



**November 27, 2022**  
**Advent 1**



**“To know Jesus and make Him known”**

#### **INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 89** O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
v.1,2,6,7

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Lighting of the First Advent Candle* Tune: Away in a Manger

**A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

**Sentence:** Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

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### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **1ST READING – Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

### **Psalm 122**

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(Please remain seated) **said responsively, alternating verses**

### **2ND READING – Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN # 114** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending  
v. 1-2

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 24:36-44** (All Stand)

**“Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming,

he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN # 114** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending v. 3-4

**HOMILY** – The Rev. Canon Greg Physick

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Litany # 12 Advent)** Page 119  
Response: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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**OFFERTORY HYMN # 341** God of Mercy, God of Grace

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**Preface of Advent** 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.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD** (*sung*) CP #735

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**BREAKING OF BREAD # 5 (Advent)** Page 212

**JESUS, LAMB OF GOD** (*sung*) CP #747

**Celebrant** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**All** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Music during Communion**

**HYMN # 52** O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

**HYMN # 84** Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 108** Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding



*The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of Almighty God. In Remembrance of ART TRUAX. He is continually missed by his wife, Barb, and his family Tim, Sherry and Neil, Tom, Sarah and Jeremy and Etta and Della*



### Upcoming Services

**December 4** – Advent 2 and Christmas Tree lighting

**Tues. December 6** – Prayer Vigil (3pm)

**December 11** – Advent 3

**December 18** – Advent 4 Lessons & Carols  
and Messy Church (4–6pm)

**Wed. December 21** – Blue Christmas (7pm)

**December 24** – Christmas Eve (7pm)

**December 25** – Christmas Day (10am)  
and Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner Dine-in: 4-6pm

Take out: Pre-order by Dec. 22. Pick up 1-2pm Dec. 25

Call (705) 324-4666 voice mail 9 to pre-order, or to offer to volunteer for the Christmas Dinner.

### Announcements

#### Christmas Tree lighting Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Advent 2



Please come and join us for a carol sing in our courtyard as we light the Christmas tree following the 10am service.



#### White Ribbon Campaign (Nov 20 – Dec. 6)

This week, we are continuing to wear our white ribbons to show others that we pledge to not commit, condone or keep silent about gender-based violence. If you missed getting a ribbon last Sunday, please come to the church office for one.

#### Prayer Vigil: Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Rev. Bonnie will hold a prayer vigil in remembrance of victims of gender-based violence, and the Montreal Massacre that took place on this date in 1989.

#### 2023 Church Calendars are for sale.

Available for \$5 in the hall during refreshments by the St. Paul's Sisterhood group, or from the church office during the week.

#### Need Gift Cards for Christmas presents or shopping?

Our church sells a variety of gift cards throughout the week in our office, or during refreshment time on Sunday mornings.

