

**St. Andrew's River Heights United Church**

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

**Christmas Eve**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**11:00pm**

\*Congregation please stand as you are able and join the **congregational responses, in bold print.** (Listening aids available in narthex. Large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

PRELUDE: Noel Nouvelet arr. L. Webber  
I saw three ships arr. D. Wood  
Infant Holy arr. D. Wood

CAROL: Love came down at Christmas Mark Sirett

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE:

*We wait.*

*We wait – not because we do not know the story of Jesus,  
and not because you are not already and always here.*

*We wait because to wait is to expect something more.*

*To wait is to expect that the story might enter our hearts and our world  
in new ways, to bring the change for which we long.*

(all candles are lit)

**In the stillness of this night, we sense the first stirrings of Christmas  
joy and know the wait will soon be over. Praise be!**

\*HYMN: **60** O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1-4) ADESTE FIDELES

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 O.T. pg.638 read by Tyler Craddock  
The Hope

CAROL: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came arr. John Leavitt

SECOND LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 N.T. pg.56 read by Elly Hoogterp-Hurst  
The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

\*HYMN: **64** O Little Town of Bethlehem ST LOUIS

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 N.T. pg.58 read by Bernard Boland  
The Birth in Bethlehem

CAROL: Mid-Winter Bob Chilcott

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-14 N.T. pg.58 read by Melinda Jubinville  
The Angels and the Shepherds

\*HYMN: **75** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks WINCHESTER OLD

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20 N.T. pg.58 read by Jon Gerrard  
The Shepherd's Worship

CAROL: Birthday Carol David Willcocks

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11 N.T. pg.2 read by Linda Montford  
The Gifts of the Magi

\*HYMN: **68** All Poor Ones and Humble OLWEN

SEVENTH LESSON: John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16-17 N.T. pg.91 read by Hartley Stinson  
The Word Made Flesh

CAROL: Wasn't that a mighty day Larry Shackley  
(Soloist: Jan van der Hooft)

MESSAGE: "God Is With Us In This Mess!"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY CAROL: Christmas Lullaby John Rutter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

\*HYMN: **59** Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CAROL: Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

(Soloists: "Good Christians, all rejoice": Susanne Reimer

Quartet: Bill Quinn, Linda Feasby, Heather Quinn, Art Zuke

"The First Noel": Heather Kozak, Jan van der Hooft, Fred Cross

"Now to the Lord sing praises": Bill Quinn, Heather Quinn, Heather Kozak

"Good Christians, all rejoice": Susanne Reimer)

BLESSING

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **67** Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

POSTLUDE

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

*Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Day Celebration and  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion at 10:30am as well as  
our New Year's Day Epiphany Service at 10:30am.*

*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.*

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