

**“A Community of Faith Inviting All to Real Life in Jesus”**

	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>
<b>Door Greeters</b>	<b>South Entrance</b> Charlotte Brown Pat Curry	<b>South Entrance</b> Libby Hemmons
	<b>North Entrance</b> Steve and Linda Avram	<b>North Entrance</b> James and Ameer Duncan, Hailee, and Harmony
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Dianna Martin Frank Statham	Jimmy Anderson Butch Maxwell
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Irma Anderson	Blake Dickens
<b>Sound Board</b>	Iain McIntyre	Iain McIntyre
<p>Our elders wear identifying blue name tags. If you have any questions, please ask any of them for assistance.</p>		
<p>Please call Gladys Johnston at 250.748.1746 or Sandra Kroek at 250.748.7907 with your prayer request for the Prayer Chain.</p>		

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2011**  
9:00 am & 10:30 am Services



– ADVENT Sermon Graphic by Aaron Alexander  
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Welcome to St. Andrew's. We are glad the Lord has led you here among us and warmly invite you to share in this time of worship and to join us in fellowship at Coffee Hour following both services.

A handicapped-accessible washroom is available at the rear of the Sanctuary, adjacent the Nursery. The men's and women's washrooms are located off the Lower Hall.

Nursery care for children from birth to two years is provided in the Church Nursery immediately behind the Sanctuary. Sunday School is offered to children from pre-school to grade 12 during the 10:30 am service.



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## 9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
~ Lorne and Rachael Peckett

Hymn 143 – Angels from the realms of glory

Scripture  
1 Peter 1:3–9 (p 1176)  
Luke 1:39–45 (p 991)  
Luke 24:12–32 (p 1025)

Sermon  
The opening  
~ Kerry McIntyre

Hymn 128 – See amid the winter's snow

Sharing of Our Praises and Concerns

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn 125 – Shepherds in the field abiding

### Benediction and Sung Response

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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## 10:30 AM SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
~ Dave and Barb Beddows

Songs of Praise  
Angels we have heard on high  
Hark the herald angels sing  
O little town of Bethlehem

Sharing of Praises

Children's Story  
Sharing Our Gifts and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

Scripture  
1 Peter 1:3–9 (p 1176)  
Luke 1:39–45 (p 991)  
Luke 24:12–32 (p 1025)

Sermon  
The opening  
~ Kerry McIntyre

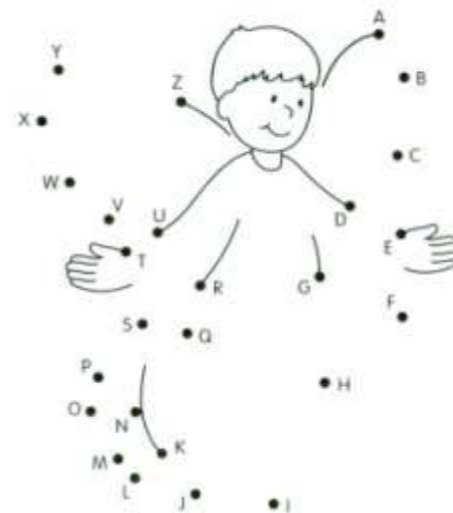
Songs of Praise  
O holy night  
What Child is this

### Benediction and Sung Response

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth  
Of Your Glory are full  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes in the  
Name of the Lord  
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## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Sunday School at Cairnsmore Place December 18

Parents are reminded to please  
sign the consent waiver form.

Contact Erica Sutfin or other  
Sunday School teacher.

## PRAYER AND CARE LIST

Some families and individuals in our church face ongoing challenges. Please pray for them.

### ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Colin and Eleanor Auld  
Joe and Hazel Ball  
Joan Burgess  
Tom Douglas  
Ernie & Donna Einarsson  
Letty Evans  
Jill and Graeme Lawrence  
Sharon Lind  
Bruce and Arlene McLean  
John and Annie Mae Miller  
David Mills  
Bill Muir  
Dian Tulip  
Judy Ward

### Ministries and Missions to pray for

*Sister Church in the Presbytery* –  
West Shore, Victoria; Harold McNabb

*Other Church in the Community* –  
The Oasis Church; Pastor Gerry Wall

*Presbyterian Mission Partners* –  
Flora House in Winnipeg and Evangel Hall  
in Toronto; downtown mission projects  
serving the poor and disenfranchised

*Para-Church Mission Partners* –  
Cariboo House Church; Webbers and  
Wyomingas

*St. Andrew's Ministries* –  
Pray for our Building Committee, and for  
God to reveal the timing for our next phase  
of construction

**Yellow cards** in the pew pockets are for prayer requests you wish to have the staff hold up in prayer during the week (place in the offering basket). Prayer partners are available to pray with you following both services. **Pink encouragement cards** are also available in the pew pockets.

