to start giving using numbered envelopes or via 'preauthorized remittance' (an amount you designate is debited monthly from your bank account), please contact either church office so arrangements can be made for you.

***A special donation was received over Christmas from
Mary Jane Yerxa, in loving memory of her mother, Pauline Crawford.***

A REMINDER: There is extra parking spots available at *Bright Minds Early Learning Center* (corner of Needham and Carleton Streets, just one block behind the church). If you are willing to walk a few extra steps to service, it will leave a few spaces free in our parking lot for those who need to be closer to the buildings. Thank you for your consideration.

ALSO, for the winter months the Hall door closest to the parking lot will be available on Sundays for any who would prefer to access the church from this entry, a shorter walk from your vehicle. There are four steps up to the main level via this entrance; there is a solid hand railing. If you can manage the stairs, this may potentially reduce any slips or falls on the walkway from the parking lot, although it is regularly cleared and sanded. Safety first!

It's hard to believe that we have celebrated both Christmas and New Year's Day, as it seems that such a brief time ago, we attended the Great ADVENTure and 'decked the Hall' and the church! Today following our Potluck Luncheon, we ask that anyone who can stay for a bit to help us 'undecorate' will do so; many hands make light work, and some can climb ladders (take down the Christmas tree) and/or carry totes up the stairs with less effort. We thank you in advance for helping us with the annual task. ~ The Worship Committee ~

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Both church offices reopen for regular hours.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. - Policy Finance & Maintenance meets via Zoom

Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. - Session meets in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. - Council meets in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. - Ecumenical Assembly meets in the Hall

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

The slots for Sundays in January and beyond need to be filled.

You will find the sign-up sheet on the Hall entry bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting this ministry of Hospitality!

ONGOING CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| Monday - Friday | ~ Community Outreach ~ Brown Bag Lunch Program |
| Tuesdays | ~ Ladies Group, 9:30 a.m. in the Hall - All are welcome!! |
| Tuesdays & Thursdays | ~ Quilting Group, 1 - 4 p.m. in the Parlour - All are welcome! |
| Wednesdays | ~ Community Outreach ~ Pantry Program - |
| Thursdays | ~ Choir Practice, 7-8 p.m. in the Hall ~ All are welcome! |
| Fridays | ~ Community Outreach Breakfast 2 Go, 9-10:30 a.m. |