

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



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2020**



**Service of Morning Prayer**  
recorded Sunday morning and available on  
Facebook, YouTube & our Website in the evening.



**Website: [woodstocknbanglican.ca](http://woodstocknbanglican.ca)**

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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!**

**The service begins on page 45 BAS**

**Hymn 114: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending vs. 1 & 4**  
(Tune 143 Regent Square)  
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask.)

## **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

### **Candle 1 – Hope**

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.  
(*Candle is lit.*)

Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started.  
Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised.  
All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

He is our hope today and forever! (2. Cor. 1.20)

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9.15)

### **Hymn 120: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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

O Little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light!  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

## **Opening Sentence:**

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28

## **Call to Prayer**

We ask for God's mercy, protection, and guidance.

Let us pray: Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all and through all. We lift our world before you as we face the Covid-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those who are seeking a vaccine or cure. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all understanding. In the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Prayer by Archbishop David Edwards)*

## **The Penitential Rite**

**Confession & Absolution** p. 46

**The Invitatory** p. 47

**Response #5 before and after the Venite:**

Officiant: The kingdom of God is at hand!

**Response: O come, let us worship!**

**Jubilate (together)** p. 49

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 *A Prayer of Penitence***

**Psalm 80:1-7,16-18** (responsively) p. 812

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *Salutation and Prayer***

**Parish Mission Statement:** Together: We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

**Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 *The Necessity for Watchfulness***

**Sermon: Keep Watch!**

**Instrumental: *All Hail King Jesus!*** Sandra Culberson

## **Apostles Creed**

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### **Prayer over the Gifts** (Offering plates remain at the back.)

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People, Litany #12**

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### **Response: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

### **The Collect of the Day** together:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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### **Parish Vision Statement:** *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out to the community at large with the love of Christ.

### **Hymn 108: Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding, vs. 1 & 5**

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

## **Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Welcome:** A hearty welcome to all worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book 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, Wesley, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Charles, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen and John.

### **Participating in Today's Service**

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy  
Lay Reader: Cindy Graham  
Usher: Dorine Dennique  
Greeters: Richard Dennique & Pat Whitehouse  
Pianist: Sandra Culberson  
Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger  
Altar Guild: Ardith MacDonald, Nancy English, Linda Porter

### **Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

**Happy Birthday** to Makayla Rees, Jarika Allaby, Rollie Ritchie, Sean Kee, Alanna Dickinson, Brier Ryder, Hannah Pauley, and to anyone else celebrating a birthday!

**Happy Wedding Anniversary** to David & Janis Richard (49 years!) and to anyone celebrating their special day!

May you feel the warmth of God's love surrounding your heart today and always. Praying for a joyful celebration of your special day! God bless you richly!

### **Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Program**

Thank you to the volunteers for Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Jim Brown 10-12; Jean & Malcolm Collicott 12-2; Vivian & Ross Belyea 2-4; Pat & Blair Whitehouse 4-6 at the Superstore. And thank you to St. Luke's coordinator Royce Brown! God bless you all for your faithful service!

## **Covid-19 Operational Plan Update**

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory in indoor public places. We will no longer be taking temperatures. While singing is discouraged, we will sing the first & last verse of a hymn at the beginning and end of the service, and one verse of a carol for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. To keep risk to a minimum, you may sing if you are wearing a mask. The officiant and the reader are not required to wear a mask at the front of the church if 4-meters distance from the congregation is maintained. Anyone who is high risk, including elderly and people with underlying health issues, are advised to remain at home for your safety and protection.

## **Mitten Tree Christmas Gifts for Children 2020**

We are partnering with the Salvation Army to offer gifts to children of needy families, who have been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. We would like to make Christmas special for them by helping Santa provide gifts!

You are invited to take a mitten from the tree located at the back of the nave, for a boy or girl at a given age, and sign the sheet on the table, so we will know which mittens have been removed.

Please place the gift in a gift bag with tissue paper and attach the mitten or Christmas tag, indicating age & gender, and return the gifts to St. Luke's by Dec. 13. They will be delivered to the Salvation Army!