### Sermon Notes

Printed copies of Pastor Kerry's sermons from previous weeks are available at both entrances, or visit [www.standrewsduncan.org](http://www.standrewsduncan.org) and click on [Sermons](#).

## FROM THE OFFICE

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday – 9 am to 4 pm  
(Closed 12–1 pm)

## ST. ANDREW'S FUNDRAISERS



**FundScrip** deadline is  
**Tuesday, January 3.**

Please fill out the white form (available at the mailbox table); submit with payment to the office.

**Peaks Coffee.** If you would like to order Peaks Coffee, please fill out the orange form (available at the mailbox table); submit with payment to the office by **Tuesday, January 3.**  
**Try some of the new blends!**

**Bottle Drive.** Remember to bring in pop cans, bottles, tetra-paks (*juice only; no milk or soy*), and juice containers on the **first Sunday of the month** to be recycled. Proceeds go towards reducing our Building Program debt.

## FUTURE DATES

- Dec. 18 Sunday School at Cairnsmore Place
- Dec. 18 Service at Cairnsmore Place, 2 pm
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services, 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm**
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service, 11 am**
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day Service, 10 am**
- Jan. 4 Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Jan. 4 & 5 Parent Child Mother Goose Program
- Jan. 6 Youth Group
- Jan. 10 Ladies Guild Meeting
- Jan. 17 Craft Group (not January 3)
- Jan. 26 Nifty Fifty Plus Luncheon
- Feb. 25 Ladies Guild Garage Sale (start gathering!)

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, Dec. 18 – Sunday, Dec. 25

(all events at the church unless stated otherwise)

- SUN** 9 am & 10:30 am Services  
10:30 am Sunday School at Cairnsmore  
2 pm Service at Cairnsmore Place
- MON** **Office Closed**  
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship GH
- TUES** 9 am Staff Prayers NY  
7:15 pm Choir SC
- WED** **10 am BULLETIN DEADLINE**
- THUR** 7 pm Praise Team Practice SC
- FRI** Youth Group resumes Friday, January 6  
(Contact: Blair Middlemiss, 250.732.5909)
- SAT** **6:30 pm & 8:30 pm Christmas Eve Services**
- SUN** **11 am Christmas Day Service**

### LEGEND

AG	Agapeland	LH	Lower Hall
GH	Gospel House	NY	Nursery
JW	Jacob's Well	SC	Sanctuary

Please check with the office to reserve space for meetings or events, or to make changes or cancellations. Note: Outside groups held onsite may not appear in the bulletin.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be **CLOSED**  
December 26–29, inclusive.

Deadline for Bulletin items is **10 am**  
Wednesday, December 28 via email; thanks.

The office will be **OPEN**  
Friday, December 30.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Sunday School at Cairnsmore Place.** Our children will be going to Cairnsmore Place today at second service. Parents, please ensure the consent waiver form is completed. Contact: Erica Sutfin.
2. **Shepherd Group Meeting.** This afternoon at 1 pm, there is a meeting of the Maple Bay and Quamichan Shepherd Groups at the home of Jim Lofstrand and Daphne Robinson, 6752 Considine Ave., Duncan; 250.746.7484.
3. **Offering Envelopes for 2012.** Boxes of the 2012 offering envelopes are in alphabetical order at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please pick up envelopes today. If your box is not available, please contact Barb Thorburn at 250.748.8898. If you do not need your envelopes, please return them to the office. Thank you.
4. **Finance Committee.** To meet our minimum obligations until the end of December, we are praying in faith that God will provide for our needs of \$7,200 per week. There are envelopes available at each entrance for a **Special Offering** towards the shortfall in the church operations budget. We ask that you give as the Lord leads and return envelopes today, **December 18**. The Lord bless you in your generosity and commitment.

