

PATERSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

120 S. Russell St. Sarnia, ON N7T 3L1



To all who are young and need counsel,
To all who are strong and need a task,
To all who are weary and need companionship,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are sinful and need a Saviour,
This church opens its doors
And in the name of Christ our Lord says
“Welcome!”

Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship – Dec. 17, 2017

*Please stand as you are able where this symbol appears

Our Approach to God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Maranatha, Lord Messiah (choir)

Call to Worship:

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*Hymn # 153

Joy to the world

Prayer

Calling on God

Praising God

Asking God's forgiveness

The Lord's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pass the peace

Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of God, saying...

- **The peace of Christ be with you...**
- **And also with you.**

Family Message

The Word of God

Old Testament

Psalm 126

God has done great things for us (see pp)

New Testament

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NLT)

M: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn # 124

People in darkness

Sermon

*Hymn # 126

On Jordan's Bank

Presenting our gifts

Ministry of Music

Awake! Awake! And greet the new morn

Offertory

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what can I give him – give him my heart.

Prayer of thanks and request

*Hymn

Sing a new song

Blessing

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Hallelujah hallelujah,

We're going to see the king

No more cryin there, we are going to see the king

No more cryin there, we are going to see the king

No more cryin there, we are going to see the king

Hallelujah hallelujah,

We're going to see the king

No more dying there, we are going to see the King

No more dying there, we are going to see the King

No more dying there, we are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah,

We're going to see the king

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Postlude

Announcements

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Day	Date	Time	Event
Wednesday	Dec. 20	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Thursday	Dec. 21	6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Immediately after the Service the Christian Education Committee invites you to join them for Lunch to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed mittons, hats and scarves to our mitton tree. 190 pieces were collected and distributed. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the children of our community.

Christmas events and services at Paterson:

This afternoon, December 17 - 4:00 pm, - multi church Blue Christmas service;

a service for those who have experienced loss and are seeking to find peace and hope at this time of year.

Christmas eve - 10:30 am - all ages pageant service

Christmas eve 7:00 pm - candlelight carol service

We celebrate the coming of our Lord!

A PCC Mission Moment:

Equipping and nurturing future church leaders

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* equip and nurture future church leaders who in turn will equip and nurture others to witness faithfully in the world. In 2017, 18 students graduated from our three theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, The Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. These colleges provide a strong academic and practical foundation to prepare students to serve our congregations. The PCC supports ministry candidates and their presbyteries as they work to discern the candidate's call. In 2017, 16 candidates attended the PCC's Guidance Conference, which helps participants recognize their abilities, strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan of growth as they move forward. Together, we also encourage and support new clergy who have just begun their ministries.



Presbyterians Sharing supports visionary church leaders