

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



4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



St. Luke's Church

Service of Holy Eucharist

recorded 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!

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The Gathering of the Community

Scripture Sentence: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. *Luke 1.38*

Hymn #123: Once In Royal David's City

(You may sing wearing a mask.)

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Candle 4 – Love

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 fourth Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of love.

(Candle is lit.)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3.1)

This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4.9)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13.34-35)

Hymn: Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Collect together:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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: Micah 5: 2-5 *The Ruler from Bethlehem*

Psalm 80: 1-7 p. 812

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 *Christ's Sacrifice Takes Away Sins*

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 1: 39-45 *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

Sermon: *Love Came Down at Christmas!*

Choir Anthem: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Text Joseph Simpson Cook. Music Alta Lind Cook. Arranged by Scott Wilkinson

Hymn 120: O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1

(You may sing if you are wearing a mask)

Reading Names for Memorial Christmas Tree

The list will be read in sections of about 25 names each, with the next verse of Hymn 120 sung after each section.

Prayers of the People: Litany #12 p.119.

Response: Lord Jesus, Come Soon!

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #108: Hark A Herald Voice Is Sounding

Prayer Over the Gifts p. 272

You may sing wearing a mask. Offering plate remains at the back.

Eucharist Prayer #2 p. 196

Sing CP 719: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread 5 p. 212

Sing CP 745: Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion: During the Covid-19 state of emergency, we administer the bread only, using tongs. You are invited to come forward up the center aisle, single file. 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.

The Communion

Hymns: #59 Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him

#60: I Come With Joy

Prayer after Communion

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Doxology

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn #109: *When the King Shall Come Again*

(You may sing wearing a mask.)

Dismissal: 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.

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 & Ann Tait
Videographer: Tony Richard
Audio: Armin Hackelsperger
Altar Guild: Janis Richard, Dot Love, Linda Porter Lamoreaux

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Robert Kee and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer based on Psalm 16:11: King of Kings, thank You for showing us the path of life! Thank You for filling us with joy in Your presence and for giving us eternal pleasures at Your right hand. We ask that you bless those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and those who continue to seek You. Jesus our Saviour, we give You all glory, honour, and praise because of who You are and because of all that You have done for us! Amen.

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the Anglican Prayer Cycle, located [here](#). **Dec. 19** The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame and Eric Dame. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude, William and George, and their families.

Condolences are extended to the family of Norma Fletcher, a beloved long-standing member of St. Luke's Church, who passed away on Dec. 14. Norma served faithfully as a member of the choir, ACW, Guild, and in many other ways. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Praying for comfort and peace for her husband Glen, daughter Andrea and Rev. Harold Boomer, son Mike and Danielle Fletcher, and her cherished grandchildren.

Memorial Christmas Tree Names Dec. 19

The memorial names will be read at the 10:30 am service today, Dec. 19. A printed list of the names will be available on Christmas Eve for you to take home. The list will also be emailed to everyone on our parish email list.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle- Tues., Dec. 21

Thank you to the volunteers for **Tues.**, Dec. 21 - Jim Brown 10-12; Jon & Ann Tait 12-2; Sandra Culberson 2-4; Barb Belyea 4-6, Shirley & Armin 6-8 pm; at the Superstore. God bless you all for your faithful service!

Financial Statement as of Nov. 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Year to Date Cash in	\$155,120.83	\$134,756.70
Year to Date Cash out	166,826.68	143,920.56
Year to Date Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$ (11,705.85)</u>	<u>\$ (9,163.86)</u>
Cash Position at beginning of year	5,344.70	(9,253.01)
Add: 2021 YTD Excess (deficit)	<u>(11,705.85)</u>	<u>(9,163.86)</u>
Total Deficit at November 30, 2021	(6,361.15)	(18,416.87)
Less current year unpaid bills	(15,729.56)	(7,831.35)
Less prior year cfwd unpaid bills	<u>(23,029.44)</u>	<u>(17,285.76)</u>
Cash Position at November 30, 2021	<u>9,368.41</u>	<u>(10,585.52)</u>
Total unpaid bills	38,759.00	25,117.11

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!

A Donation In Thanksgiving

St. Luke's Church has received a donation in thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev. Shirley and her husband Armin, to our parish.

ACW Sweets Sale A Success

\$604 was raised, which will more than cover the annual tuition for our sponsored student at Bishop McAllister College. Thank you to all who cooked and to all who purchased the goodies!

Bulletin Board

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

Tues., Dec. 21 – Brownies

Brownie Meetings are suspended until further notice.

Wed. Dec. 22 – Choir Practice

6:30 – 7:15 pm St. Luke's 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 latest Covid-19 protocols. Proof of full vaccination or medical exemption is required for those age 12 years and up. Masks are mandatory.

Debriefing Meeting Jan. 13, 2022

Those who attended the Parish Visioning Day with Shawn Branch on Nov. 13 will meet on Jan 13, 7 pm in the hall to debrief and discuss the next step in our Mission Act Plan process.