

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

December 24, 2020

Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman Music Director: Deborah Handley Pianist: Jacob Greenan



ZOOM INFO FOR REGULAR GATHERINGS:

These times and login credentials will remain the same until further notice, regardless of whether you receive an invitation.

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am.

Direct Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5410632113?pwd=eDhHL3ZUMkszc FArQzIyZ2lXbEExdz09

(Press control and click to follow the link.)

Meeting ID: 541 063 2113, Password: 839660

By phone: call 1 778 907 2071. After connecting, when asked enter the Meeting ID: 578 318 6702, and then when asked, enter the password: 839660.

Virtual Coffee Time: Thursday at 2PM or Bible Study Wednesday between 3:30 and 4:30.

Meeting ID 541 063 2113, Password: 123.

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Readings for December 27, 2020

Epehesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12.



Hymns and Music for December 27, 2020

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice", (verses 1 & 2) VU 35

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" VU 8

"Joseph's Song"

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" VU 58

"Angels We Have Heard on High", (v1 and chorus) VU 38

"Joy to the World", (v1 and 2) VU 59

"From a Distant Home", (verse 1) VU 89,

"The Welcome Carol"

"Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" (sing twice) MV 220

CONTACTING REV. TIM AND JEANETTE:

Please note the office is closed till January 8 due to COVID-19, and Rev. Tim and Jeanette will be working from home. Tim's office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 5. He can be reached on his cell phone at 1-778-791-3545, or email him at bowmantimothyr@gmail.com. Jeanette is also working from home and can be reached at 1-604-799-5375. This is a Chilliwack # or info@gladwinheightsunitedchurch.org. Please note the office is closed till January 8, due to Covid. Rev. Tim and Jeanette will be working from home and can still be

reached at the above information.



Mid-Fraser United Church Cluster Christmas Online Worship Services

We will be worshipping online on **Christmas Eve** at 7pm with live communion.

All are welcome to join us via Zoom.

Connection details remain unchanged from our Sunday morning worship and are available on your congregational webpage:

https://www.saintandrewsunited.church/news/zoom-worship-services-updated

or

https://www.gladwinheightsunitedchurch.org/news/zoom-worship-services-and-coffee-times-updated

Christmas Day Open House

Join us on Christmas day for our "open house" from 10am-3pm on Zoom, with various clergy and lay people monitoring the platform. From 11am-noon children are more than welcome to chat about their gifts and share stories. Noon till 1pm we will take requests for carol singing, and the other blocks of time will be filled with regular chatting and visiting, poems, readings, and other fireside conversation so that we don't feel so isolated on this special day. Please join us.

Christmas day open house Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83237304353?pwd=ckVSYnhKbXV3O G5yM08zYkl3Q2ZDZz09

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Readings for December 24, 2020

Luke 2:1-5 Luke 2:6-20 Matthew 2:7-12



Hymns and Music for December 24, 2020

"Hope is a Star" VU 7

"O Come all Ye Faithful" VU 60

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU 64

"Once in Royal David's City" VU 62

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain" VU 43

"What Child is This?" VU 74

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" VU 48

"The Lords Prayer" (Sung)

"In the Bleak Midwinter" VU 55

"Silent Night" VU 67

Prayer Cycles

Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region.

You are encouraged to name the community in your worship, to email a message indicating your prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus.

Dec. 27: Boundary

Jan 2:

St. David's By The Lake (SM)

Jan 9:

Vancouver Japanese (Japanese) (EM)

Jan 16:

Hartley Bay: Emmanuel (NM)

Jan 23:

Chemainus-Crofton

Jan 30:

Penticton



A little humor from Patricia Lockhart SAT 5PM SUN 8:30AM & 10:30AM Fairfax Co Pkwy

A Christmas Story

NOTE - A little observation from our friend Kate Jordan about last weeks story:

A family is where 4 pieces of pie will be divided so that all 5 members of the family have pie for dessert. And thus, equality is served, alongside the dessert.

Sharing a legacy of love

When my mother died at the age of eighty-four, my four sisters and I were heartbroken. How could we ever get over the loss of this warm and loving woman, a talented artist who enjoyed life in spite of its challenges and always doted on her husband, daughters and grandchildren?

