

Anglican Parish of Woodstock

Saint Luke's



Christ church

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020



Festival of Readings & Carols

St. Luke's Church – 10:30 am

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: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in your richly. *Colossians 3:15, 16*

Proc. Carol 154: Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 4)

You may sing if you are wearing a mask.

A Bidding for Christmas

Please be seated.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us reflect on the time of our rebellion against the creator of the universe, rejoice that the glory of the Lord has been revealed, and raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and remember the departed, especially those on our Christmas Memorial List and other departed loved ones. We pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved - N – and we humbly ask for an end to the Covid19 pandemic.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, let us give thanks for the year that has passed and pray for health and strength in the new year, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

Silence

We offer up this time of worship in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Readings

Be seated for the readings.

1st Reading: Gen. 3.8-15 (*The fall of humankind.*) *Janis*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol 123: Once in Royal David's City vs. 1 & 3

You may sing if you are wearing a mask.

2nd Reading: Isaiah 11.1-9 (*The Peaceful Kingdom*) Shirley

Prayer: Let us pray together:

God of hope, look upon those who live with despair as their companion. Give them signs of your healing presence and of your eternal purpose of salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Carol 120: O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1 & 4

You may sing if you are wearing a mask. 3rd

Reading: Luke 1.26-38 (*The Birth Foretold.*) Janis

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Carol 126: Away in a Manger vs. 1 & 3

You may sing if you are wearing a mask.

4th Reading: Luke 2.1-7 (*The Birth of Jesus.*) Shirley

Prayer: Let us pray together:

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Carol 145: Good King Wenceslas vs. 1 & 5

You may sing if you are wearing a mask.

5th Reading: Luke 2.8-16 (*Shepherds and Angels.*) *Janis*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Carol 136: While Shepherds Watched vs. 1 & 6 You may sing if you are wearing a mask!

6th Reading: Heb.1.1-12 (God has spoken by His Son)

Shirley

Prayer: Let us pray together:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Carol 143: Angels From the Realms of Glory vs. 1 & 5

You may sing if you are wearing a mask! **7th Reading:**

John 1.1-14 (*The Word became flesh.*) *Janis*

Prayer: Let us pray together:

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ. Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our will, that by your power and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Off. Carol 140: It Came Upon the Midnight vs. 1 & 5

Offering plates remain at the back of the nave.

Prayer over the Gifts: (Together)

**God of light, in the birth of your son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your
love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Incarnation Litany

Led by Janis Richard

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord grant us peace." **People:**

Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary the angel, hear us, O Lord. **People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.**

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord. **People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.**

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord. **People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.**

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace.

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, Grant Us Peace. Silence

Collect *(Together)*

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Together)*

The Blessing

Rec. Carol 138: Hark! The Herald Angels vs. 1 & 3 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: Janis Richard

Greeters: Richard Dennique & Marilyn Sherman

Usher: Dorine Dennique

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. The officiant and Lay 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 are available to be picked up at the back of the church. If you would like yours delivered, please phone 328-4304!

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!

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Best wishes to those who are celebrating Dec. 27, 2020 to Jan. 2, 2021!

Happy birthday to Sandra Sanders, Dalton Griffith, and to anyone else celebrating a birthday this week!

Happy wedding anniversary to Emily Clark & Joe McGuire, Molly & Andrew Ryder, and Brooke & Ben Veysey, and to anyone else celebrating an anniversary!

We pray for God to keep you strong,
To fill your days with joyful song.
We pray for Heaven's watchful eye,
To guide you as the days go by.

Every blessing as you celebrate your special day!

Bulletin Board

Sunday, Dec. 27 First Sunday After Christmas
10:30 am Christmas Readings & Carols

Following this service, **we need your help please**, to remove the Christmas decorations and move items from the church to the hall in preparation for winter worship in the hall!

Please carry to the hall the following:

30 Common Praise Hymn Books & BAS books,

Portable Lectern.

Altar Candle sticks

BAS Missal & stand.

Snuffer and BBQ lighter,

1 Collection Plate

Blue plush chairs,

Wooden Crucifer Cross & Stand

Credence Table

2 Stools

2 Flower stands

3 Wise Men (stored on top shelf in sacristy)

Next Sunday Jan. 3, The Epiphany of the Lord
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS) - St. Luke's Hall