

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



**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2020**



**Candlelight Eucharist**  
**St. Luke's Church – 6:30 pm**  
recorded and available later, on  
Facebook, YouTube & our Website.



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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 & Merry Christmas!**

**Sentence:** I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Lk. 2.10-11*

**Opening Carol 143: Angels from the Realms vs. 1 & 5**  
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**The Greeting** **p. 185**

**Collect for Purity**

**Glory to God** **p. 186**

**The Collect:** Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7** *Ruth Hall*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

**Carol 138: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, vs. 1 & 3**  
(You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-14**

**Sermon: *The Weary World Rejoices!***

**Piano Instrumental: *O Holy Night***

*Sandra Culberson*

**Apostles' Creed, p. 189**

*Please stand*

***The Prayers of the People***

*Ruth Hall*

Leader: This Christmas, as we remember the birth of Jesus in a stable, we are reminded that hope comes in unexpected ways and in unfamiliar places. Trusting that God brings hope out of darkness, let us pray, saying: Let there be light!

We pray for places in our world that have been affected by earthquakes, flooding, and other disasters, and for all impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; for people who wait anxiously for word of family members, for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, for those who live in grief and shock, for health care workers and first responders We remember all on our Christmas Memorial list and other departed loved ones. We pray for those burdened with grief. (pause) Where the world is in darkness, Lord: **Let there be light!**

This Christmas, as we remember the violence with which the soldiers came searching for Jesus, we are reminded that conflicts still have devastating effects on children trapped between warring sides. We pray for places in the world where there is conflict and war and for those who search for peace (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord: **Let there be light!**

On this Holy night, as we remember the flight of Jesus' family to Egypt, we are reminded of the plight of people forced to flee from homes and possessions. We pray for refugees of war and natural disaster, and for asylum seekers. For all homeless people wherever they are in the world (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord: **Let there be light!**

On the night of His Nativity, as we remember that Jesus came to seek and save the lost and to bring healing to a broken

world, we pray for the sick, the lonely, and the needy, especially those on our hearts tonight. (pause). Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord **Let there be light!**

This Christmas, as we remember those who went to the stable, we are reminded that we too are on a faith journey. We pray that we may come to know you and to love you more as we serve others. Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord. **Let there be light!**

**Confession and Absolution**

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**The Peace** p. 192

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Carol 136: While Shepherds Watched vs. 1, 2 & 6**

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

**Prayer over the Gifts (offering plates remain at the back of the nave):** Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer 2,**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Breaking of Bread #6 Incarnation**

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**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:** Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Candles are lit. Lights off. Please kneel or be seated –*

**Carol 119: Silent Night vs. 1 & 3**

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

**Blessing**

*Lights are turned on.*

**Recessional Carol 154: Joy to the World, vs 1 & 4.**

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

**Dismissal**

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Merry Christmas!**

**Welcome:** A hearty welcome to all worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book at the back of the Church. Merry Christmas!

**Special Prayers** are requested for: Janet, 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, Yvonne, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen & John.

**Participating in this Service**

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Ruth Hall

Greeters: Jon & Ann Tait & Royce Brown

Organist: Sandra Culberson

Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Janis Richard & Linda Porter

**Covid-19 Operational Plan**

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory in indoor public places. You may sing while wearing a mask. 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 folks with underlying health issues, are advised to remain at home for their safety and protection.

## Offering Envelopes 2021

Offering Envelope boxes for 2021 are available to be picked up at the back of the church. If you would like someone to drop yours off, please let us know by phoning 328-4304!

### Financial Report November 2020 2019

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

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

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Our AGM for 2020 will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no meal following the service. Instead, we will have a shortened service and move immediately into our AGM. All groups are asked to submit a report, however short it may be, by Jan 29th!

**Christmas Memorial List** – see separate insert.

## Bulletin Board

### Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm Family Eucharist (BAS) St. Luke's
- 6:30 pm Candlelight Eucharist (BAS) St. Luke's
- 8:30 pm Candlelight Eucharist (BAS) Christ Church

### Sunday, Dec. 27 First Sunday After Christmas

- 10:30 am Christmas Readings & Carols