For weeks after, my sisters and I would meet for dinner, laughing and crying over old memories. When it came time to sell the home my mother loved, we spent many days in disbelief, clearing out her belongings. I remembered reading an Ann Landers column years earlier that discussed how many siblings fight bitterly over the possessions left by their deceased parents. I thought, "How lucky we are that will never happen to us." Somehow, we easily and peacefully divided Mom's belongings—furniture, jewelry, and household items—among ourselves and a few charities. Although I expected there might be a tug of war over her paintings, that never happened. Pretty good considering there were five daughters and four grandchildren. No conflicts, squabbles or disputes at all. Until we discovered the old nativity set in a box in Mom's closet.

I remembered Mom telling the story of how she acquired the manger. An old friend who did carpentry work gave it to my mom and dad as a Christmas gift when they were first married. My sister, Eileen, however, remembers it differently. Mom told her she found the crèche in a garbage can

belonging to Mrs. Bingham, the elderly lady who lived across the street from us.

Unlike some of the ornate versions found in today's stores, this manger was crafted from dark wood and completely unadorned—just a roof, a floor and a railing surrounding it. Though beautifully crafted, there was one flaw: one side of the double gate in front was lopsided. Mom filled it with three figurines to start—Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. For many years after, she continued to add others—the Wise Men, shepherds, angels, and animals. As kids, we loved the annual rites of the Christmas season, especially taking the nativity set and decorations down from the attic and carefully putting them in place. When the sisters all married and grandchildren came along, they added new characters of their own to the stable, including a set of the three little pigs.

After Mom's death, when the nativity set emerged, no one was prepared for the battle that would follow. My sister Joanne was the first to claim the manger, insisting it was the only one of Mom's possessions that she really wanted. Her wish was granted. But when my niece Mandy found out, she called from her apartment in California to voice her objection. She was clearly emotional as she repeated a decades-old promise made to her by my mother: "Nanny promised me that I could have the nativity set when she was gone," she cried. "The nativity set belongs to me." Joanne felt strongly that as Mom's daughter, she had first dibs. Neither she nor Mandy would budge.

When the disagreement showed signs of becoming a full-blown family feud, we realized something had to be done. Enter the family arbitrator, my sister Eileen, who somehow saw through the fog. But as Mandy's mother and Joanne's sister, could Eileen handle this dilemma fairly? Temporarily, she set aside the emotion of the dispute, and thought logically. The nativity set was just a wooden stable, not an irreplaceable masterpiece of art. The beauty was in the eye of the beholders, the perception of two people who coveted a

simple item owned by someone they loved. Couldn't a copy be created? Of course! She would order the wood from the lumberyard and get someone to build a second manger.

The following day, Eileen went to Centre Millwork and stood in line behind several contractors ordering lumber from a young man with a crewcut. He was wearing a tag with his name, Brett, written in green magic marker. When Eileen's turn came, she had to shout over the sound of buzzing saws. She pointed to the nativity set in her arms and told him the story, explaining that it was causing a major rift between her sister Joanne and her daughter Mandy. Brett took the stable from her, held it up with one hand and laughed, "They're fighting over this?"

"Yes," Eileen explained. "I know it seems crazy, but it was my mother's and they both loved her very much. Is there any way you could measure and cut some wood so we could have a duplicate built?

Brett said, "Leave it here. I'll see what I can do." Eileen left, hoping he could come up with a minor miracle. That's what it would take to satisfy the two women in her life that were squabbling.

A few days later, she received a phone message saying that her order was ready. When Eileen arrived at the hardware store to pick up the wood, she couldn't believe what she saw — two identical stables sitting side by side. Brett had not only cut and measured the wood, he had built a second manger. "I know you wanted them to look the same, so I added a couple of dings and flaws that were in the original. Hope that's okay."

Sure enough, the new stable had the same lopsided front gate. "Okay?" Eileen said in tears. "You have no idea what this will mean to my sister and my daughter. To the entire family. I don't care what this costs. Your work has saved the day."

"That will be \$3.75 for the materials," Brett said. When Eileen insisted on paying him more, he said, "I didn't do it on company time. I built it at home so I won't charge you for the labor." He pointed to the new manger. "I hope this helps your family have a merrier Christmas."

Eileen left Brett with a large tip and a big hug of thanks. When she got home and called Joanne and Mandy about her creative solution, they were very happy and extremely relieved that the problem was resolved. One phone call later, Joanne and Mandy had agreed that Joanne would take possession of the new stable as well as some of the old figurines—including Mary, Joseph and the infant. Mandy would get to keep the original—just as Nanny promised.

