

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



3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



Service of Morning Prayer
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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Hymn 101: Hail to the Lord's Anointed vs. 1 & 4
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask.)

Lighting the Advent Wreath **Candle of Joy**

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 third Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of joy. (*Candle is lit.*)

When Christ comes into our lives, He brings the fullness of joy. He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness. (Isaiah 61.3)

When Jesus was born, the angels said that His coming was good news of great joy for all people. (Luke 2.10)

Because Christ has come to us, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord. Praise to His name!

Hymn 154: Joy to the World (1st verse only)
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask.)

1. Joy to the world the Lord is come.
Let earth receive the King,
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature
sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Opening Sentence:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1.*

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 pray for the success of the vaccines coming to Canada and other parts of the world very soon!) 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

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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

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4. 8-11 *The Good News of Deliverance*

Psalm 126 (responsively) p. 885

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 **Final**
Exhortations, Greetings & Benediction

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: John 1: 6-8, 19-28 ***Testimony of John the Baptist***

Sermon: *Joyfully Receiving Christ!*

Instrumental: *Emmanuel*

Sandra Culberson

Apostles Creed

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Prayer over the Gifts (Offering plates remain at the back.)
God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing Christmas Gifts for Children

Prayers of the People, Litany #12

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Response: Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Collect of the Day together:

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for 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 109: When the King Shall Come Again, vs. 1 & 4
(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, Pat, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen and John.

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Larry Graham

Usher: Dorine Dennique

Greeters: Richard Dennique & Marilyn Sherman

Organist: Sandra Culberson

Cantor: Emily Clark

Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Janis Richard & Linda Porter

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Barry Scott Jr.(Scotty), Nathan Hall, Alyson Wetmore and to anyone else celebrating a birthday!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

As you celebrate, may the Lord bless you deeply and fill your life with his Spirit. Amen!

Condolences: We extend condolences to Sonya & Wayne Rees on the passing of Sonya's father, Robert Richards on Sunday, Nov. 29. Please remember them in your prayers.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Program

Thank you to the volunteers for Monday Dec. 14 – Jim Brown 10-12; Nancy English & Marilyn Sherman, 12-2; Royce Brown 2-4; Kathy Asch 4-6; Shirley & Armin 6-8 at the Superstore. God bless you all for your faithful service!

Covid-19 Operational Plan – Yellow Phase

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory in indoor public places. There will be singing while wearing a mask during the yellow 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 participated in the gifts for children program! The gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army this week! 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 presents for children! God bless you for your faithfulness!

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

To give people ample time to get their submissions in, we will read the names of departed loved ones at the 10:30 am service next Sunday. 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.

Cookie Sunday Today 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. Thank you to the faithful coordinators, Marilyn Sherman and Nancy English!

Pre-Register for 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 capacity is limited, with physical distancing in place. Please pre-register for either service by phoning the office 328-4304 or the rector 328-9913.

Greening of Christ Church

Thank you to those who came to help with the greening of Christ Church in preparation for the 8:30 pm Christmas Eve service! It was a great team effort under the leadership of John and Richard Wetmore!

Financial Report November 2020 2019

Year to Date Cash in	\$ 134,756.70	\$ 177,622.28
Year to Date Cash out	143,920.56	215,237.68
Year to Date Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$ (9,163.86)</u>	<u>\$ (37,615.40)</u>

Cash Position at beginning of year	(9,253.01)	(1,477.45)
Add: 2020 YTD Excess (deficit)	(9,163.86)	(37,615.40)
Total Deficit at Nov 30, 2020	(18,416.87)	(39,092.85)
Less Unpaid Bills	(7,831.35)	(16,627.20)
Cash Position at Nov 30, 2020	<u>(10,585.52)</u>	<u>(22,465.65)</u>

Bulletin Board

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 shut ins.

Sunday, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Family Eucharist (BAS) St. Luke’s

8:30 pm Candlelight & Holy Eucharist Christ Church

Sunday, Dec. 27 First Sunday After Christmas

10:30 am Christmas Readings & Carols