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Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Server & Crucifer: Michael Chine

Warden on Duty: Debra Zanon-Barclay

REIGN OF CHRIST

November 23, 2025 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP #451 'King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You'

The Gathering of the Community

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people, people of goodwill.

Verse 1:

We praise You, we bless You,

We adore You, we glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain (same as before)

Verse 2:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Refrain (same)

Verse 3:

For You, alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Refrain: (same) and add "Amen, amen."

Prayer of Transition

C: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St

George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

C: Almighty God, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning. Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ, end all enmity among the nations, and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom; through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Sue Simpson

O: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 46.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Colossians 1.11-20

Jim Stirling

O: A reading from Paul to the Colossians.

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while

joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
Here endth the reading.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: 'Ancient Words'

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope
in this world where'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #309 'Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet'

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Coralee Little

O: The Church Flowers today are given with Thanksgiving, Love, for the Glory of God, and His many blessings bestowed upon us. We especially thank the Lord for His gift of our loving family, for commitment, devotion and patience for a love that has warmed our homes; for the precious memories of Connie, a forever treasure" The Mohr and the McCoy families.

Loving God, you have assured us that the days are surely coming when your people will know peace, your people will know justice, your people will know righteousness.

Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith: The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us that a leader will come to rule with wisdom. We pray this day for those in particular need of justice, righteousness, and mercy.

We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside.

We pray for the home-less, the love-less, and the health-less.

We pray especially today for

We pray for leaders in governments, homes, communities, and schools, that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power; and declare with faith:

A: The Lord is our righteousness.

O: You have assured us of the salvation and safety of your people. We pray this day for those who only know violence: those whose countries have been torn apart by invasion, civil war, and private armies, those whose communities have been forgotten by all but the warlords and gangs, those whose homes are places of danger and fear rather than sanctuary and love.

May they declare with certitude:

A: The Lord is our righteousness.

O: God of all creation we pray this day for the reign of Jesus the Christ.
We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us;
that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence,
and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim:

A: The Lord is our righteousness. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God

A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: With gratitude, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering Hymn: 'You Are My King' (Amazing Love)

VERSE

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again. (repeat)

CHORUS

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honour You. (repeat)
In all I do I honour You.

BRIDGE

You are my King!
You are my King!
Jesus, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.

CHORUS

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes.

A: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

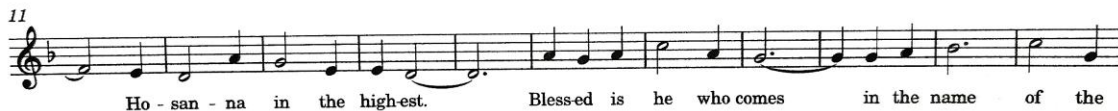
A: **We lift them to the Lord.**

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

C: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You exalted him as Lord of all creation
that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom:
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.
Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
And made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
A: we remember his death,

**we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

C: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

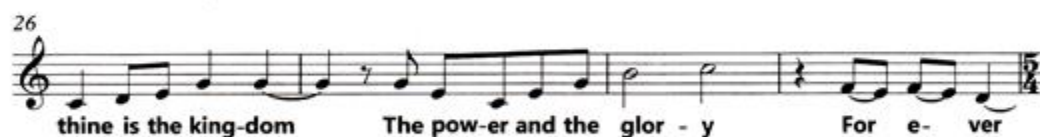
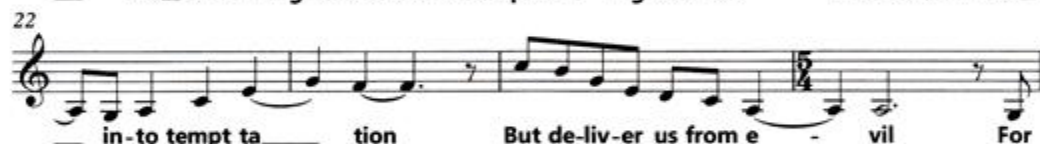
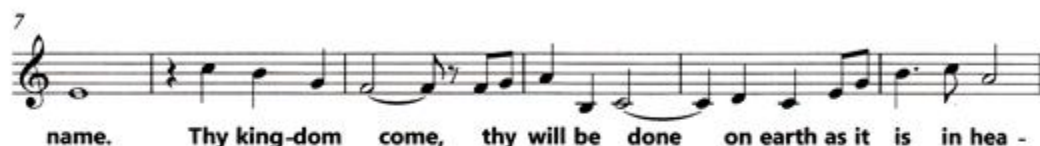
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