-Kathy Melia Levine



	THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – an eclectic playlist taking us from Christmas Day to Epiphay			
DATE	TITLE	NOTES / LYRIC	URL	
Dec 25	For Unto Us a Child is Born Georg Frederick Handel	For unto us a Child is born, unto us, a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace! ISAIAH 9.6	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=r8mshjnAe3U&ab_channel=AcademyofAncientMus ic	
	Eit barn er født i Betlehem Traditional	A Boy is Born in Bethlehem! Allelujah! Allelujah! And joy is in Jerusalem, Allelujah! Allelujah! And there He lay in manger poor, Allelujah! Allelujah! Whose rein shall last for ever-more, Allelujah! Allelujah!	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=x8q1jAkIX1l&list=PL82F6E482CE6E9ABB&index=5& ab_channel=KaareK.Johnsen	
		The ass and ox and all the heard, Allelujah! Allelujah! Knew well that Boy to be the Lord! Allelujah! Allelujah!		
		And kings from out the East there were, Allelujah! Allelujah! With gold and frankincense and myrrh Allelujah! Allelujah!		
		He lived like us in form and dress, Allelujah! Allelujah! Without our taint of wickedness.		

		Allelujah! Allelujah! He came our souls to purify, Allelujah! Allelujah! and bring us safe to bliss on high Allelujah! Allelujah! Therefore let us with one accord, Allelujah! Allelujah! On this His Birthday praise the Lord!	
	In Dulci Jubilo	Allelujah! Allelujah! In sweet rejoicing, now sing and be glad! Our hearts' joy lies in the manger; And it shines like the sun in the mother's lap. You are the alpha and omega! In 2 voices by Michael Praetorius	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=br1zsCYZis4&ab_channel=IsaakEnsembleHeidelber g-Topic
		In 8 voices by Michael Praetorius	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=pHRFyYzOFNQ&ab_channel=QuireCleveland
		In 8 voices by the unrelated Hieronymus Praetorius	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2S1yn9fy- M&list=RDh2S1yn9fy- M&start_radio=1&ab_channel=SimoneLoCastro
		And, finally, arranged by Robert Pearsall	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=9mZqDFcA2C0&ab_channel=JohnRutter
	Christmas Blessing Philip Stopford		https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=MgO80UAH50Q&ab_channel=philipstopford
Dec 26	Good King Wenceslas	I don't know the performers or the production, but this is a lovely version of the carol. You all know the words, right? Here's some backstory about Wenceslas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFkefYRNx58&ab_channel=koutsakas99 .	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=RFkefYRNx58&ab channel=koutsakas99
	12 Days of Christmas	The 12 Days of Christmas started yesterday, but there was there was a lot of music for the 25 th . So today, have some eggnog, sit back and listen to this wonderfull arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas".	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F20Rc1F2PM
Dec 27	Chariots	O Shepherd O shepherd come leave off your piping	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=vXaoNTL2g5E&ab_channel=JohnKirkpatrick

also known as the Carol of	Come listen come learn come hear what I say	%2CRosieCross%2CGeorginaLeFaux
lliteration)	For now is the time that has long been forespoken	%2CMichaelGregory%2CJanTopic
	For now is the time there'll be new tunes to play	
ohn Kirkpatrick	For soon there comes one who brings a new music	
	Of sweetness and clarity none can compare	
	So open your heart for heavenly harmony	
	Here on this hill will be filling the air	
	Chorus:	
	With chariots of cherubim chanting	
	And seraphim singing hosanna	
	And a choir of archangels a-caroling come, Hallelujah Hallelu	
	All the angels a-trumpeting glory	
	In praise of the Prince of Peace	
	See on yon stable the starlight is shimmering	
	And glimmering and glistening and glowing with glee	
	In Bethlehem blest this baby of bliss will be	
	Born here before you as bold as can be	
	And you'll be the first to hear the new symphony	
	Songs full of gladness and glory and light	
	So learn your tunes well and play your pipes proudly	
	For the Prince of Paradise plays here tonight	
	Bring your sheep bleating to this happy meeting	
	To hear how the lamb with the lion shall lie	
	It's mooing and braying you'll hear the song saying	
	The humble and lowly will be the most high	
	Let the horn of the herdsman be heard up in heaven	
	For the gates are flung open for all who come near	
	And the simplest of souls shall sing to infinity	
	Lift up and listen and you shall hear	

