

### **Christmas Pageant:**

December 18 "Would you like to hold the baby?" Congregational Christmas pageant Sunday morning as part of our worship service followed by the Youth Group hosting a "Turkey supper with all the fixings" linger lunch in support of the General fund of our church. Plan to come for worship and the pageant and stay for lunch.

### **Longest Night Service:**

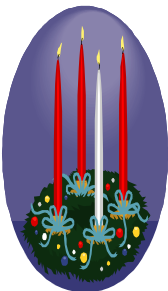
December 21: Longest Night Service of Worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. For some, Christmas is not an exclusively happy and joyful time of year. Amid the lights and carols and happy sounds there are times of anxiety, times of sadness, and memories of loved ones no longer with us. The Longest Night service is a way to celebrate the season and find light that shines in the darkness of our anxieties, our sadness, and our losses. Please join us as we celebrate together. Everyone is welcome. Consider inviting a friend who has been having a hard time this year.

### **Children's Candlelight Christmas Eve:**

At 4:30 p.m. we will be having a child friendly candlelight Christmas Eve service. It will be a service of shortened carols, a children's story, and the children will have electric tea lights to hold for the candlelight portion of the service. The whole service will be ½ hour long at the most. All are welcome, especially very young children.

### **Candlelight Christmas Eve.**

7:30 p.m. we will be hosting our regular Christmas Eve Service featuring our senior choir, handbell choir, and carols by candlelight. If you recall last year was a little crowded, so this year we will have a video and audio link to the church hall downstairs for overflow. There will also be something special just for those people who do find themselves in the overflow downstairs.



*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome.  
If you are new to our church family, please introduce yourself and sign our New Comers Book in the foyer.  
We gather for a time of fellowship downstairs following this morning's worship.*



*December 4, 2011  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday*

Teaching Elder: the Rev. Doug Kendall  
Student Minister: Katherine Bretzlaff  
Ministers: We the People

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# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

A caring congregation of Christian faith, welcoming all,

*Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

*Isaiah 40:4-5*

**Prelude** *Blaine Sack*  
**Welcome and Announcements** *Clint Gaebel*

**WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND PRAYER...**

☀ **Introit : Prepare the way of the Lord**

☀🎵122 **Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel vs 1,3,6,7**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** *the Taylor family*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain: When God is a child  
there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first  
and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.

**Gathering Prayer** *(followed by the Lord's Prayer)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Music Ministry: O Come, O Come Emmanuel** *H.H. Hopson*

**Responsive Psalm 85:8-13** *Jenna McKeown*

☀🎵121 **Long ago, prophets knew**

**Time with Children & Celebration Chest**

## IT'S HAPPENING AT ST. ANDREWS



### Weekly Bible Study:

There is a group that meets in the minister's study every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. Each week we look at the the bible readings for the coming Sunday and we have discussion, laughter, coffee and goodies. All are welcome even if you just want to come one time and check it out..

### Advent Bible Study:

November 27, December 4, December 11 6:45-8:00 p.m. at the church. Our Student Minister Kathy Bretzlaff will be leading a special Bible Study for Advent. A good time is anticipated as we look at a few of the traditions of the Advent and Christmas seasons, then relate them to our worship. The ultimate goal is to make our worship more meaningful. Tea, and coffee will be served.

### Carol Fest:

December 11, 3:00 p.m. Stittsville United Church will be hosting the second annual Stittsville Carol Fest. They have invited the local churches and their choirs to be a part of this and we look forward to having the choirs from Stittsville United, St. Andrew's, and St. Thomas Anglican Church presenting pieces interspersed with congregational carols, readings and prayers. Come out and enjoy the season of Advent with this Carol Fest.

### Senior's Service:

Did you know that we host a worship service at Granite Ridge, Stittsville Villa and Walden Village? On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will lead a special Christmas service of lessons and carols at 2:00 pm at Walden Village in the north end of Kanata. You are always welcome to come and join us.

## Sharing in Ministry...

|                     | <b>This Morning</b> | <b>Next Sunday</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Duty Elder:</b>  | Clint Gaebel        | Jamie MacKay       |
| <b>Duty Manager</b> | Jim & John          | Jim & John         |
| <b>Greeters</b>     | Stuart & Isabelle   | Marlene & Blair    |
| <b>Readers:</b>     | Beth/Jenna          | Don & Maggie       |
| <b>Fellowship:</b>  | Frieda & Louise     | Claire & Anna      |
| <b>Sound Board</b>  | Matt                | Maggie             |

## UPCOMING AT ST. ANDREW'S

- Dec 8 – Choir Practice
- Dec 6 – Morning Bible Study – 10:30
- Dec 6 – Session at the Allards
- Dec 11 – Carolfest at Stittsville United at 3:00 pm
- Dec 11 – Evening Bible Study led by Katherine Bretzclaff
- Dec 14 – Board of Managers – 7:30
- Dec 16 – All ages Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 18 – Congregational Christmas Pageant
- Dec 18 – Lunch following Pageant – “Everyone Welcome”
- Dec 21 – Longest night “Blue Christmas” service 7:00
- Dec 24 – Children’s Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 4:30
- Dec 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 7:30
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day Service with Communion

## December 4: A Chance for Children in Afghanistan

It's not easy being a teacher in Afghanistan, a country with a youth literacy rate of only 34%. Since PWS&D's partner began working in the area, head teacher Mohammad has seen a substantial increase in the number of children attending his school. Students receive textbooks and supplies to reduce the costs for families, teachers receive training and program staff raise awareness in the community of the importance of education. Mohammad is thrilled to see how the school has been a positive influence on the lives of so many. This Advent season, you can help children around the world build brighter and more peaceful futures through support of PWS&D. [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd)



*Next Sunday*  
*“Magnify the Lord?”*  
*Psalm 126 ~ Romans 16:25-27 ~ Luke 46b-55*

## TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD...

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11      *Beth Ronaghan*  
Mark 1:1-8

**Message:** “Prepare the Way”  
*the Reverend Doug Kendall*

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE...

### We Present our Gifts

#### ☀️🎵 Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen, Amen, Amen...**

### Prayer of Dedication

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### The Invitation

☀️🎵 542 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**      564

### Communion

### Prayers of the People

☀️🎵 126 On Jordan’s bank

## TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND SERVE.

### ☀️Benediction & 🎵 Sung Benediction Celtic Prayer

*music by John Derksen*

**May the Christ who walks on wounded feet,  
walk with you on the road.**

**May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,  
stretch out your hands to serve.**

**May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,  
open your hearts to love.**

**May you see the face of Christ in ev’ry one you meet,  
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.**

### Postlude

*Blaine Sack*