



*First Sunday of Advent*  
**Sunday November 30, 2025**  
**8:30 am**

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*The Reverend Tianna Gocan*  
*Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music*

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**Gathering of the Community**

Lord's Prayer	p. 67
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Summary of the Law	p. 69
<i>Kyrie</i>	p. 70
Collect of the Day	

**Proclamation of the Word**

Epistle	Romans 13: 11-14	
Gospel	Matthew 24: 36-44	
Creed		p. 71
Sermon		

**Communion**

The Intercession	p. 75
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Communion	

*We invite all Christians who are baptized in the  
name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of  
denomination, to join with us in receiving the  
church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy  
Eucharist.*

Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Prayer of Oblation	p. 85
<i>Gloria</i>	p. 86
Blessing	

Join us for  
~**Advent Lessons & Carols**~  
at 4:00 p.m. in the St. James' Sanctuary.  
All are welcome!

## **NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Request for Cookies**

The Visiting Group are asking for a few more 2 dozen cookie donations to be brought to the Lower Hall on or before Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Many of you have already signed up and thank you! Please call Jan Schonfeldt at 519-274-5763 if you are able to help or have any questions.

### **Outreach Lunch December 7**

The menu will be hearty - pastas, casseroles, meatballs – good things to keep you warm. Our guest will be Kathy Vassilakos, Director of United Housing, who will tell us about their exciting local initiatives to alleviate the housing crisis. Free will donations will support United Housing's work. Everyone welcome, Lower Hall, right after the 10:30 service.

### **Special Vestry Announcement**

On December 14, following, the 10:30 service we will have a short special vestry meeting to confirm our plan to go ahead with replacing the south roof in 2026. We need to have a vestry motion to present to the Land and Property Committee, the Administration and Finance Committee of the Diocese and the Diocesan council for their approval.

### **Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications**

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the 2025 Christmas Memorial Flower Dedications may contact either:

\*Susan Lebrun at [Bermuda.david@outlook.com](mailto:Bermuda.david@outlook.com)

\*Kelly Strasler at [office@stjamesstratford.ca](mailto:office@stjamesstratford.ca)

\*There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex

**Please provide your dedication and amount you wish to contribute by December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Food Bank Wish List**

We have lots of pasta, but nothing to put on it. So our wishes right now are for:

- Pasta sauce
- Tomato sauce
- Canned tomatoes (whole, diced or crushed)

## **Upcoming Readings – Sunday December 7th**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

Chancel Team #4

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 30 - \*Lessons & Carols at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Dec. 2 - \*St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall

\*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Room

Dec. 3 - \*Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service

\*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave

\*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA

Dec. 4 - \*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

\*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Dec. 5 - \*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room

\*Pizza Lunch for Intermediate School Students at 11:20 a.m. in the Upper Hall

\*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 6 - \*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Dec. 7 - \*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.

\*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

\*Outreach Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall