PATERSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church
is a Community that exists
to shine the light and love of Christ
in our neighbourhood
and wherever we go.**

Paterson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship – Dec. 23, 2018
*Please stand as you are able where this symbol appears

Our Approach to God

Prelude   **Mary, did you know?**   (choir)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: see power point on screen

*Hymn # 141   **Good Christians all rejoice**

**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

New Testament
Luke 1:26-45

Responsorial Canticle
Luke 1   **Lord, make us turn to you**   (see pp)

M: This is the word of the Lord;
P: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn # 161   **What child is this?**

New Testament
Revelation 21:22-22:7 (NLT)

M: This is the word of the Lord;
P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

*Hymn # 147   **Angels we have heard on high**

Presenting our gifts

Collection   **O Gentle God**

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 # 165   **O little town of Bethlehem**

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

Website**:** http://www.patersonchurch.ca/

Day	Date	Time	Event
Wednesday Thursday	Dec. 26 Dec. 27	& Jan 3	No Bible Study No Choir Practice

You are invited to join us for refreshments following the Service

Dec. 24 - You are invited to join us for our

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm

It is Well!

This fall Paterson and St. Giles churches began a project to build a solar powered well in Tanzania. We planned to raise $10 000 dollars doing events over this whole school year to bless people with clean water and see if two churches working together could b both successful and fun. We also thought that if this works, it could be a model for this kind of teamwork in the future.

Things haven't gone as planned.

Because of some amazing generosity, we've raised more than the full amount after just two events! Thank you, thank you, thank you and wow! The money has already been sent off, and will bless a whole community. Stay tuned for what God is calling us to next!

PCC Mission Moment:

Seeking Justice for All

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing,* The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. God calls us to name injustices, walk with vulnerable people and work with others for the common good. Over the years, Justice Ministries has prepared responses to overtures or motions adopted by General Assembly. These range from statements on genetics, health care, sanctuary for refugees, violence in computer games, the growing gap between rich and poor in Canada and, more recently, inclusion for Presbyterians who are members of the LGBTQI community, the opioids crisis and forced labour. Through Justice Ministries, our church walks with Indigenous peoples on the path towards healing and reconciliation, partners with ecumenical agencies, produces resources and leads workshops on vital justice issues. As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope.
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