

***Lessons & Carols Service Advent 4
December 19, 2021
St Paul's, Lindsay***

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 Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

Greeting & Opening Prayer

My brothers and sisters: in the name of Christ I welcome you. We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of God's beloved Son. Through the days of Advent we have followed the light of Christ, and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of the heavenly host the coming of the Prince of Peace. Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song, let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption, and, hearing, let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

All pray in silence for a while.

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn # 118 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1- 3)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Tune: Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

Reading 1 Isaiah 11:1-10 A shoot from Jesse
Read By Gina Coleman

Hymn # 102 – Prepare the Way, O Zion

Reading 2 Micah 5:2-5a A ruler from Bethlehem
Read By Ethel Morris

Hymn # 120 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading 3 Luke 1.26-38 The Annunciation to Mary
Read By Judy Sedgley

Anthem “Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly” BB 807, tune BB 320

Reading 4 Luke 1.39-45 The visit of Mary to Elizabeth
Read By Suzanne McAllister

Hymn # 362 -Magnificat (The Song of Mary) – Tell Out My Soul
Tune# 540

Reading 5 Luke 1.57-80 The birth of John
Read By Mike Perry

Hymn # 132 – Of Eternal Love Begotten

Reading 6 Luke 2.1-20 The birth of Jesus
Read By Rev Bonnie Skerritt

Hymn # 123 – Once In Royal David's City

Reading 7 Philippians 2:5-11 Christ our Example
Read By Liz Gundy

Hymn #143 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs 1,2 &5)

ADVENT LITANY #12

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer,
saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”

COLLECT FOR ADVENT 4

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn # 151 – All Poor Folk and Humble

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Grace & Blessing

Closing Hymn # 153 – Good Christians All, Rejoice

