

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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## Christmas Day 2011



### Our Mission

To send our people into the world  
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;  
to live as Christ would have us live,  
with love and justice as our goals.

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church**  
***The Sacrament of Holy Communion***  
***Christmas Day***  
***December 25, 2011***

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

PRELUDE: O come all ye faithful

arr. N. Rawsthorne

**We Gather**

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**We Approach Our God**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*We worship today with a joy that fills our hearts;*  
**The good news is that Christ is born.**

*We worship today with a longing that fills our lives;*  
**The good news is that Christ is born.**

*We worship today with a hope that heightens our expectations;*

**The good news is that Christ is born.**

*We worship today with a love that transcends all time;*

**The good news is that Christ is born.**

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING:

*Christ is born!* **Come let us worship Him!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **74**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

**O God of Christmas, and all our days,  
we gather as your people  
to celebrate the birth of Jesus.**

**We thank you for his birth  
and for his life as one of us.**

**May this worship  
fill us with joy and wonder,  
and may Christ be born again,  
in our hearts. Amen.**

\*HYMN: **76**

See amid the Winter's Snow

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

**Listen for God's Word**

SOLO: A Song for Christmas Morning  
(Soloist: Derek Morphy)

Text: Ian McDonald  
Music: Derek Morphy

The morning light is gentle, there are shadows on the snow.  
Most gifts are open by the tree; only two or three to go.  
We're tired and excited because in ev'ry eye we see  
We keep unwrapping all the love of God gives our family.

While morning skies sing lullabies to the Child of Heav'n, the Child  
of earth,  
Ev'ry home becomes a manger cradle for Christ's new birth.  
Stars will form and shine forever in ev'ry home where Christ is born  
Wherever peace and gentle kindness have fresh hearts to change  
and warm!

Peace to all this Christmas Day in ev'ry heart may Christ be guest.  
May ev'ry family and ev'ry home with love and joy be blest.  
Stars will form and shine forever in ev'ry home where Christ is born  
Wherever peace and gentle kindness have fresh hearts to change  
and warm!

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 52:7-10 O.T. pg.683

read by Martha Graham

MESSAGE: Carols and Gifts

- # 64 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 4)
- # 38 Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1 & 2)
- # 75 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (verses 2 & 6)
- # 60 O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 & 5)
- # 67 Silent Night, Holy Night (verses 1 & 4)

### **We Make Our Response**

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: At the cradle

E. Grieg

\*DOXOLOGY: **353** (see page 7 of bulletin)

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem,*  
**be born in us today.**

A PARAPHRASE OF THE PRAYER OF JESUS (VU916)

### Communion

PASSING THE PEACE

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

*Blessed are you, gracious God...  
and with angels and archangels  
who proclaim the holy birth.*

**Holy, holy, holy, our hearts adore you!**

**Our hearts are glad to say the words:  
you are the holy child of God  
born today.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison):

**We are filled with joy for we have heard good news  
of great joy. We are filled with love for we have seen  
and tasted the sign of God's great love. We are filled with  
hope, for the angels still sing in our world and still there is  
a star to follow. Joy, hope, and love-these are the gifts of**

**God for those whose hearts and minds are in Christ Jesus,  
Bethlehem Baby, Servant Lord.**

**We Go Forth**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **43**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO, TELL IT

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: **84** (verse 4)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

POSTLUDE: God rest ye merry, Gentlemen

arr. L. Webber

*The flowers in the sanctuary are to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Geoffrey C. Morrow from the family.*

*May the hope, love, peace and joy of the Christmas season be yours.  
May the Christ child bring these gifts to you and your family.  
Merry Christmas to you all.*

**Welcome to Worship**

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.

You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.



# Simple Gifts

An Appalachian Shaker Song

Joseph Brackett

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The chords used are F, Am, Gm, C7, and Bb.

'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free. 'Tis the  
gift to come down where we ought to be. And when we find our-selves in the  
place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.  
When true sim-pli-ci-ty is gained. To bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd. To  
turn, turn will be our de-light, Till by tur-ning, tur-ing we come round right.

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