ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK

SAINT LUKE'S

CHRIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021



Candlelight Eucharist Christ Church – 8:30 pm

recorded and available later, on Facebook, YouTube & our Website.







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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 & Merry Christmas!

Sentence: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Lk.* 2.10-11

Opening Carol 81: Angels from the Realms vs. 1, 2 & 5 (You may sing wearing a mask!)

The Gathering of the Community

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Collect for Purity

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The Collect: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1STReading: Isaiah 9:2-7 Ruth Hall

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Carol 77: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, vs. 1 & 3

(You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Sermon: The Reason for the Season

Piano Instrumental: O Holy Night Sandra Culberson

Apostles' Creed, p. 189 Please stand

The Prayers of the People Ruth Hall

Leader: This Christmas, as we remember the birth of Jesus in a stable, we are reminded that hope comes in unexpected ways and in unfamiliar places. Trusting that God brings hope out of darkness, let us pray, saying: Let there be light!

We pray for places in our world that have been affected by earthquakes, fires, flooding, and other disasters, and for all impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; for people who wait anxiously for word of family members, for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, for those who live in grief and shock, for health care workers and first responders We remember all on our Christmas Memorial list and other departed loved ones. We pray for those burdened with grief. (pause) Where the world is in darkness, Lord: Let there be light!

This Christmas, as we remember the violence with which the soldiers came searching for Jesus, we are reminded that conflicts still have devastating effects on children trapped between warring sides. We pray for places in the world where there is conflict and war and for those who search for peace (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord: Let there be light!

On this Holy night, as we remember the flight of Jesus' family to Egypt, we are reminded of the plight of people forced to flee from homes and possessions. We pray for refugees of war and natural disaster, and for asylum seekers. For all homeless people wherever they are in the world (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord: Let there be light!

On the night of His Nativity, as we remember that Jesus came to seek and save the lost and to bring healing to a broken world, we pray for the sick, the lonely, and the needy, especially those on our hearts tonight. (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord **Let there be light!**

This Christmas, as we remember those who went to the stable, we are reminded that we too are on a faith journey. We pray that we may come to know you and to love you more as we serve others. Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord. Let there be light!

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Carol 76: While Shepherds Watched vs. 1, 2 & 6 (You may sing wearing a mask!)

Prayer over the Gifts (offering plate brought to the altar): Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

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Breaking of Bread #6 Incarnation

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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, Consume the bread after you return to your pew. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, feel free to remain seated.

During Communion: 747 Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Prayer after Communion: Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Candles are lit. Lights off. Please kneel or be seated -

Carol 739: Silent Night

(You may sing wearing a mask!)

Blessing Lights are turned on.

Recessional Carol 361: Joy to the World.

(You may sing wearing a mask!)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Merry Christmas!

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. Masks are required and singing is permitted. Thank you for respecting the Covid19 protocols. We are glad you are here! Merry Christmas!

Special Prayers are requested for: Janet, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Wesley, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Charles, Pat, Yvonne, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen & John.

Participating in this Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Ruth Hall

Greeter: Geoffrey Richard
Pianist: Sandra Culberson

Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger/Tony Richard
Altar Guild: Janis Richard, Dot Love, & Linda Porter

Bulletin Board

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

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

8:30 pm Candlelight Service at Christ Church

Proof of vaccination or medical exemption for age 12 yrs and older, masks, physical distancing and signing in will be in place. The offering plate is at the back of the church on the greeter's table.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 1st Sunday after Christmas

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

Wed. Dec. 29 - Choir Practice

Due to new restrictions choir cancelled until further notice.

Sunday, Jan. 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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. Signing in for contact tracing. Seating capacity reduced to 50 percent, with a maximum of 150 people.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!