

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



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



St. Luke's Church

Service of Holy Eucharist

recorded Sunday morning and available on
Facebook, YouTube & our Website in the evening.



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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!

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The Gathering of the Community

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

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

(No Congregational Singing during the Orange phase!)

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Candle 2 – 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. (Isaiah 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. (Ephesians. 2.14)

He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9.6; Galatians 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)

Instrumental Hymn 140: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(No Congregational Singing during the Orange phase!)

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 together: 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: Isaiah 40:1-11 *God's People are Comforted*

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

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2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a *The Promise of the Lord's Coming*

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 1:1-8 *Proclamation of John the Baptist*

Sermon: Sent by God!

Instrumental: I Sing Praises to His Name!

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People: Litany #12

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Response: Lord Jesus, Come Soon!

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Instrumental while altar is prepared.	
Prayer Over the Gifts (offering plates remain at the back of the nave)	p. 270
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The Lord's Prayer	p. 211
Breaking of Bread #5	p. 212

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, and step 6 feet away before removing your mask to consume the bread. Replace your mask and return to your pew down the side aisle. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, feel free to remain in your pew.

Prayer after Communion	p. 270
Doxology	p. 214

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.

Blessing

Hymn 106: There's A Voice In the Wilderness Crying Vs 1 & 4
(No Congregational singing during the Orange phase!)

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: Janis Richard
Usher: Dorine Dennique
Greeters: Richard Dennique & Pat Whitehouse
Pianist: Sandra Culberson
Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger
Altar Guild: Janis Richard

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

As you celebrate, may the Lord show you the greatness of his goodness, that you overflow with thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you with joyful hope, and one day with the inexpressible joys of eternal life. Amen!

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Program

Thank you to the volunteers for Monday Dec. 7 - Jim Brown 10-12; Jon & Ann Tait 12-2; Royce Brown 2-4; Kathy Asch 4-6 at the Superstore. God bless you all for your faithful service!

Covid-19 Operational Plan - Orange Alert Phase

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory in indoor public places. There will be no singing during the Orange Alert phase. The officiant and the reader are not required to wear a mask while using the microphone 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

Thank you to those who are participating in the gifts for children program! There are still a view mitten labels on the tree. 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!

BlinkBox Sign Relocated

The BlinkBox digital sign has been relocated to the corner of Connell Street and Connell Park Road at the lights. Advertising on the sign remains free for all charity organizations, including churches!

Memorial Christmas Tree Names to be read on Dec. 20!

It was great to see those who came out in the rain this past Monday for the Memorial Christmas Tree lighting. 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. 20th 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.

Cookie Sunday Dec. 13

Our annual Cookie Sunday for shut-ins will be a little different this year. Thank you to those who have volunteered to make and deliver cookies! Rather than dropping off the cookies at the church, the cookies will be made and packaged at home, with a Christmas card attached from St. Luke's church family and delivered directly to the names that you will be given. If you are able to help, 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.

If we remain in the Orange phase, maximum seating capacity is 50 with physical distancing in place. Please pre-register for either service by phoning the office 328-4304 or the rector 328-9913.

Financial Report October	2020	2019
Year to Date Cash in	\$ 125,546.70	\$ 159,445.88
Year to Date Cash out	<u>130,444.99</u>	<u>198,732.18</u>
Year to Date Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$ (4,898.29)</u>	<u>\$ (39,286.30)</u>

Cash Position at beginning of year	(9,253.01)	(1,477.45)
Add: 2020 YTD Excess (deficit)	<u>(4,898.29)</u>	<u>(39,286.30)</u>
Total Deficit at Oct 31, 2020	(14,151.30)	(40,763.75)
Less Unpaid Bills	<u>(7,678.22)</u>	<u>(13,330.90)</u>
Cash Position at Oct 31, 2020	<u>(6,473.08)</u>	<u>(27,432.85)</u>

Foodbank Sunday Dec. 6

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 Dec. 6th, and we will deliver them. Or you may deliver your food donations directly to Valley Foodbank by Dec. 7, 2020! 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, Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Foodbank Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

2:00 pm Vestry Meeting (hall)

Cookie Sunday – cookies delivered from home to shutins.

Sunday, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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