Or if you would like to support the program but are unable to come to church, please phone the office at 328-4304 and Ruth will sign you up as a participant.

In lieu of a gift, a monetary donation may be given directly to the Salvation Army WCC, 100 Eastwood Dr. Woodstock NB E7M-1P4 to help with purchasing gifts for children! God bless you for your faithfulness!

## **Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Nov. 30, while Names to be read on Dec. 20!**

Thank you to Mark and Dot Love for donating the tree again this year! Thank you to those who set it in place and strung the lights!

Our Memorial Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 pm outside St. Luke's Church. To give people time to get their submissions in, we will read the names of departed loved ones at the 10:30 am service on Dec. 20. A list of the names will be printed and available at the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> service.

Donations in Memory of a loved one to light up the tree may be made to our parish office. Please see updated letter for details.

## **Decorated for Advent and Christmas!**

Thank you to those who helped with decorating St. Luke's for Advent and Christmas and for putting the outdoor tree in place and getting it ready for the tree lighting on Monday!

## **Cookie Sunday, Dec. 13**

Our annual Cookie Sunday for shut-ins will be held on Dec 13, 2020. We are looking for volunteer bakers and delivery drivers. If you are able to help out, please contact Marilyn Sherman at 328-8348 or Nancy English at 328-2295.

## **Christmas Eve Services**

We are following Covid-19 guidelines. To ensure our facilities are cleaned & sanitized for both services, and to avoid reusing books and bulletins, Services Thurs., Dec. 24, will be:

**4:30 pm Family Eucharist at St. Luke's Church**

**8:30 pm Candlelight Eucharist at Christ Church.**

Seating is limited due to physical distancing. Please pre-register for either service by phoning the office 328-4304 or the rector 328-9913.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Here is a great idea for the season of Advent. Place one food item in a box each day and deliver the filled box to the Valley Foodbank. This is a wonderful way of supporting the folks in our community who are struggling to put food on their tables, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic!

The Valley Foodbank will be providing Christmas Hampers Dec. 7-23, so they ask for donated food items prior to Dec. 7. You may bring your food donations to St. Luke's Church on Sunday, Dec. 6th, and we will deliver them. Or you may deliver your food donations directly to the Valley Foodbank by Dec. 7, 2020!

To purchase all these items would cost approximately \$45

God bless you as you reach out to help others!

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Box of cereal          | 20. Tomato Soup       |
| 2. Peanut butter          | 21. Can of Corn       |
| 3. Stuffing mix           | 22. Can Mixed Veggies |
| 4. Boxed potatoes         | 23. Can Carrots       |
| 5. Macaroni and cheese    | 24. Can Green Beans   |
| 6. Canned fruit           |                       |
| 7. Canned tomatoes        |                       |
| 8. Canned tuna            |                       |
| 9 - Dessert mix           |                       |
| 10. Jar of applesauce     |                       |
| 11. Canned sweet potatoes |                       |
| 12. Cranberry sauce       |                       |
| 13. Canned beans          |                       |
| 14. Box of crackers       |                       |
| 15. Package of rice       |                       |
| 16. Package of oatmeal    |                       |
| 17. Package of pasta      |                       |
| 18. Spaghetti sauce       |                       |
| 19. Chicken noodle soup   |                       |

### **To Give is a Blessing!**

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
Acts 20:35

# Bulletin Board

## **Sunday, Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS) St. Luke's

7:00 pm Ecumenical Lessons & Carols  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,  
Live-streamed for you to view at home.

## **Monday, Nov. 30**

7:00 pm Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.  
Outside St. Luke's Church

Note: Names of departed loved ones will be  
read Dec. 20, at the 10:30 am service.

## **Saturday, Dec. 5**

1:00 pm Greening for Christ Church at St. Luke's  
hall, and then hung at Christ Church.

## **Sunday, Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

## **Sunday, Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent**

10:00 am Cookies to be dropped off in the hall

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Pick up cookies for delivery to  
shut ins.

2:00 pm Vestry Meeting (hall)

## **Sunday, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Names of loved ones  
read for Memorial Christmas Tree 2020.