

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



2nd Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021 – 10:30 am



Confirmation & Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Church

Book of Alternative Services

Service will be livestreamed (CCLI License 20488809)
to Facebook and available for viewing on:



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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!

Order of Service

Processional Hymn #347: *The God of Abraham Praise*

(You may sing wearing a mask.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries & Welcome Candidates

Sentence: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4,6*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Candle of Peace

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. (Is. 9.2) On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

(Candle is lit.)

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Eph. 2.14) He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Is. 9.6; Gal. 5.22) Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (2 Thess. 3.16) Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace. (Lk. 1.79)

Hymn 140: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, to all good will
from heaven’s most gracious king!”

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 *The Coming Messenger*

Canticle 19a, (read responsively by half verse)

1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; ***he has come to his people and set them free.**

2 He has raised up for us mighty Saviour, ***born of the house of his servant David.**

3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, ***from the hands of all who hate us.**

4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers ***and to remember his holy covenant.**

5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *** to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

6 free to worship him without fear, ***holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life .**

7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, **for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

8 to give his people knowledge of salvation *** by the forgiveness of their sins.**

9 In the tender compassion of our God *** the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

¹⁰ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

2nd Reading: Phil. 1:3-11 *Paul's Prayer for the Philippians*

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 3:1-6 *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

Sing Response before and after the Gospel.

Sermon

Archbishop David Edwards

Instrumental: Emmanuel

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The Peace

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #445: God the Creator

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

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Sing CP 719: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord's Prayer

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: #70 Jesus The Joy of Loving Hearts

#84 Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendour

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn #106: *There's A Voice In The Wilderness*

(You may sing wearing a mask.)

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Choir to recess. The newly confirmed may remain in your place to have photos with Archbishop David Edwards. You will be called forward one family at a time.

Welcome: A hearty Advent welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. A special welcome to our Bishop and Archbishop, the Most Rev. David Edwards and his wife Debbie, and to the families of the nine Confirmation Candidates: Casey and Connor Acott, Parker Brown, Ella Clowes, Kaitlyn and Samantha Ebbett, Liam English, Morgan Monteith, and Jasmine Richard. 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Cindy Graham

Organist: Sandra Culberson

Greeters: Nancy English & Ann Tait

Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Janis Richard, Dot Love, Linda Porter Lamoreaux

Seeking Greeters for 2022

Please contact Ruth at 328-4304 to volunteer to be a greeter January through December 2022.

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Laurie Brown, and to anyone celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer Based on Jeremiah 29:11

Heavenly Father, You know the plans You have for each of us, and we thank you for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary! We give You glory because Your plans are to give us hope and a future. Help each one cling to this promise and give them the strength to continue in the plans You have set for them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the Anglican Prayer Cycle, located [here](#). **Dec. 5** The Anglican Church of Burundi. Council of the North, Diocese of Athabasca, Bishop David Greenwood, clergy and people, as they seek to make the Anglican presence in Northern Alberta a vibrant and living one. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Patti Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate; Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries; PWRDF diocesan representative Betty Davidson; AFC representative Glen Gough; diocesan ACW president Blanche Buckle and all ACW members. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude, William and George, and their families.

New Furnaces are Installed!

We are pleased to announce that Monteith Heating Ltd. installed the two new energy efficient furnaces in St. Luke's Church this past Wed., Dec. 1, and Thurs., Dec. 2! Do you feel the difference? Thank you to Monteith's Heating Ltd. and to everyone who supported this project!

Christmas Take-Out Dinner Net Proceeds \$2327

Thank you for the organizers, volunteers and everyone who supported this event. God bless you for your faithful contribution to our parish.

Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Was Nov. 29

The tree lighting ceremony will took place Mon. Nov. 29, 7:00 pm outside St. Luke's Church. Thank you to Mark and Dot Love for generously donating the tree, delivered on Sat. Nov. 27 at 10 am and put in place. **The memorial names will be read at the 10:30 am service on Dec. 19, 2021.** A letter has been sent to everyone on our parish email list and copies are available at the back of the church.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle- Tues., Dec. 7

Thank you to the volunteers for **Tues.**, Dec. 7 - Jim Brown 10-12; Ross & Vivian Belyea 12-2; Pat & Blair Whitehouse 2-4; Kathy Asch 4-6, at the Superstore. God bless you all for your faithful service!

Looking for that Special Christmas Gift?

Are you looking for a special Christmas Gift for someone on your list? How about a St. Luke's Heritage Cookbook – published April 2019. We still have a few copies available at a cost of \$15.00. Businesses are advertising to shop local – this is truly a “local” gift. Call Ruth at 328-4304 to reserve your copy.

Festive Food Hampers Valley Foodbank Dec. 3

Thank you to those who contributed to the Festive Food Hamper and to Janis Richard for coordinating and delivering it to the Valley Foodbank at its new location on Houlton Road. For info regarding food support contact Valley Foodbank at 328-4417 or email vfsfood@nb.aibn.com.

