

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

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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

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 88-11;	Psalm 126
I Thessalonians 5: 16-24;	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**A PCC Mission Moment
for December 17th**

Equipping and Nurturing Future Church Leaders

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* equip and nurture future church leaders who in turn will equip and nurture others to witness faithfully in the world.

In 2017, 18 students graduated from our three theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, The Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. These colleges provide a strong academic and practical foundation to prepare students to serve our congregations. The PCC supports ministry candidates and their presbyteries as they work to discern the candidate's call.

In 2017, 16 candidates attended the PCC's Guidance Conference, which helps participants recognize their abilities, strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan of growth as they move forward. Together, we also encourage and support new clergy who have just begun their ministries.

Presbyterians Sharing supports visionary church leaders

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Sunday, December 24 th	10:00 a.m.
Sunday December 24 th	6:00 p.m.
Sunday December 24 th	8:00 p.m.

Youth News

The Youth Group breaks for Christmas and will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018

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.

Religious Stamps

Religious stamps are available at the post office for your Christmas cards.

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)

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December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

Organ Prelude

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts from "Christmas Oratorio"—Saint-Saens/Bish
Good Christians All, Rejoice - David Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Third Candle of Advent Liturgy—The Candle of Joy
The Matthews Family

Opening Hymn Lord, the light of your love is shining 376

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of the Month The Angel Gabriel from Heaven 156

STAR TRIP OUR FAITH AWAKENS

A Presentation by St. John's Young People—The Story Tellers

INTRODUCTION

Carol The First Noel 136 vv 1,2,3

Gospel John 1: 1-5

Long Long Ago

Carol Oh come, Oh Come Emmanuel 122 vv 1,2,3

Old Testament Micah 5: 1-5a

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem 165 (all verses)

Star Trip—Our Only Hope

Carol What Child is This? 161 (all verses)

Gospel Matthew 1: 18-25
Carol Joy to The World 153 vv 1,2,3


The Dark Side

Gospel Matthew 2:1-8
Carol We Three Kings 173 vv 1,2,3,4

The Lord Be WiTh You

Gospel Matthew 2: 9-12
Carol Silent Night 154 vv 1,2

Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful 159 vv 1,2

Applause 

Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Choir Anthem

He Left His Throne - Don Phillips

Pastoral Prayer

Carol As with Gladness Men of Old 172

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.**

After service, everyone is invited to the MacLellan Room
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Trish Brown**

News for the Pews

Archives

The Archives is in need of another 4 drawer Filing Cabinet; if you have one that you are not using in your home, or workplace, the Archives would be happy to provide a new home for it at St. John's. Please speak to Dr. Rennie, our Archivist, if you care to donate or sell. Thank you! He can be reached during the Coffee Hour, or at 613-933-3252.

Christmas Gifts

Wonderful news!! Thanks to the generous giving from the people of St. John's, Nouida and the Nahhas family will each receive \$510.00 to help them with Christmas expenses. May the joy of giving and receiving bring happiness to everyone at this special time of year.

White Gift Sunday

The response to our White Gift Sunday was overwhelming. The staff from both the Agape Centre and Baldwin House were very pleased to receive our gifts. They thanked us and wished us all a very Merry Christmas. We would also like to thank Ron MacDonald and Brian Seguin for delivering our gifts to these important agencies.