Income amount needed to meet our minimum expenses to the end of December 2011 is \$7,219 per week	
November 6	\$8,184
November 13	\$7,069
November 20	\$5,980
November 27	\$4,340
December 4	\$14,954
December 11	\$8,127
December 18	_____
December 25	_____

5. **Deadline for 2011 Donations.** Please note that for Year End 2011, all monetary donations must be received in the Office by **4 pm on Wednesday, December 28, 2011**. Cheques may be postdated for December 31, 2011, if necessary. This will enable us to complete Year End in a timely manner. Thank you. – Heather Drake, Treasurer
6. **Notes from Session re Worship.** As noted in earlier bulletins, the Session was asked to consider moving to a single blended worship service for a season in the new year. A committee of elders together with representatives of Sunday School and music ministry met together, and along with some comments from the congregation at large, prepared a report and recommendations back to Session. Part of the rationale for a move to a single service grew out of concern that we need to strengthen the fabric and unity of our whole fellowship, and one perceived means to achieve that end was through the blessing of being together in worship. Another argument for such a move was to provide an opportunity for a Sunday morning adult education component.

While the group recognized the need for strengthening the sense of unity within the congregation, there was broad consensus that a move to a single service may well have more cost and challenge than advantage. Some of the perceived “negatives” included:

- difficulty to develop a workable and effective blended service
- reality that St. Andrew’s doesn’t have the “culture” of adult Sunday school
- challenge that such a move would be asking people to commit more of their Sunday morning to a combined Sunday School/worship event
- concern that in the combined format, we would need to reduce some of the elements of worship, and our unique sharing time in praises/prayers might be a casualty

After prayer and thoughtful discussion, the group brought several recommendations to Session, and after its time of prayer and reflection, Session is proposing that St. Andrew’s:

- experiment with a joint service for communion Sundays for the months of February and March with coffee and muffins available at 10 am, worship at 10:30, and a soup and bun luncheon to follow. (January 1, which is a communion Sunday, already has been set as a joint service at 10 am.)
- plan to have a single summertime service in July and August
- undertake more family-friendly fellowship events throughout the year, especially where non-attending family members and friends can be encouraged to come.
- invite some folks who regularly attend the 9 am service to “lend themselves” to second service for a season to help build up a sense of “critical mass” once again.
- plan for additional worship events (e.g., once a month Sunday evening praise and prayer service, a mid-week half-hour service at noon, a Vespers service, etc.)

Session will evaluate the experience of our shared worship on communion Sundays, after the February communion, and will be happy to receive feedback from the congregation. We would also invite any volunteers to assist with the luncheon for the first Sunday of February and March, and especially encourage volunteers to come forward with ideas and energy to host a mix of fellowship events and activities that would draw our congregation together and help folk get to know one another.

7. **Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar.** The Ladies Guild thanks everyone who supported this year’s Christmas Bazaar. The sales totalled \$1,929.36. – Charlotte Raketti

8. **Healing Care Prayer Group.** Healing Care Groups—our ministry of encouragement and support for spiritual, relational, and emotional healing—will be offered again from January 12 through May 3. The purpose of this ministry is to provide individuals a safe place to heal in a confidential, small group setting (4–5 participants); course runs for 16 weeks. If you are interested in this type of ministry, there are brochures with more information available in the lobby and in the church office. The fee for the curriculum notebook and supplemental books is \$90, with \$60 due before the group starts and the \$30 balance due after week seven. Contact: Kerry.
9. **Boundaries.** On Wednesday, January 18, Kerry will be offering the video course “Boundaries” once again. Cost is \$30, which includes the book, *Boundaries*, as well as the Workbook for the course. To register, contact the office. **Deadline to register is January 6** to give time to order resources.
10. **Ongoing Groups.**
  - Prayer Shawl.** Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 10:30 am in Jacob’s Well. Contact: Libby Hemmons, 250.746.6699. *Next meeting is January 4.*
  - Men’s Breakfast.** Saturdays at 7:30 am at The Haida-Way, Chemainus. Contact: Paul Wieringa, 250.748.5752. *Next meeting is January 7.*
  - Ladies Guild.** Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Lower Hall. Contact: Charlotte Raketti, 250.748.4968. *Next meeting is January 10.*
  - Craft Group.** Meets weekly on Tuesday (except the second Tuesday) at 9:30 am in the Lower Hall. Contact: Una Statham, 250.743.3665. *Next meeting is January 17.*
11. **Garage Sale – Start Gathering!** The Ladies Guild’s Garage Sale is February 25. Clean, serviceable items are needed; however, due to safety restrictions, child car seats or cribs cannot be accepted. More details to follow.