# **ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK CHRIST CHURCH**

SAINT LUKE'S



# Third Sunday of Advent

**December 12, 2021** 



# Service of Morning Prayer

**Book of Alternative Services** 

The service will be livestreamed to our Parish Facebook page and available later on:







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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

#### Welcome!

#### The service begins on page 45 BAS

**Hymn 527:** *How Firm a Foundation* (Tune St. Denio 393) (You may sing wearing a mask.)

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

# Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle 3 – Joy

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9.2)

On this third Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of joy. (Candle is lit.)

When Christ comes into our lives, He brings the fullness of joy. He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness. (Isaiah 61.3)

When Jesus was born, the angels said that His coming was good news of great joy for all people. (Luke 2.10)

Because Christ has come to us, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord. Praise to His name!

# Hymn 154: Joy to the World (1st & 2nd verse)

(You may sing wearing a mask.)

1. Joy to the world the Lord is come.

Let earth receive the King,

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
 Let us glad songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

## Blessing of Mitten Tree Christmas Gifts for Children

# **Scripture Sentence:**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1.* 

#### The Penitential Rite

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Confession & Absolution	p. 46
Response #5 before and after the Jubilate Officiant: The Kingdom of God is at hand:	•
Response: O come, let us worship!	
Jubilate (together)	p. 49

#### The Proclamation of the Word

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 A Song of Joy

Canticle 3 (Printed below)

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence; \*and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing \*from the springs of salvation.

And on that day, you shall say, \*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples; \* see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippian's 4: 4-7 Instructions

**Gradual: Emmanuel** (You may sing wearing a mask.)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel. Repeat.

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Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18 The Preaching of John The Baptist

Sermon: Consider it Pure Joy!

Instrumental: Emmanuel

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed p. 52

Offertory Hymn #108: Hark, a Herald Voice (Tune Stuttgart 88) (You may sing wearing a mask.)

**Prayer over the Gifts** (Offering plates remain at the back). God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Prayers of the People, Litany #12 p. 119

Response: Lord Jesus, come soon.

The Collect of the Day together: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Lord's Prayer

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The Blessing

Hymn #318: Rejoice Today with One Accord (You may sing wearing a mask.)

### **Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia

**Welcome**: A hearty welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book.

**Note:** While we are under a State of Emergency, the offering plate remains at the back of the church.

**Special Prayers** are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Charles, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen and John, Deacon Rose Steeves, and Elta Doncaster.

# **Keeping Everyone Safe**

Under the provincial mandatory order, participants (age 12 up) are required to show proof of full vaccination (or medical exemption), Masks are mandatory. (except for those officiating). Singing while masked is permitted. Please read "Covid-19 Exposure Alert" on page 9 of this bulletin regarding an exposure on Dec. 5 at St. Luke's.

# Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Janis Richard
Organist: Sandra Culberson

Greeters: Nancy English & Ann Tait Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Janis Richard, Dot Love, Linda Porter Lamoreaux

# **Seeking Greeters for 2022**

Please contact Ruth at 328-4304 to volunteer to be a greeter January through December 2022.

# Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

**Happy Birthday** to Barry Scott (Scotty) Jr., Nathan Hall, Alyson Wetmore, and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

**Happy Wedding Anniversary** to anyone celebrating their special day!

## A Prayer based on Proverbs 9:11

Dear Lord, Your word says that through wisdom our days will be many. Thank You Lord for blessing us and thank You for the many years that have been added to each life! May those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week, choose to celebrate You as our heavenly Father, for it is because of You that they have made it this far. We adore You with all our heart, soul and mind, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **Diocesan Intercessions**

Each week we pray for those on the Anglican Prayer Cycle, located <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a> Dec. 12 The Anglican Church of Canada. Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the Council of General Synod. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, those retired from missionary service. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude, William and George, and their families.

#### **Memorial Christmas Tree Names Dec. 19**

The memorial names will be read at the 10:30 am service on Dec. 19. Copies of the letter with details are available at the back of the church.

