

**Christmas Festival of
Lessons & Carols**
1st Sunday after Christmas
St. Luke's Church
December 26, 2021 – 10:30 am



Welcome!

We are glad you are here. Please note: We are following Covid-19 protocols. Proof of vaccination or medical exemption for attendees 12 years and older is required and masks are mandatory. Sign in for contract tracing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Processional Carol 154: Joy to the World

You may sing wearing a mask.

A Bidding for Christmas

Please be seated.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us reflect on the time of our rebellion against the creator of the universe, rejoice that the glory of the Lord has been revealed, and raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and remember the departed, especially those on our Christmas Memorial List and other departed loved ones, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved - N -.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, let us give thanks for the year that has passed and pray for health and strength in the new year, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

Silence

We offer up this time of worship in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Readings

Please be seated for the readings.

1st Reading: Genesis 3:8-15 (*The fall of humankind.*) Ruth Hall

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol 123: Once in Royal David's City

Please stand.

2nd Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9 (*The Peaceful Kingdom*) *Rev. Shirley*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

God of hope, look upon those who live with despair as their companion. Give them signs of your healing presence and of your eternal purpose of salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Carol 120: O Little Town of Bethlehem

3rd Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (*The Birth Foretold.*) *Ruth Hall*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Carol 126: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Away in a Manger

4th Reading: Luke 2:1-7 (*The Birth of Jesus.*) *Rev. Shirley*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Either Choir Anthem: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, or Carol 145: Good King Wenceslas

5th Reading: Luke 2:8-16 (*Shepherds and Angels.*) **Ruth Hall**

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol 136: While Shepherds Watched

6th Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12 (*God has spoken by His Son*) **Rev. Shirley**

Prayer: Let us pray together:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Carol 143: Angels From the Realms of Glory

7th Reading: John 1:1-14 (*The Word became flesh.*) **Ruth Hall**

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ. Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our will, that by your power and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Carol 140: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(Offering plate remains at the back on the Greeter's table.)

Prayer over the Gifts: (Together)

God of light, in the birth of your son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Incarnation Litany

Led by Ruth Hall

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord grant us peace."

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Silence

Collect (*Together*)

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Together*)

The Blessing

Recessional Carol 138: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

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: Ruth Hall
Organist: Sandra Culberson
Greeters: Nancy English & Ann Tait
Videographer: Tony Richard
Audio: Armin Hackelsperger
Altar Guild: Janis Richard, Dot Love, Linda Porter Lamoreaux

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Sandra Saunders, Dalton Griffith and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Emily Clark & Joe McGuire, Molly & Andrew Ryder, Brooke & Ben Veysey and to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer based on 1 John 4:7-12

Father, we adore You. Bless those who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this week. May Your love continue to flow through them. You gave Your one and only son so that we might live through Him, and we pray that as You have loved us, that we continue to love one another. Thank You for living within us and thank You for Your love being made complete within us, Amen.

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the Anglican Prayer Cycle, located [here](#). **Dec. 26** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Bert Chestnut, the Rev. Elsa Cheeseman and Don Cheeseman, licensed lay minister David Robertson. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude, William and George, and their families.

Memorial Christmas Bulletins

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

Winter Worship

At it's 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 – Epiphany

10:30 am Holy Eucharist BAS

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year!