	The warmonger's charger will thunder for freedom The gun-maker's furnace will dwindle and die And muskets and sabers and swords shall be sundered Surrendered to the sound that is sweeping the sky And the shoes of the mighty shall dance to new measures And the jackboots of generals shall jangle no more As sister and brother and father and mother Agree with each other the end to all war As a candle can conquer the demons of darkness As a flame can keep frost from the deepest of cold So a song can give hope in the depths of all danger	
	So sing your songs well and sing your songs sweetly And swear that your singing it never shall cease So the clatter of battle and drums of disaster	
What Child is This?	be drowned in the sound of the pipes of peace	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=yS_BJggXFGs&ab_channel=MarianDolan
Christ Child Lullaby / Taladh Chriosda	A carol from the Hebrides, first in English, then Gaelic.	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Jq1rLCTO904&ab_channel=CelticSojourn https://www.youtube.com/watch?
Boar's Head Carol	The boar's head in hand bear I, Bedeck'd with bays and rosemary. And I pray you, my masters, merry be Quot estis in convivio (As many as are in the	v=4C1fPnMYYm8&ab_channel=Heather %2CCookieAndRayleneRankin-Topic https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=oJpKnHG3u8A&ab_channel=TheChieftains-Topic
	feast) CHORUS: Caput apri defero (the boar's head I offer) Reddens laudes Domino (Giving praises to the Lord)	
	Grant Cochran, Arr. Christ Child Lullaby / Taladh Chriosda	The gun-maker's furnace will dwindle and die And muskets and sabers and swords shall be sundered Surrendered to the sound that is sweeping the sky And the shoes of the mighty shall dance to new measures And the jackboots of generals shall jangle no more As sister and brother and father and mother Agree with each other the end to all war As a candle can conquer the demons of darkness As a flame can keep frost from the deepest of cold So a song can give hope in the depths of all danger And a line of pure melody soar in your soul So sing your songs well and sing your songs sweetly And swear that your singing it never shall cease So the clatter of battle and drums of disaster Be drowned in the sound of the pipes of peace What Child is This? Grant Cochran, Arr. Christ Child Lullaby / Taladh Chriosda The boar's head in hand bear I, Bedeck'd with bays and rosemary. And I pray you, my masters, merry be Quot estis in convivio (As many as are in the feast) CHORUS: Caput apri defero (the boar's head I offer)

		Which thus bedeck'd with a gay garland Let us servire cantico. (Let us serve with a song) Our steward hath provided this In honour of the King of Bliss; Which, on this day to be served is In Reginensi atrio. (In the Queen's hall)	
Dec 31	Should Auld Acquaitance	Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne. And there's a hand, my trusty fiere, And gie's a hand o' thine, And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught For auld lang syne!	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=rld95N2teUc&ab channel=IronPyrite
Jan 01	Kalanta of the New Year / St. Basil's Hymn	A carol sung by Greek children on New Year's Day, continuously until they get paid. This is an arrangement for hammered dulcimer.	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=2yTqCfxbRfM&ab channel=hrpplayer
Jan 02	Beautiful Star of Bethlehem	Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shining afar through shadows dim Giving the light for those who long have gone Guiding the wise men on their way Unto the place where Jesus lay Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=8qYAUCyyoOc
		Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem Shine upon us until the glory dawns. Give us a light to guide the way Unto the land of perfect day Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on (shine on)	
		Oh Beautiful Star the hope of light Guiding the pilgrims through the night Over the mountains till the break of dawn Into the light of perfect day	

