



Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this **1st Sunday after Christmas**
Dec 27, 2020
Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" VU 36 X1

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP: Rejoice in God, who is our life. Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises. Come and worship God.

We are children of the Most High. God opens our eyes to see the light. We will praise God from the heights of heaven. We are here as heirs of God's promise to sing of God's glory and praising God's holy name as well as seeking wisdom.

CENTERING PRAYER/ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Faithful God, by whose Spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by that Spirit today. Unite our hearts and minds that the life of this church may be renewed and refocused. We bring our prayers to you, gracious God, seeing there is more to life than the ways we know. We are drawn to the Messiah, yet we shrink from following where faith leads. Thoughts of sacrifice and service are not so appealing to us. We think we know better than you, what is best for us. Forgive our arrogance that we may be your faithful people. Help us see the Christ, we pray in Jesus name. Amen

ASSURANCE: Rejoice in God! Praise God's holy name! The robes of righteousness are not a heavy burden but offer freedom you have not felt before. They were made to fit you, a new creation, in the hands of a loving God. Halleluiah!

SPARK: What did we expect once we decided to follow Jesus? What is expected of us?

HYMN: " 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" VU 71 X4

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE: “Self-understanding, Jesus’ and our own.

HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God” VU 236 X2

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERING PRAYER: With joyous praise, we return a portion of all that has been given to us, Loving God. You have asked us to care for others and our world. What we offer now, our time and talents, is a beginning as we ponder your amazing grace, in offering the child Jesus to bring us back to you. Praise be to you, O God. Amen

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: “Joy to the World” VU 59 X4

BLESSING

GO NOW IN PEACE VU 964 X3