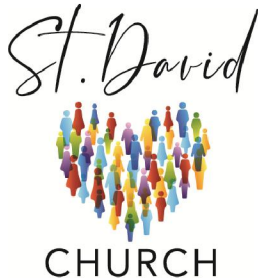


NEWS AND EVENTS

MON NOV 30 Quilting – 9:30 am to noon
TUE DEC 01 Staff Meeting – 9:30 am
WED DEC 02 Devotions via zoom – 10 am
Executive Meeting – 11:30 am
Renewal Team Meeting – 6:30 pm
THU DEC 03 Advent 2 – we wait in Peace for the coming of the Messiah
Communion Service – 7 pm
SUN DEC 06 Advent 2 – we wait in Peace for the coming of the Messiah

THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER – ADVENT CONSPIRACY

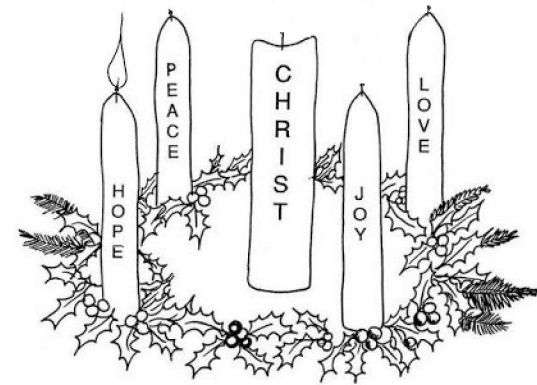
Give the gift of clean water to an Indigenous community in Canada by giving a living Christmas gift to a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or to the glory of God. Gift cards are available on the table next to the offering plate. We can also email the card template for you to print at home. And, for those who have a bulletin delivered, we can also include a card. If you need a card or cards sent to you, please phone the church and leave a message with your name, email address (or home address) and the number of cards you need. Your donation can be included in your envelope or e-transfer, designated PWRDF – Water Project. Unfortunately, due to our COVID restrictions for in-person worship, we are unable to have water droplets to hang on our tree this year.



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SEASON OF ADVENT

ADVENT 1 - HOPE



November 29, 2020

May you find peace and comfort in this place.

*Let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord rejoice*

Psalm 105:3.

*Journeying together to grow in faith
and serve God's world.*

Incumbent:
Honourary Assistant:
Youth & Child Ministry Coordinator:
Music Director:

Pastor Lori Pilatzke
Rev. Diane Fryer
Nancy Hannah
Brent Mayhew

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

GATHERING

Presider: God of time and God of eternity.

People: For you we wait.

Presider: God of outer space and God closer than we can imagine.

People: For you we wait.

Presider: God of the roaring noise of the world and God of silence

People: For you we wait.

Presider: In our homes, classrooms, factories, offices and fields

People: For you we wait.

Presider: In this place and in this time

People: For you we wait.

Hymn 114 (blue) Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ....you all

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider: We light one candle for hope. Because the world is broken and the wait is long, but hope just won't let go. Hope holds space for all our longings; lingers on the edge of harsh reality like the dawn gently awakening the sky. "Keep awake," she whispers, "for the world is being made new."

People: So we light one candle, because it only takes one Christ with us. Amen.

Hymn 7 (vu) Hope is a Star

PRAYER OF THE DAY

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

ISAIAH 64: 1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account – to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps 80:7)

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

MARK 13: 24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward in the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

READINGS

Sunday Nov 29/20

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Sunday Dec 06/20

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

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Virtual Holy Communion - did we ever imagine?

When we returned to 'in person' worship in September, we just did what we've always done. We gathered to celebrate the holy meal together, physically distanced, with masks, sanitizing, one element only, and not even the real bread, but together. And honestly, I had no 'past experience' to draw from regarding virtual, home communion.

In the olden days, pre-pandemic, we understood the importance of the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The elements, the bread and wine, are consecrated (made holy), we come to the table to receive the body and blood of Christ. When folks were unable to join in, our communion ministers and I would take to our sick and those home bound.

During this pandemic, less movement, home bubbles and Amber stage prevent me from doing in home visits. So I've invited folks watching from home to bring their own bread and wine as they watched our taped services. After the Eucharistic Prayer I would say, to those at home ... take and eat, the body of Christ, broken in love for you. It didn't occur to me to have a theological reflection about virtual Eucharist. Until I was asked!

I was invited into this reflection work when someone said they didn't feel comfortable with just putting out their own bread and wine for me to bless virtually. So I did up a container of communion bread, already consecrated, for them to have at home. And when they reported they hadn't had communion since March and what a gift this was - I was sad and elated!!

The sadness that it's taken me this long to figure this out and of course, celebrating because we figured out an easy solution. Each of us comes to the Lord's Table with an understanding of this ritual and how it has its greatest impact on our souls. Whether we commune in person, via on-line, or by ourselves in one holy moment, the Holy Spirit is with us.

We are not alone. We worship a God who is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omnipotent ... we are covered by God's grace.

Please let me know if you'd like a home communion kit, we can make that happen!

A blessed Advent ...
Pastor Lori +

STORY

Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9

Acclamation Hymn 247 (red) Come Now O Prince of Peace
Vs 1

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according Mark

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 13: 24-37

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Acclamation Hymn 247 (red) Come Now O Prince of Peace
Vs 2

RESPONDING

Homily: Pastor Lori

Hymn of the Day 244 (red) Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit
whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast
love endures forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that
we have not lived as God desires. [pause]
Loving and forgiving God,

**People: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In
spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger; we have
not loved our neighbour; we have not been
Christ to one another. Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us
each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Presider: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's
endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are
free – free from all that holds you back and free to
live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be
strengthened in God's love, † comforted by Christ's
peace, and accompanied with the power of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE: We pray in hope to you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Hymn 253 (red): He Came Down

Leader: Prayer over the Gifts

BLESS AND BREAK

Presider: We thank You, Lord God,

People: For breaking into our world, our lives and our experience.

Presider: We thank You, O Christ,

People: For this meal of remembering, and the stories of love and grace that it tells.

Presider: We thank You, O Spirit,

People: For Your Presence and Your challenge for us to become agents of God's compassion.

Presider: In this moment of worship we embrace Your presence again, O God.

People: And we offer You our love.

Presider: In this moment of prayer we proclaim again Your dream for the world, O Saviour,

People: And we offer You our resources.

Presider: In this moment of giving we hear Your people again, O Lord,

People: And we offer You ourselves.

Presider: Use us – People that we have and People that we are to touch the world with the message of Advent:

People: God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us.

Presider: So we remember Jesus' birth.....

So we eat, and we drink, and we remember:

People: With hope and joy in the new life which comes here and now in God's kingdom.

Presider: God of Grace, come to us.....a single, unified body.

People: Amen

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, let us pray saying:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING

Presider: Come now with hope to Emmanuel's table.

People: Let us feast at the banquet of hope.

Presider: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests. The gifts of God for the whole people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 438 (red) My Lord What a Morning

Presider: Prayer after Communion

People: Amen. Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

NEWS AND EVENTS

SENDING

Hymn 89 (blue) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs1,2,5)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Presider: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presider: Be safe, love one another, and have a holy Sabbath. See you next week.