

December 9th, 2018
2nd Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Richard MacAulay

Reader

Todd Gouthro

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 118 Hark! The glad sound

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 676)

Responsive Reading Luke 1:58-79 (p. 724)

Hymn #674 In the bulb there is a flower

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: The Candle of Peace
(Lighting Litany led by Peter MacDonald and David Butler
representing Bethel Choir. Thank you to the Choir 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.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope,
many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. 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 Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 830)

N.T. Epistle Lesson Luke 3:1-6

(p. 726)

Sermon

Preparing for the way

Our Response to God

Hymn # 126 On Jordan's bank

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering & Offertory

Anthem *Prepare the way of the Lord* Brad Croushorn

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 746 What a friend we have in Jesus

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 Kaye Gallivan and Linda Henderson.

This evening at 7:00 pm

Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial Light-Up Ceremony. The Sunday School have made and placed decorated balls on the Christmas Tree at the front of the Church in memory of Bill Sneddon. We are encouraging the children to come to the service tonight.

Nursery

Today: Vivian Morrison and Sara MacQueen

Next Sunday Susan Jessen and Heather MacQueen

Sunday School Shepherd

Charles Nicholson

Greeter at the North Door

Sandra MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Katherine Hardy

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Please pick up your Church offering envelopes for 2019 in the church lobby.

Church office will be open Tuesday instead of Monday this week.

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Mary Mader from Mary & Wayne Penny
- In memory of aunt Ruby Skinner from John, Jamie, Linda and Faith Helen Clarke

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Mary Mader from Iylah & Byron MacLeod
- In memory of Mary Mader from Geraldine MacLeod

Monday

6:30 pm CE Committee will meet.

Mission Moments - Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now

enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

PWS&D is making a difference for girls around the world

Tuesday

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

Wednesday Choir please note that choir practice is at 6:00.

Thursday

2:00 pm The John Geddie AMS will meet at the home of Susan Jessen. Group 2 will be in charge.

Advance Notice

Tickets are now available for this fabulous concert on **Friday, December 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. This year we have a great lineup for you with Bob and Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn with their daughter Kate and husband Matt McIsaac. Also, we have Stewart MacNeil, Lucy MacNeil & daughters Kenna and Amelia and Tony Quinn with his daughter Shannon. That's not all we also have Grant Eisan, MacKenzie and Cameron Clarke. So this is one concert you won't want to miss this Christmas. Tickets are \$28 and are available at Shoppers Drug Mart at the Post office desk, or at Sexton's Pharmasave at the Pharmacy counter or RESERVE YOURS by calling 902-736-2508. That's Friday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines.