

# **St. Andrew's Christian Church, Rockland**

Monday 11:00 pm, December 24, 2012

Minister of the Word: Rev. Brian Wilkie

Pastoral Visitor: Rev. Neil Baxter

Music Coordinator: Jacquie Hawken



## **Welcome**

## **Announcements**

**Hymn: Red 416** Silent Night

**Prayer of Approach:** A Confession for Christmas Eve (based on John 1:1-14)

Lord Jesus, This most holy of nights brings me Gladness, Grief, and Joy.

Gladness, Because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory

To come to a dark and cold world, To bring the light and warmth of your Kingdom to a world so in need of Your Love, Your Peace, Your Joy.

Grief, because you came into the world, yet the world did not receive You.

You came to Your own, and your own did not welcome you.

And still today, people turn away from you.

I turn away from you. Sin still scars your creation

And the hearts of your own people.

and Joy, Because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing

to all who acknowledge their need of you. Cleanse my heart tonight, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome you as I long to,

certain that I am also welcomed by You. Amen.

Rick Lindholtz

**Hymn: Red 427** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**Offering and Doxology (Red 55)**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Hymn: Red 390** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Gospel:** Luke 2:8–20 (page 725)

**Anthem:** The Gesu Bambino (Martens, Yon), Bill Hawken, soloist

**Message "The Peace of Salvation"**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

**Advent Reading:**

**Advent Song: A Candle is Burning** verse 5

**Celebration of Communion:**

**Invitation to communion with Christ**

**Apostles' Creed (page 312, Green Service Book)**

**Communion Prayers, Distribution**

**Hymn: Red 421** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Song:** Go now in Peace

**Benediction:** Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, now dismiss your servants in peace. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” (Lk 2:29–32)

**Threefold Amen**



### Advent Calendar

- ✚ Tuesday December 25, 11:00 am A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS. Come as you are, with a spirit of thanksgiving, for cake, coffee and carols!
- ✚ December 30, 10:00 am, Rev. Baxter Preaching.

*Our regular Weekly groups will recommence January 7*

Beginning January 1, please make your cheques payable to St. Andrew's Christian Church. Thank you for your assistance.

- “GOOD NEWS IN THE MORNING” CAN be heard Sundays @ 6:30 am on CFRA 580 AM and online at [www.GNCM.ca](http://www.GNCM.ca).

We gather together to be trained for God's service, so that, spurring one another on to love and good deeds, we can reach out to the communities around us with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ; for the Glory of God. Your participation, through committing your talents, time and treasure to God, is a priceless, gift.

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE:** Thank you, everyone for a great year in the body of Christ. I've been so encouraged by your dedication to the faith, and to the message of Christ. Everywhere I have seen evidence of deepening love and commitment, even in those circumstances that have been extremely difficult for some. As much as I share the desire to see the church budget grow, so that I could devote all my time to building up our mission in this community, my satisfaction and joy is in seeing each one of you becoming full-time in the service of Christ. All that we do is for His glory and praise, who was born to make us holy, and to save the world from sin.  
Thank you for a great year, Rev Brian Wilkie

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*St. Andrew's Church*  
*Christmas Eve Communion*  
Monday, December 24, 2012



*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

*Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*(John 1:1-5,14)*