ACW Sweet Sale Dec. 11

The ACW is selling Christmas sweets as a fundraiser. Thank you to those who ordered. Deadline to order was Dec. 4. Drive-in pick-up on Sat. Dec. 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at St. Luke's Hall, 104 Church Street, Woodstock. For info contact rbrowneye@hotmail.com, or Jill Craig 324-5750, or any member of the ACW.

Cookie Sunday Dec. 12

Cookie Sunday for shut-ins will be Dec. 12. We are seeking volunteers to make and deliver cookies! The cookies will be made, packaged, and delivered from your home to the shut-ins on your list. If you are able to help, please contact Nancy English at 328-2295. Thank you!

Mitten Tree

Our parish is partnering with the Salvation Army again this year to support families in need by helping with gifts for children. The Mitten tree is at the back of the church. Simply pick a mitten off the tree for a girl or boy and sign the sheet on the greeter's table. Please purchase a gift (up to a \$25 value) and place in a gift bag with tissue paper. Tie the Mitten or a gift tag marked boy or girl and the age. The gifts are to be brought in by Dec. 12. God bless you for your generous support!

Financial Statement

	2021	2020
Year to Date Cash in	\$138,601.63	\$125,546.70
Year to Date Cash out	<u>151,608.72</u>	<u>130,444.99</u>
Year to Date Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$ (13,007.09)</u>	<u>\$ (4,898.29)</u>
Cash Position at beginning of year	5,344.70	(9,253.01)
Add: 2020 YTD Excess (deficit)	<u>(13,007.09)</u>	<u>(4,898.29)</u>
Total Deficit at October 31, 2021	(7,662.39)	(14,151.30)
Less current year unpaid bills	(15,513.58)	(7,678.22)
Less prior year cfwd unpaid bills	<u>(23,029.44)</u>	<u>(17,285.76)</u>
Cash Position at October 31, 2021	<u>7,851.19</u>	<u>(6,473.08)</u>
Total unpaid bills	38,543.02	24,963.98

Christ Church Cemetery Digital Map Located!

Further to last weeks' notice, seeking help to locate a digital copy of Christ Church cemetery, a copy has been located. Thank you to Jon Tait, who had a copy of the map stored on his computer, and he provided us with a copy! So, the lost digital map has been found! Thank you, Jon, for your help!

Supporting Baby Shaelynne

Shaelynne Margaret Alice Slaunwhite was born to Brianna Clowes and Matt Slaunwhite on June 22, 2021, weighing 1 lb. 5 oz. She came home Sept. 23 and now weighs nearly 8 lbs. If you would like to make a gift to baby Shaelynne, here are a few items that she needs:

Newborn diapers, wipes-Huggies as she is sensitive to other brands.

Newborn clothing - she finally outgrew prem.

Yellow Enfamil canned concentrate formula

Brianna and Matt are deeply grateful and thank the church family for all the love, prayers, and support given to them and their three children, Bryson, Braydon, and Shaelynne!



Donations for Baby Shaelynne can be dropped off at St. Luke's church office.

Advent Retreat

The diocesan Advent Retreat is being held next weekend (Dec 10-11) from the comfort of your own home or retreat space. We are continuing this year to host the retreat online and are more than blessed to have Jasmine Chandra as our retreat leader. There is still time to sign up, all are welcome! To register, go to: nb.anglican.ca/Advent2021

ReFrame Missional Cohort

Applications are now being received to be part of the new diocesan missional cohort (learning community), *ReFrame*. This is open to anyone (lay and ordained) who wants to explore what the future of the church might look like and wrestle with these timely questions. Spaces are limited, application deadline is Dec 23. To register, go to nb.anglican.ca/ReFrame

Bulletin Board

Sunday, Dec. 5 - Advent 2

10:30 am Confirmation & Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Tues., Dec. 7 – Brownies

6:15-7:45 pm St. Luke's Hall

Wed. Dec. 8 – Choir Practice

6:30 – 7:15 pm St. Luke's Church

Saturday – Dec. 11 ACW Sweet Sale Drive Thru.

1:00 – 3:00 pm St. Luke's Hall

Sunday, Dec. 12 – Advent 3

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

Cookie Sunday – cookies will be made and delivered to shut ins and seniors from the homes of volunteers.

Save the Date!

Dec. 19 10:30 am Memorial Names read at St. Luke's Church
7:00 pm Lessons & Carols at Christ Church

Dec. 24 4:30 am Christmas Eve Service at St. Luke's
8:30 pm Candlelight Service at Christ Church

Dec. 26 10:30 am 1st Sun. after Xmas Lessons & Carols, St. Luke's

What is Confirmation?

According to the "Handbook of Faith for Anglicans," the sacrament of Confirmation enables a baptized person to confirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism. The confirmation candidates stand before the Bishop of the Diocese and commit themselves to serve Christ, our Lord, and Master. They kneel before the Bishop to receive the Laying on of Hands, and the Holy Spirit strengthens them to enable them to keep their promises. (Acts 8:4-8, 14-17)