A: Amen

C: And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to pray:

An Anglican Lord's Prayer

John Ryrie

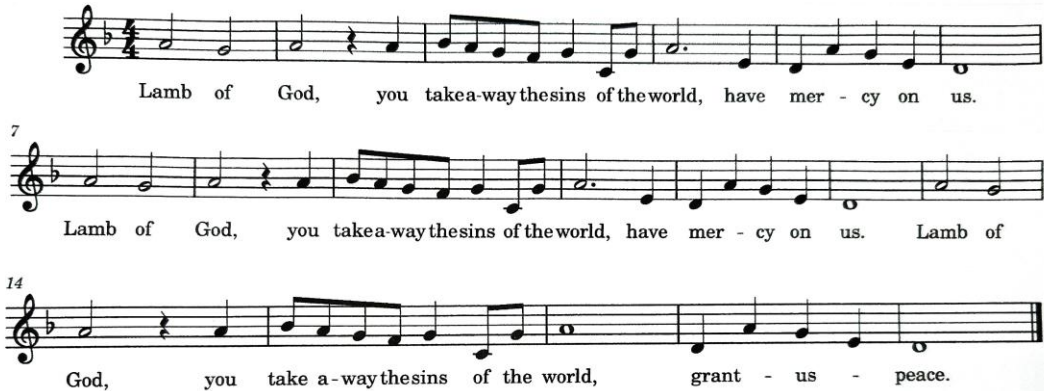


The Breaking of the Bread

C: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

A: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God



The Communion

Administrants: George Mudry, Catherine Carlson

Communion Music: 'How Great Is Our God'

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A: **Amen.**

C: Glory to God,

A: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing

C: And now may the holy triune God, the visible and invisible, guide your feet, strengthen your hands, and fortify your heart this day and evermore and May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give you peace

A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #380 'O Worship the King' (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

C: Be strong in the truth of God. Bear witness to the gospel. Persevere in the face of evil. Persist in your commitment to Christ. Live without fear. Love without reserve.

A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Dismissal:

C: Go out into the world in peace, declaring Christ the king and ruler over all creation. Go out into the world with courage, supporting the ways he gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace.

A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 31 10:00 62

Givings

On the plate \$1,870 Auto Debit: \$2,093

Sunday Smile

Get off the fence and under the Cross, it's much safer.

Advent Lesson Readers

The assigned Readers List for the four Sundays in Advent has now been placed in your mail folder in the Narthex. In addition, information on the need for volunteers to read lessons at our special Christmas services has been shared.

The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the Narthex. There have been a couple of changes to the master list of those able to read at our regular Sunday services so that updated list has been printed on the back of the assignment list for Advent. Questions?

Contact: Cheryl Fox @ 519-579-0684.

Office Hours

Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30 – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00

Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Markets

Ten Thousand Villages and Friends are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded, and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (Nov 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (Nov 27-29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster.

Upcoming Festive Soul Sauce Christmas Concerts ... TWO (!)

1 – at St. George's, Wed. December 10 - 7 pm

No cost – goodwill offerings gratefully accepted.

2 – The Jazz Room, Waterloo Wed. December 17 - 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6. Admission - \$20 at the door.

Lots of great Christmas carols and festive songs!

Big Box Cards

Big Box cards are available for purchase in the Narthex! Each box is \$20.00, with Holiday, Birthday, and Mixed varieties to choose from. Please give your money to one of the Wardens on Sunday.

