

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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Advent 4

December 24, 2017 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

***Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.

Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26
Romans 16: 23-27; Luke 1:1-14

**A PCC Mission Moment
for December 24th**

Gifts that make a difference

As we reflect on giving and receiving gifts this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are making a difference through their gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!*

Together, we are supporting inner city missions, equipping congregations, encouraging children and youth, enabling congregational renewal and development, supporting theological education, maintaining international partnerships, sending mission staff – and so much more!

Together, we are making mission and ministry happen in Canada and around the world. This Christmas Eve, we anticipate celebrating the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own.

Presbyterians Sharing is making a real difference in so many lives

Alone Christmas Day?

**4th Annual Christmas Dinner
December 25th**

12:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Agora Hall (Nativity Hall)

301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall

No Charge

(donations will gladly be accepted for next year)

Need Transportation?

Call Alison @ 613-622-4719

to make arrangements

Donations for 2017

We are approaching year end for 2017. If you will be donating gifts to St. John's and you would like them to count for this year, please ensure they are received at the Church office no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017.

In Christ alone our hope is found,
He is our Light, our strength, our song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

(Stuart Townsend)

Dear St. John's Presbyterian Church,

I hope my E-Mail finds you all well!
On these blessed days, I would like to thank you for all your support and help with starting my new life in Canada; my beautiful home. 🏠 I honestly can't find the words to thank you for what you have done for me so far. 😊 I am absolutely speechless towards your kind & thoughtful gestures; to assist me in every way you could.

You have the biggest and the warmest hearts ever. ❁❁❁
Therefore, if I want to count my blessings, you are definitely one of them. Your warmth, thoughtfulness, hospitality and generosity are tremendously valuable to me.

Many, many thanks for the beautiful Christmas Gift 📺 which I received from you. 😊 It means a lot to me. 🎁 It will surely help me in carrying on with my plans for this Christmas and the New Year. 🎄

You have made this Christmas very special and sentimentally unforgettable for me. 😊

I will always keep you in my prayers and thoughts.
Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year showered with God's mercy, protection and blessings all across Canada and the world. 🙏.

God Bless You All ! 🙏🙏🙏



St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall
December 24, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. **4th Sunday of Advent**

Organ Prelude

The Infant Jesus - Frederick L. Marriott
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Fourth Candle of Advent Liturgy—The Candle of Love
The Plant Family

Carol Come, thou long-expected Jesus 110

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Before your word becomes flesh, O God,
connect us with the wild, the ancient, the urgent.
Connect us to your words uttered in human voice,
from tent and tabernacle, full of fear and mercy.
Connect us to your words uttered in angelic voice
from the Holy One.

Attune our minds and hearts to you,
O God of mystery and greatness.

This we pray through Christ and in His name, we now pray as we have learned, Our Father (debts) Amen.

Carol Away in a manger 149

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by the **Plant Family**

Responsive Psalm 96 OT pg. 560
Gospel: Matthew 1: 21-25 NT pg. 1

**This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

Hymn of the Month The angel Gabriel from heaven 156

Sermon

“A Name to Remember”

Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Christmastime - Smith/Carlson

Pastoral Prayer

Carol Once in royal David’s city 166

Commissioning (Unison)

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

Benediction

Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

**We are here joined in Christ,
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,
patience and hope everlasting.**

**Send us to serve in our Master’s name,
and to glorify Him.**

**Joined with Christ, and through Christ,
praise our Father forever.**

News for the Pews

Welcome

We welcome Kira Nestorovski
as a new member of our St. John’s Family.
Kira previously was a member of
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Belleville.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

We will be having 2 Worship Services this evening

6:00 pm

8:00 pm

Please join us to celebrate and worship
the birth and love of Christ !

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed from
December 23, 2017—January 2, 2018.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Elders List

The list of Elders and their districts
are posted in the MacLellan Room.

Following our worship this morning, everyone is invited to the
MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Susan MacDonald and Cynthia Seguin**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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Come out and join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and music to commence Robbie Burns Week. Mike McAnany will be entertaining & there will be opportunities to join in as well. Cost \$ 10.00 with tickets available after service each Sunday & from the office. Bring your friends – reserve a table or two. Proceeds to St. John’s Church.

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