

# 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. 31, 2017

\*Please stand as you are able where this symbol appears

#### Our Approach to God

#### Welcome & Announcements

##### Prelude

In a child (choir)

##### Call to Worship:

L: At the end of a year, we look back and give thanks;

**P: You are faithful, Lord. You have kept your promises.**

L: At the beginning of a year we look forward with hope;

**P: Surprise us Holy Spirit! Come and guide our steps.**

\*Hymn # 166

Once in Royal David's city

##### 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 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens (see pp)

### New Testament

Luke 2:22-40 (NLT)

M: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn # 161

What child is this?

### Sermon

\*Hymn # 151

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

### Presenting our gifts

### Ministry of Music

As a child

### 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 # 143

Infant holy, Infant lowly

### Blessing

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

### Postlude

## **Announcements**

Email: [patersonch@cogeco.net](mailto:patersonch@cogeco.net)

Website: <http://www.patersonchurch.ca/>

Please join us for refreshments immediately after  
the Service.

The Church Offices are closed Monday, Jan. 1.  
Your 2018 offering envelopes are in your mailbox.

**Happy New Year!**

## A PCC Mission Moment:

### Called into relationship

*Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Blair and Vivian Bertrand as they serve a three year term with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Blair supports leadership development through the Blantyre Synod's youth department, Zomba Theological College and the Theological Education by Extension program. Vivian's desire is to support the Synod's work



combating poverty. Blair feels called to this mission, and shares that “to be sent is to participate in the mission of God.” Vivian adds, “As Christians, we are called into relationship. My understanding of mission centers around the idea that we are all impoverished in our own way, and as humans living in this world, through the grace of God, we have something to offer our brothers and sisters.”

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