		It will give out a lovely ray Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on Oh Beautiful Star the hope of rest For the redeemed the good and blessed Yonder in glory when the crown is won Jesus is now the star divine Brighter and brighter he will shine Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.	
	Star of Wonder Terre Roche	Terre Roche says: "I encourage anyone who would like to sing "Star of Wonder" at Christmas time to do so. I consider myself to be the channel through which this little song came into the world. I don't "own" the song. Nobody does. It belongs to all of us! " Star of wonder in the heavens, wonder what you want of me, Should I follow you tonight, Star of wonder? I am just a lonely shepherd watching from a distant hill. Why do you appear to me? Star if wonder shining bright. In the morning they'll come looking for the shepherd on the hill. What would make her leave her flock for surely she mush love them still. Star of wonder in the heavens, are you just a shining star or should I follow you tonight? Star of wonder shining bright.	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=1ztf6prDhOs
Jan 03	Glow Eric Whitacre	Softly falls the winter snow, whispers to the sleeping world below: "Wintertide awakes," morning breaks and sets the earth aglow. In gentle tones of warmest white, Proclaim the glory of Auroroa's light. Sparrow wings in a clear clean voice, a sweet, silver carol for the season born. Radiant wings as the skies rejoice, Arise and illuminate the morn. Softly falls the winter snow, whispers to the sleeping world below: "Glow, like the softly falling snow."	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=3MwDDK3jodw&ab channel=BlueBass2
Jan 04	Apple Tree Wassail	To quote the Illustrated London News of 11 January 1851:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?

Stephen Hatfield, Arr.

"On Twelfth Eve, in Devonshire, it is customary for the farmer to leave his warm fireside, accompanied by a band of rustics, with guns, blunderbusses, etc., presenting an appearance which at other times would be somewhat alarming. Thus armed, the band proceed to an adjoining orchard, where is selected one of the most fruitful and aged of the apple trees, grouping round which they stand and offer up their invocations in the following doggerel rhyme: "Here's to thee/ Old apple tree!/ Whence thou mayst bud,/ And whence thou mayst blow,/ And whence thou mayst bear,/ Apples enow:/ Hats full,/ Caps full,/ Bushels,/ bushels, sacks full,/ And my pockets full, too!/ Huzza! huzza!" The cider-jug is then passed around, and with many a hearty shout, the party fire off their guns, charged with powder only, amidst the branches."

O lily-white lily, o lily-white pin,
Please to come down and let us come in!
Lily-white lily, o lily-white smock,
Please to come down and pull back the lock!

Chorus:

(It's) Our wassail jolly wassail!
Joy come to our jolly wassail!
How well they may bloom, how well they may bear
So we may have apples and cider next year.

O master and mistress, o are you within? Please to come down and pull back the pin

Chorus

There was an old farmer and he had an old cow, But how to milk her he didn't know how. He put his old cow down in his old barn. And a little more liquor won't do us no harm.

Harm me boys harm, harm me boys harm, A little more liquor won't do us no harm. v=5Alm52JV5Ho&ab_channel=MelissaMorg an

Jan 06	Die Könige / How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Peter Cornelius / J.S. Bach	Three kings journey from the East, A little star leads them to Jordan's banks, In Judaea the three of them seek and inquire Where the new-born king might be.	https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x32rgf 0
	Three Kings Healey Willan	"Who knocks tonight so late?" the weary porter said. Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head. The serving man bowed down, the Inn was full, he knew. Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you." A light in the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek. Said they, "This place is fit. Here is the rest we seek." They loosed their latchet strings, so stood they all unshod "Come in, come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God."	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=o56C4PeHIso&ab channel=Logan
Jan 05	Os Reis Do Caurel Galician traditional	Little heaps under the stairs. Hip hip hooray! It is the time of the coming of the light, time for the light to come, Snow on the mountain peaks, snow on the valley floor. From village to village go the Kings, to sing. Shining high are the stars, shining with a brilliant clear light, More brilliant is Jesus, baby God, in his manger. From village to village She does not see her face, only the face of her son. From village to village The Kings give their gifts with adoring hands, And return to their homes, riding with faces toward the sun. From village to village	https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=YjmCYX8y03M&list=OLAK5uy_k9OxxjM5_ w7_OZwW9fiBepuPwOoQ7MPWQ&index=1 5&ab_channel=SalomeSandovalMcNutt- Topic
		Chorus O the ringles and the jingles and the tenor of the song goes Merrily merrily. O the tenor of the song goes merrily. Spoken: Hatfuls, capfuls, three-bushel bagfuls,	

They wish to make offerings to the child:	
Gold, frankincense and myrrh.	
And brightly shines the light of the star.	
The three kings enter the stable,	
They gaze in rapture at the child,	
Bowing low in adoration,	
Gold, frankincense and myrrh	
They bring to the child as offering.	
O child of man! Follow them faithfully,	
The kings are journeying, O journey too!	
Let the star of love, the star of grace,	
Light your way as you seek the Lord,	
And if you lack frankincense, myrrh and gold,	
Give your heart to that sweet child!	