



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 12th, 2021



“To know Jesus and make Him known”

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewyan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

**Incumbent – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

**Honorary Assistant**

The Rev. Canon Greg Physick

Musician – Diane Stecher

10:00 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 89** (verses 1 – 4)  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

Tune: Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of joy.  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

**THE GREETING - BAS Pg.185**  
**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** ZEPHANIAH 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The word of the Lord  
People **Thanks be to God**

**CANTICLE 3 (ISAIAH 12:2–6); BAS Page # 76**

**(Congregation please remain seated)  
said responsively, alternating verses**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** PHILIPPIANS 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL– LUKE 3:7–18

### “Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ”

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

### “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”

**SERMON** : Canon Greg Physick

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** BAS Pg. 189

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Litany # 12) BAS Pg. 119

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BAS Pg. 191

**THE PEACE** *All stand,* BAS Pg. 192

### OFFERTORY HYMN # 349

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**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**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3** BAS Pg. 198

(Preface) **Celebrant** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** BAS pg. 211

**BREAKING OF BREAD # 5** BAS Pg. 212

#### LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

**Celebrant** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Celebrant** Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

**People:** I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to

us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Music during Communion –**

Hymn # 647 Spirit of the Living God

Hymn # 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Choir Anthem:** Hope Is A Star

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

**DOXOLOGY** (BAS Page 214)

**THE BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 148

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

**Highlighted Announcement**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
FESTIVE SERVICE AND DINNER**

*December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*1:00 p.m.*

***Festive Celebration of Music and Readings***

If you are able and available to play a musical instrument (i.e. guitar, violin, ....) during the service please let us know.

**CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER -**

3 SEATINGS 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 P.M.

**NEW**—PLEASE PRE REGISTER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AS WE ARE LIMITED IN THE NUMBERS DUE TO COVID

We are pleased to be planning a Christmas day dinner for those that are alone or unable to prepare a meal.

**If you are available to help on Christmas Day at the Service or Dinner please contact the Church office**

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**The CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - If you would like to make a **memorial donation** for the purchase of flowers to beautify the church for Christmas. Please have memorial information to the Church Office no later than **December 21** for the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please be sure to clearly mark your envelope "**Donation Christmas Flowers**".

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up following the service today.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – ADVENT 4**

**10:00 a.m. – Lessons and Carols Service**

**MEMORIAL ANGEL TREE** - This year "Angels" are being sold in memory of loved ones, with the proceeds going to our **Renovation fund**.

During Advent you can purchase an angel for a minimum \$5.00 donation, the name of your loved one will be attached to the angel and placed on a tree at the front of the nave. Angels can be collected at Epiphany.

***This fundraiser both provides a memorial to loved ones, and also helps our efforts to raise \$10,000 for needed work to the church.***

Designated Giving #67 is our **Renovation Fund** number for those who wish to specifically donate to this project.

**WEDNESDAYS -- note change of times --**

9:30 am Morning Prayer , 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS** –give a gift of a Book of Alternative Services (\$20.) or Common Praise Hymn Book (words only) (\$25.). Available to purchase by contacting the Church Office