



**ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Est. 1837

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Community Compassion Celebration

*All are welcome. May we be comforted in the fellowship,
inspired in the worship, and refreshed to continue our faith journey.*

WORSHIP LEADER: rev. david berkers

Epiphany Sunday

January 3rd, 2015

Wise Men Still Seek Him

**means please stand if you are able*

Called to Worship

Pre-service Music
Prelude

Words of Welcome

Musical Introit

***Call to Worship**

L: Darkness is banished!

P: God's light has come to us!

L: The brightness of the Star leads us!

P: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!

L: Glory be to God in the Highest!

P: And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: "What Star Is This?"* **#170

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
The Lord's Prayer (*using Debt and Debtors*)

Celebration Bank / Children's Time "Word Gifts"

Hymn: "We Three Kings"* **#173

God's Word Proclaimed

L: Teach the king to judge with your righteousness, O God; share with him your own justice, so that he will rule over your people with justice and govern the oppressed with righteousness.

P: May the land enjoy prosperity; may it experience righteousness.

L: May the king judge the poor fairly; may he help the needy and defeat their oppressors.

P: May your people worship you as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon gives light,

for ages to come.

L: May the king be like rain on the fields, like showers falling on the land.

P: May righteousness flourish in his lifetime, and may prosperity last as long as the moon gives light.

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

**Hymn: "The People That In Darkness"*

#171

Scriptures

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 page 807

New Testament: Ephesians 3:1-12 pages 260-261

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 page

Sermon: *"Epiphany Gifts"*

Our Response to God's Word

Prayers of the People – And now in silence hear our prayers for situations near and dear to our hearts...

Offering

Response: *"Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"* **#79**

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old"* **#172 (vs1-4)

**The Commissioning and Benediction*

** Amen #780*

Postlude

Celebration Bank: Donations for the months January, February and March are going to the “Almost Home” program in Kingston. Their Mission is to provide a place of comfort and respite for families whose children are receiving medical treatment in Kingston area hospitals. Almost Home, a wheelchair accessible facility, is located in Kingston Ontario within easy walking distance of : Hotel Dieu Hospital and Kingston General Hospital. Daily accommodation for eleven families at Almost Home makes it easy for parents to maintain their bedside vigil. Children can frequently leave their hospital beds for a few hours to spend time with their families in a home-like setting. Children attending clinics have a place to go between appointments, or to stay overnight if necessary.

Dave Harvey of the Salvation Army invites all those from St. Andrew's who assisted in the **Christmas Kettle Campaign** to an appreciation get-together at the Legion on Jan. 13th at 6:00 p.m. RSVP Al Fitzhugh

Christmas Decorations: We will be removing the Christmas Decorations on Jan. 9th @9:30 am. Many hands make the work light.

Jesus Calling*

This is written as if Jesus Himself were speaking to you. Because He is. Do you hear Him calling?

John 16:33 I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to me. The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!

Refresh yourself in the Peace of my Presence. This Peace can be your portion at all times and in all circumstances. Learn to hide in the secret of My Presence, even as you carry out your duties in the world. I am both with you and within you. I go before you to open up the way, and I also walk alongside you. There could never be another companion as devoted as I am.

Because I am your constant Companion, there should be a lightness to your step that is observable to others. Do not be weighed down with problems and unresolved issues, for I am your burden-bearer. In the world you have trials and distress, but don't let them get you down. I have conquered the world and deprived it of power to harm you. In Me you may have confident Peace. (Sarah Young 2014)

*“The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the LORD
turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26