



December 21, 2020



Merry Christmas from the Staff at St Andrew's

"I think there must be something wrong with me, Linus. Christmas is coming, but I'm not happy. I don't feel the way I'm supposed to feel."- Charlie Brown

By the afternoon of December 24th, you will have received an email with links to both our Christmas Eve service and also an offering of music and scripture to help you worship on December 27th.

We know that this Christmas will be very different and that there will be some grief around the sacrifices we will all make to help keep one another safe. However, the staff at St. Andrew's have felt blessed to create service videos that will hopefully bring some of the joy and wonder of Christmas at St. Andrew's to you all.

We are always excited to feature our beloved pipe organ but also harpist McKenna Jennings who we filmed at St. Andrew's. Our Christmas carol feature for December 27th includes violin music from Serena Jack and Cleo Yong. It is our hope that the music, messages and scripture will help us all to experience Christmas with the hope and confidence of Charles Schultz's Linus who, before quoting the nativity story from Luke said, "Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about."

Offices Closed

Rev. Mitch, Christine and Whitney will all be away from their home offices from December 24th to January 4th. In order to allow for a rest, we have produced a video of carols for December 27th and there is no service provided by St. Andrew's for January 3rd. You might watch a service from <u>CVPC</u> or <u>Trinity Presbyterian</u> (Trinity will be preached vacant that day). You could choose a service as far away as <u>Edinburgh</u> or the <u>Washington National Cathedral</u>. You could also choose a previous St. Andrew's service from our <u>YouTube channel</u>. If you have any pastoral concerns during that week, please contact an elder or the clerk of session.

Online Nativity Display with Rev. Jenn Geddes

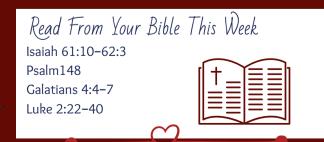
Many of you will remember Rev. Geddes who used to serve as assistant minister at St. Andrew's. You may or may not know about the wonderful annual Nativity she helps to organize at Comox Valley Presbyterian.

This year their big event went virtual which means that it may be enjoyed by people from anywhere.

Click here to see the playlist on their Youtube Channel









Remember to send contributions to The Link by January 3rd!

