



Sunday, December 1st, 2019—The First Sunday in Advent—Hope

Prelude

Gathering Chorus "Light Of The World"

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Confession & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #114 "Emmanuel"

Lighting of Advent Candle of Hope - John, Katie, Abby, Elijah, Caleb, Asher, Esther, and Anna Stouffer.

Advent Candle Song "A Candle Is Burning"

Children's Time

Song of Praise "There's A Song Of Hope In My Heart"

Scripture led by Linda Campbell
Isaiah 40:28-31 (p.1121)
Romans 8:18-24 (p.1757)

Message: "Christmas Hope" Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson

Hymn #119 "Hope Is A Star"

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Offering Music "Christmas Grace" (Schram);
Worship Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #144 "Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime"

Benediction and Choral Amen

Closing Chorus "May The God Of Hope"

Events and Activities

Week of December 1st – December 7th

Sun. Dec. 1st – Food Bank Sunday – donations of apple juice, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal and school snacks are appreciated.

Mon. Dec. 2nd – Mission & Outreach Committee meets, 7pm, Lower Hall

Wed. Dec. 4th – Men's Coffee & Conversation will not meet today. Next gathering will be January 8, 2020.

Thurs. Dec. 5th – Treasure Time for Tots, 9:15am, Library, stories begin at 9:30am.

Thurs. Dec. 5th – First Pres Quilters, 9:30am, Lower Hall

Fri. Dec. 6th – V.O.I.C.E. and Impact youth groups meet in the Lower Hall at 7pm.

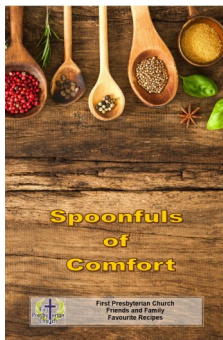
Upcoming Events

Sun. Dec. 8th, 15th & 22nd & 29th – One Service at 10:45am

Sun. Dec. 15th – Children's Christmas Pageant 10:45am

Tues. Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 5pm, 7pm & 9pm.

Save the Date! VBC 2020 – July 20-24



"Spoonfuls of Comfort" Recipe Books are available to purchase in the Welcome Centre today and in the church office weekdays. Thank you one and all for your contributions and support. Cost is \$10.00. Proceeds of Sales to go to "**Collingwood Out of the Cold**" Program.

Music Ministry

Cherubs Choir [ages SK – Gr. 5] practices resume Thursday January 9th, 6:10-6:45 Contact: Angela Girdwood agirdwood@scdsb.on.ca

The **Worship Choir** no practice this week. Next practice is December 19th 7:00 – 8:00 pm Contact: Kimberley -karg@rogers.com



Christmas Story tickets available to the congregation TODAY after both services and to the public weekdays from the church office.

Presentations are on Wed. Dec. 4 at 7pm (Seniors); Sun. Dec. 8 at 3pm & 7pm; Mon. Tues. Wed. Dec. 9,


Many thanks to Larry Law and The Living Water Resort for his generous donation to our Christmas Community Supper on Tuesday.

We had a wonderful time - over 100 diners and many volunteers. Thanks to all of you as well!

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer Requests: the Caron family, Hanna Lester, Peggy Raeburn-Bell

If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit during the Christmas season, please Contact Catherine, Brown, Director of Pastoral Care at 705-445-6941 or cjbrown1@rogers.com



Presents

The First Christmas Story

2019

"Somewhere In Your Silent Night"

The Nativity Story recounted through music and drama

Wednesday, December 4th 7:00pm (seniors)
 Sunday, December 8th 3:00pm & 7:00pm
 Monday, December 9th 7:00pm
 Tuesday, December 10th 7:00pm
 Wednesday, December 11th 7:00pm
 (nursery provided at the Sunday afternoon presentation)

Tickets at First Presbyterian Church beginning November 25th
 200 Maple Street
 Collingwood, ON
 Phone: 705-445-4651
 www.firstprescollingwood.com

TICKETS ARE FREE BUT REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION
 (a free-will offering will be taken)

Book Buzz: Tim Huff's **It's Hard Not to Stare: Helping Children Understand Disabilities** encourages kids to look through the lens of compassion & understanding, not judgment or fear + excellent discussion guide for parents .



We continue to practice for our Christmas Pageant: at both services. Please note our dress rehearsal is Sat. Dec. 14 at 9:30am.

The children continue to contribute to the school **breakfast program** with their weekly offering. We encourage the children to bring an offering to donate to this worthwhile project.



COME CAROLING!

Fab-YULE-ous Family Carolling
 Saturday December 21st
 6:00 – 8:00pm
 Bring your family out for an all-ages evening of Christmas Joy.
 More details to follow.
 All are welcome!

Christmas Basket contributions will be accepted under the Christmas Tree in the Lower Hall. Knitted items such as hats, scarves & mitts are appreciated.




Monday could be your last chance to join the First Church Mission to stateless Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic. **May 19 - 26, 2020.** Approx. \$1650 plus insurance including flight, accommodation, food, and local transportation. There will be a meeting for all those interested Monday Dec. 2 at 7.00pm in the Lower Hall. Contact Nancy Ostertag (ostertag15@yahoo.ca) or Frank Tilley (franktilley44@gmail.com) If you cannot join us please pray for this mission. There are only a very limited number of places available.

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