# Salvation Army Christmas Kettle- Tues., Dec. 7

Thank you to the volunteers for **Tues..**, Dec. 14 - Jim Brown 10-12; Jon & Ann Tait 12-2; Malcolm & Jean Collicott 2-4; Colin & Jill Craig 4-6, at the Superstore. God bless you all for your faithful service!

# Cookie Sunday, Today - Dec. 12

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in this outreach to seniors and shut-ins this weekend! God bless you for your faithful service!

### **Mitten Tree**

Thank you to those who supported this ministry to children in need. The gifts will be blessed today in our service of Morning Prayer. If you are willing to deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army this week, please see Rev. Shirley. God bless you for your generous support!

#### **Financial Statement**

	2021	2020
Year to Date Cash in	\$138,601.63	\$125,546.70
Year to Date Cash out	151,608.72	130,444.99
Year to Date Excess (Deficit)	\$ (13,007.09)	\$ (4,898.29)
Cash Position at beginning of year	5,344.70	(9,253.01)
Add: 2020 YTD Excess (deficit)	(13,007.09)	(4,898.29)
Total Deficit at October 31, 2021	(7,662.39)	(14,151.30)
Less current year unpaid bills	(15,513.58)	(7,678.22)
Less prior year cfwd unpaid bills	(23,029.44)	(17,285.76)
Cash Position at October 31, 2021	7,851.19	(6,473.08)
Total unpaid bills	38,543.02	24,963.98

#### **ReFrame Missional Cohort**

Applications are now being received to be part of the new diocesan missional cohort (learning community), *ReFrame*. This is open to anyone (lay and ordained) who wants to explore what the future of the church might look like and wrestle with these timely questions. Spaces are limited, application deadline is Dec 23. To register, go to <a href="mailto:nb.anglican.ca/ReFrame">nb.anglican.ca/ReFrame</a>

## **Bulletin Board**

Sunday, Dec. 12 - Advent 3

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS) 2:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Hall)

**Cookie Sunday –** cookies to be delivered to shut ins and seniors from the homes of volunteers.

**Tues., Dec. 14 – Brownies** 6:15-7:45 pm St. Luke's Hall

Wed. Dec. 8 – Choir Practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm St. Luke's Church

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Advent 4

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Memorial Names read at St. Luke's Church

7:00 pm Lessons & Carols at Christ Church

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 am Family Eucharist at St. Luke's

8:30 pm Candlelight Service at Christ Church

Sunday, Dec. 26, 1st Sunday after Christmas

10:30 am Lessons & Carols, St. Luke's

**Note:** For all services and public events in our facilities, expect Covid-19 protocols. Proof of full vaccination or medical exemption is required for those age 12 years and up. Masks are mandatory.

### **Covid-19 Public Exposure Alert**

A notice was sent earlier this week to everyone on our parish email list, advising of a public exposure to Covid-19 on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at the 10:30 am Service of Confirmation at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Woodstock, NB.

Rest assured that our parish has been following the provincial Public Health Guidelines, asking for proof of full vaccination or medical exemption from all attendees age 12 years and older, and masks are mandatory. The individual who attended and since tested positive for Covid, is a child under age 12. This child has already received the first dose and is waiting for the second.

The Covid Resource line has advised the following.

- 1. We may notify our congregation.
- 2. Outside of immediate family, those who attended the service are not considered 'close contacts' of this individual and therefore there is no need to self-isolate.
- Continue with normal activities.
- 4. Practice safe public health measures, including wearing a mask, washing and sanitizing hands, etc.
- 5. Symptoms will begin to appear 5 days after contracting the virus. The Government website recommends monitoring for systems up to 14 days after exposure.

For further details, please go to the Government of New Brunswick website at <u>Public Exposure</u>, where you may scroll down to "what to do if not fully vaccinated", and "what to do if fully vaccinated".

Those who attended the Dec. 5 service are advised to self monitor, continue normal daily activities, follow safe health practices, including wearing a mask in public indoor spaces.

If you develop systems, please phone 811.

May God keep you safe and well, and may the peace of Christ dwell in you richly!