“CELTIC CHRISTMAS” CONCERTS

The Addison Women’s Choir, directed by Dr. Laura Curtis, and the Cambridge Male Chorus, directed by Brenda Uchimarú, will present their annual **Christmas Concerts on Sat. Dec. 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Avenue Road Baptist Church, Cambridge, and on Sun. Dec. 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm at St. George’s of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener.** These are wheelchair accessible venues. Advance tickets are available from choir members for \$15 each and \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free. Donations (non-perishable food and/or cash) are also welcome. Come out and hear some great Christmas music! See Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672)(cuthben@gmail.com) for tickets. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS TREE SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yes, it is time to set-up the large Christmas tree in our Sanctuary! Volunteers are needed on Fri. Nov. 28 from 9 am to 11 am. Please contact Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672)(cuthben@gmail.com) if you can help. About 3-4 people are required. A separate team will decorate the tree the following Monday – they know who they are! Thanks very much!

Ladies’ lunch

Ladies’ lunch this month will be on Friday 28 November. We will meet at 12.30 at the Concordia Club. Please let Sue know by the 26 November so the restaurant will know how many of us to accommodate. suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com

SHARE THE WARMTH

Matthew 25:36 “ I was naked and you clothed me”.

This is what we did by all of your wonderful donations of Winter Outerwear to be distributed to those who can use them. We do this to follow the words of Jesus, to take care of others.

Many, many thanks for your contributions.

Your Outreach Committee

Congrats to the Winners

Congrats to Mike, Colette, Kim, Leanne and Kathy, the winners of the Christmas Market 2025 Lucky Duck Draw.

Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance - Sat Nov 29, 3:00 pm

If you would like to have a loved one included in this service, please, send the following to Pierrette in the office:

1. the name(s) of your loved one(s) (family or friend)
2. a picture (headshot)
3. a brief paragraph that will be read at the service.

All those attending the service are invited to bring a photo of loved ones who have entered their eternal home. Those photos will be placed on the altar before the service begins and lovingly removed at its conclusion. **Deadline: Tues Nov 25.** Please feel free to invite family and friends to attend.

Note: the service will be LiveStreamed. If you have any questions, please speak to Catherine Carlson.

QUESTIONNAIRE # 2 OF 2 HAS ARRIVED!

Thank you very much for completing and submitting the first Questionnaire over the last couple of weeks. Our Committee is summarizing the submissions now. Your Selection Team has created a specific “St. George’s” version for you entitled “Questionnaire #2” and it is available in the Narthex now! Please obtain one today, complete it at home, and return it to the Church (deposit it into the box in the Narthex) **on or before Sunday, December 7, 2025.** Your thoughtful input is valuable and required to best represent the needs of our Parish in the search for a new Rector. The results from both Questionnaires will be summarized and incorporated into our Parish Profile – a significant document which is sent to our Bishop in the next part of the Selection Process. If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you!

Nelson Cuthbert, Chair-St. George’s Selection Committee

December 15th – The Season of Advent

As we enter this season of Advent, we are pleased to be welcoming back the **Lieutenant Colonel Judson Bridgewater** who spoke to us several years ago. Padre Judson will bring to us his thoughts on “***Life in all its fulness: Prayer from Sea to Sea to Sea***” in relationship to the situations he faces and those he serves as a military Chaplain.

Mary Ann Millar

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep.

Here is the 2025-2026 Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542>

ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

A HUGE thank-you for your continued support for the St. Andrew's cupboard this year! With our help, they have been able to help so many families in need ❤️ Anything you are able to give is so appreciated! For the next few weeks, St. Andrews will be running a program they call "Fill the Sills". These are donations of small items that could be given as Christmas gifts. For example, anything that would fit in a stocking that a parent could give their child. Things like small cars; colouring books; crayons; playing cards; stuffed animals, etc. If it fits in a stocking, it is perfect!

THANK-YOU for your generosity ❤️

Heather Murphy
On Behalf of your
Outreach Committee

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.