

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK
SAINT LUKE'S **CHRIST CHURCH**



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



Service of Holy Eucharist

Livestreamed Sunday morning and available on Facebook, YouTube & our Website in the evening.



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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!

We are currently under Level 2 of the Province of NB Winter Plan. Sadly, there is no congregational singing. There may be a soloist at 4 meters from congregation. Proof of vaccination or medical exemption for age 12 and up is required. We are to maintain contact tracing lists. Masks are mandatory. Physical distancing is in place, with 50 percent capacity to a maximum of 150. The offering plate remains at the back on the greeter's table. Thank you for your cooperation in following the protocols during this fluid and challenging time.

Order of Service **Book of Alternative Service p. 185**

Scripture Sentence: We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.
Matthew 2.2

Opening Hymn 101: Hail to the Lord's Anointed vs. 1 & 4

The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting **p. 185**

The Collect for Purity

Glory to God (said) **p. 186**

Collect together: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 *The Ingathering of the Dispersed*

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 p. 797

2nd Reading: Ephes. 3: 1-12 *Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles*

Hymn 160: As with Gladness Men of Old vs. 1 & 4

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 *The Visit of the Wise Men*

Sermon: *The Wise Still Seek Christ*

Instrumental: *We Three Kings (Old 748)*

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People: Litany #13 p. 120

Response: Lord grant us peace!

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

Instrumental while altar is prepared.

Prayer Over the Gifts p. 280

(offering plate remains at the back of the nave)

Eucharist Prayer #2 p. 196

The Lord's Prayer p. 211

Breaking of Bread #6 p. 213

Invitation to Communion: You are invited to come forward up the center aisle, one person or one family bubble at a time. Please wear your mask, receive the bread, and step 6 feet away before consuming the bread. Return to your seat down the side aisle. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, feel free to remain in your seat.

Prayer after Communion p. 280

Doxology p. 214

Blessing

Closing Hymn 158: Earth Has Many a Noble City vs. 1 & 5

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Happy New Year!**

Welcome: A hearty welcome to all worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book at the back of the Church. The offering plate is at the back of the church if you wish to leave an offering either before or after the service.

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.

Seeking Greeters for 2022

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

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Larry Graham

Organist: Sandra Culberson

Greeters: Nancy English

Videographer: Tony Richard

Audio: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Jean Collicott

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Rev. Harold Boomer and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

God of Love, Your word states that love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, nor does it boast. It does not dishonor others. Love is not self-seeking. Bless those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Thank You because Your love always protects, always trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Love never fails. It is because of Your Love, O God, that we can send our love to those celebrating their special day. So, Father we thank You, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the Anglican Prayer Cycle, located [here](#). **Jan.2** The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, the Most Rev Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop. Council of the North, Diocese of Brandon, Bishop William Cliff, Bishop Isaiah Beardy, the Henry Budd College for Ministry in The Pas and coordinators, indigenous parishes of the Diocese as they seek how best to become more self-determining and self-supporting. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, the Rev. Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted, area priest for Dawson, Mayo and Old Crow, and Natasha Henderson, lay minister. Retired bishops Claude, William and George, and their families. .

Memorial Christmas Bulletins

The updated memorial Christmas Bulletin is available at the back of the church. The updated Christmas Memorial Bulletin has also been sent out to our parish e-mail list.

Winter Worship

At its Dec. 12 vestry meeting, a motion was passed to remain in the church for worship at least until the end of January 2022 to see how cost effective the new furnaces are!

Bulletin Board

Sunday, Jan. 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) St. Luke's

Sunday, Jan. 9, The Baptism of the Lord

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

2:00 pm Altar Guild AGM (St. Luke's Hall)

Wed. Jan. 12 – Choir Practice Cancelled

Due to new restrictions choir cancelled until further notice.

Thurs. Jan. 13 – Debriefing Parish Visioning Day, 7 pm (hall)

For those who attended the November meeting with Shawn Branch, we will debrief and discuss next steps.

Changes in Covid-19 Restrictions

Effective Dec. 27, for all services and public events in our facilities, proof of full vaccination or medical exemption is required for those age 12 years and up. Masks and physical distancing are mandatory. There will be no choir and no singing, except for one soloist 4 meters distanced. Contact tracing list will be maintained. Seating capacity reduced to 50 percent, with a maximum of 150 people. Your continued cooperation in following the protocols during this fluid and challenging time is greatly appreciated. God bless you for your faithfulness.

Seeking Cantors/Soloists during Level 2

Since we are permitted only a soloist, or cantor, to sing during Level 2 of the Covid Winter Plan, we are seeking singers willing to take a turn singing two verses of the hymns during a service. This is not a performance but an act of worship. If you are willing to help, please contact the Rector at 328-9913. God bless you for your faithful service.

Debriefing Meeting Jan. 13, 2022, 7 pm

Those who attended the Parish Visioning Day with Shawn Branch on Nov. 13 will meet on Thurs. Jan 13, 7-8:30 pm in St. Luke's hall to debrief and discuss the next step in our Mission Act Plan process.

A Prayer for the New Year 2022

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As a new year begins, help us live each day for You. May we continually have a new song in our hearts to sing to You, no matter what comes our way. We trust in You because we know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of us will take You by surprise. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Adapted from a prayer by Joan Walker Hahn, Encouragement Café

