



Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 14, 2025
10:30 am

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*The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron
The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector
The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon
The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon
The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar
The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar
The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate
Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Dr. Wayne Carroll

Processional Hymn #98

Hark the Glad Sound!

Grace

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Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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Kyrie

Pamphlet

The Collect of the Day

Children's Commissioning

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #362

Tell Out, My Soul

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Pamphlet

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #5

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Agnus Dei

Pamphlet

The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #79

To You, O Kindly Jesus Christ

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #111

Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

Dismissal

Postlude

Dr. Wayne Carroll

**Many thanks to our guest organist this morning,
Dr. Wayne Carroll.**

Join us for a
~**Special Vestry**~
Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

From now until the first week of January we are happy to offer **Sunday school** during our 10:30am service.

The children are welcome to come up during the "Children's Commissioning" after the Collect of the day.

If you come late, that's okay too! Please feel free to join in the Sunday School Room downstairs whenever you arrive. The children will then rejoin us for communion.

NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 14th

A Special Vestry – Today!

Today, 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.

Food Bank Wish List

It's a “clean” list this week, for kitchens and for bodies:

- Paper towels
- Dish detergent
- Boxes of kleenex
- Shampoo

Liturgy Committee

Hi everyone, as we begin to work towards amalgamated life, I want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the liturgy committee for the 9:30am Contemporary Service. We are hoping to have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:30am in the Club Room at St. James. If you're interested and/or want to learn more, please contact Mother Tianna at tiannagocan@diohuron.org or at 226-791-0150. See you then!

Amalgamation Name Suggestion Forms

Please submit your suggestion forms to the box in the back of the church by Sunday December 21st.

Christian Meditation

"Meditation is a way of coming to your own centre, coming to the foundation of your own being, and remaining there - still, silent, attentive. Meditation is in essence a way of learning to become awake, to be fully alive and be still. The way to that wakefulness is silence and stillness....

The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the *reality* in our lives; to let it become that reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are."

Word Into Silence

We invite you to join us in the practice of Christian Meditation at the back of the Church on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 and/or on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Please note that we will not, however, be meeting on December 20, 24, 27, 31 and January 3.

Feel free to contact Nancy McCallum (519-273-0297) should you wish more information.

Pastoral Visits

If you would like a pastoral visit (either in person or by phone), please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at: 519-271-3572 (ext,102), home phone 519-305-2338 or roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca. To contact Rev'd Tianna Gocan please call 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

Upcoming Readings – Sunday December 21st

Isaiah 7: 10-16	Matthew 1: 18-25
Psalms 80: 1-7, 16-18	Chancel Team #5
Romans 1: 1-7	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 14 - *A Special Vestry following the 10:30 a.m. service
- Dec. 16 - *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. 17 - *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. 18 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*ACW Luncheon Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
*Velvet & Ivory Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
- Dec. 19 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
*Christmas Lessons & Carols at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

It's time for a
BIG TURKEY DINNER
to celebrate our accomplishments and
survival



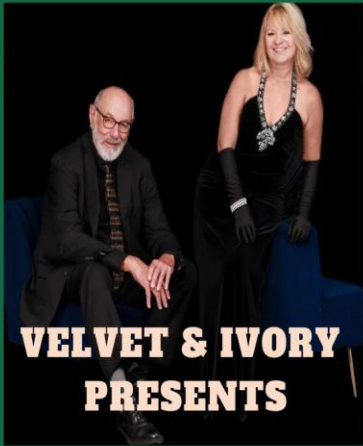
Our next ACW meeting is **December
18, 2025**

Coffee at 10:00 Meeting at 10:30
Entertainment – always
Turkey at Noon



Everyone Welcome
(including husbands & spouses)

RSVP: Chef Phil 519-273-5398.



**VELVET & IVORY
PRESENTS**

CHRISTMAS
MUSIC
BY
BEVERLEY MARANGER, VOCALS
TIM ELLIOTT, PIANO

AND CHRISTMAS READINGS BY
SPECIAL GUEST

JUDY MADDREN

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH
STRATFORD
IN THE ACOUSTICALLY
DELIGHTFUL
UPPER PARISH HALL

THURS DEC 18 AT 7PM

**FREE WILL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE FOOD
PROGRAMS OF ST JAMES**

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Celebrate the miracle of Emmanuel, God with us!



December 21st at 7:00pm

at St. James Anglican Church
Mornington & Hamilton Streets, Stratford



ST. JAMES
ANGLICAN
CHURCH

Community Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 25, 2025
AT 12PM

CORNER OF HAMILTON &
MORNINGTON STREETS

IN THE LOWER PARISH HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE ENTER AT THE HAMILTON
STREET DOORS



Advent & Christmas Services

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21st, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve - December 24th, 2025

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Jazz Vespers

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - December 25th, 2025

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

First Sunday after Christmas - December 28th, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

