

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Reader

George Jessen  
Dennis MacIntyre

**We Gather Together – Our Approach to God**

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn # 110                      Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

**We Hear God's Word**

O.T. Lesson                      Jeremiah 33:14-16                      (p. 563)

Responsive                      Psalm # 25:1-10                      (p. 393)

Hymn #125                      People look east

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent: The Candle of Hope  
(Lighting Litany led by John Geddie AMS members Susan Jessen  
and Eileen MacLean. Thank you to the AMS for participation in  
this part of our worship service.)

**Christ be our light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we  
turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the  
world to see. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine  
through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church  
gathered today.**

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson    1 Thessalonians 3:9-13                      (p. 836)

N.T. Epistle Lesson    Luke 21:25-36                      (p. 746)

**Sermon**                      *Keeping hope till the right time*

**Our Response to God**

Hymn # 726                      May the God of hope go with us every day

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem

*Is your heart prepared for a king?*

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

**We go out in service to the Lord**

Hymn # 117

Herald! Sound the note of judgement

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

**WELCOME** We welcome everyone to our service today and pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty this morning are Donna Lyle and Linda Greaves.

**Nursery**

**Today:**

Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams

**Next Sunday**

Vivian Morrison and Sara MacQueen

**Sunday School Shepherd**

Carol Ferguson

**Greeter at the South Door**

Duncan K. MacLeod

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Ben Furey

**Visiting the Hospital this week**

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467

Larry Victory 562-0944

**Readings for next week**

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:58-70; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Mary Mader from Flossie MacLean
- In memory of Marguerite Gillespie from Gordon Gillespie and family

## **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Gordon Morrison and Josie MacDonald from Joanne Simon
- In memory of Mary Mader from Diane & Fred Lynk
- In memory of Mary Mader from Alice and Margie MacLeod
- In memory of Mary Mader from Dorothy MacDonald

## **Church Offering Envelopes.**

If you do not already have church offering envelopes and would like to, please see Roy MacDonald.

**Monday 7:00pm**      Conclusion of Bible Study in hall.

## **Wednesday**

### **Mission Moments - World Soil Day (Dec. 5)**

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia. *PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change*

## **Friday**

**12:10** CUC meet in the Shaw Room

Christmas House Tour and Tea at the Andrea Estate in support of the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation: **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1-5pm. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by phoning the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation 794-5402. Start off the Holiday Season spending an afternoon socializing with friends while viewing a beautiful home.

Breakthrough Group consists of youth from the ages of 16-30 who come together once a week to support each other in the journey of life. Their goal is to offer help to others in the community. They will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner" on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River. Tickets: \$15.00 and are available by phoning 902-562-4145. This year money raised is in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

### **Advance Notices**

**Next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

### **Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-Up Ceremony**

During our Christmas Hymn Sing, we will be including a Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. Those interested may make a donation in memory of the person or persons they wish to be remembered. The name will be placed on a tag and that tag will be fastened to a Christmas tree type light. The names will be listed in the evening's bulletin and read at the service followed by the lights being turned on. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone, please mark the name/s to be remembered, the name of the donors as you wish it published, and your name and address or church envelope number on a plain envelope containing your donation. Place this on the offering plate or send it to the Church Secretary on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Session will meet in the Shaw Room at 7:30 pm.

A Very Special Christmas Concert for the whole family

Each year it's getting harder to find that special gift for the ones we love. Well this year we have your problem solved. On **Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines, we have a very special Christmas Concert happening. Bob Quinn will take the stage again this year with his all star cast of performers to make this your ultimate Christmas Concert. You will see some familiar faces as well as new faces. Our lineup includes Lucy MacNeil with daughters Kenna and Amelia, Stewart MacNeil, Bob and Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn, along with their daughter Kate Quinn and husband Matt MacIsaac. But wait that's not all. We also have Tony Quinn who is quite well known on the Northside area along with his daughter Shannon, plus Grant Eilsan and Mackenzie and Cameron Clarke. Tickets are \$28 and will be available in the next week at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, or you can call 902-736-2508 to reserve yours today. These tickets make a wonderful CHRISTMAS GIFT, so give the gift of Music to that someone special this year. Reserve or purchase your tickets early, Christmas is right around the corner.