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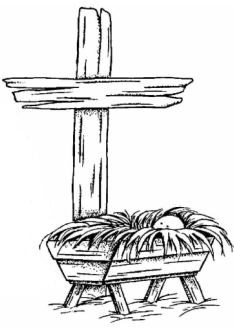


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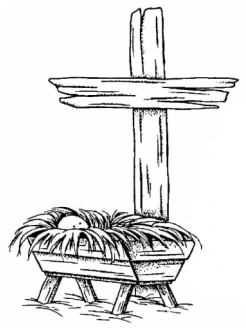
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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at revmichelledown@fsaunited.com or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand, if able.

"...no gold, no frankincense, no myrrh were greater gifts than hers who gave all that she had in celebration of his birth." Ann Weems

Music to Enter into God's Presence:

Selected Carol Arrangements for Organ
Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

One: We acknowledge the traditional Territory of the Attawandaron, Anishnaabeg and Wendat peoples. We give thanks for the tribes of the Iroquois, Huron and Chippewa of the Thames

All: **With thankfulness and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live in right relations with all.**

Lighting the Christ Candle and Memorial Candles:

Call to Worship:

All: **Tonight the old year ends,**

One: and we turn the page on all that is past.

All: **Tomorrow a new year begins**

One: with all our hopes and dreams.

All: **Gather us up with all the generations who heard the angels sing.**

One: Gather us up with all who run to mangers to see, to sing and to rejoice.

All: **Let us worship God.**

***Hymn:** VU #71 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

JESOUS AHATONHIA

Opening Prayer:

God, to be honest, we'd rather hear the singing than the weeping, we'd rather feel the pleasure than the pain, we'd rather live in light than live in darkness, we'd rather live in sunshine than in rain, and yet the Child was birthed in Beth'lem's stable among the poorest outcasts of the land, and still the Child is born among, within us, inviting us to be a mid-wife's hands, to feed the hungry and release the captive, and work for peace and justice on the earth, then shall the angels sing again in heaven, the Child, the Prince of Peace, again is birthed. Amen.

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Scripture: Isaiah 61:12 - 62:3
Luke 2:22 - 40

Susan McKane

***Hymn:** Mary's Bairn

SERVANT SONG

1. O'er the hills comes winter creeping
silently on frosted feet,
while among the beasts in stable
Mary's bairn lies fast asleep.

2. O'ver the heathered hills come running
shepherds having left their sheep.
Come to see, as angels told them,
how Light dawned in darkness deep.

3. All our pain and all our sorrow,
all the hope for which we yearn,
promises of new tomorrows
gathered up in Mary's bairn.

4. Thus with holly and ivy
'round the sacred Tree we sing,
as with all the saints in heaven,
hail to Mary's bairn, our King.

David McKane

Message: Praise God!

Rev. Dr. David McKane

***Hymn:** VU #49 No Crowded Eastern Street

HERITAGE

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: He is Born!

D. Wagner

***Offertory Reponse:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** VU #48 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Benediction Response:**

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

E.L. Diemer

"...those who wait for God watch with their hearts and not with their eyes, listening, always listening for angel words." Ann Weems

THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. David McKane & Paul Merritt for their service today!



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: David & Marilyn Beach, Donna Fraleigh, Enid Merritt

Narthex Co-ordinator: Jane Daichendt & Pat Tripp

Coffee & Conversation: Jim & Jan Hendry, Heather Locking-Cusolito

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

Rev. Michelle Down Minister of Worship and Congregational Life

Rev. Dr David McKane Visitation Minister, Minister Emeritus

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