

Third Sunday of Advent
13th December 2015



Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada

We come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

Processional Carol #123 *Once in Royal David's City*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: the Candle of Joy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — Candle of Joy

Leader: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us — in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations - or our memories - push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that

cannot be contained, but must be shared.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Leader: Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

All: We will find what makes us joyful, and make that our gift to the world.

Leader: Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. We will offer ourselves to God's goodness. We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy.

(Three candles are lit)

All sing: "A Candle is Burning"

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*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.*

Bidding Prayer

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in these days of shadow and hope, let it be our duty and delight to listen to the story of our faith and hear again the prophet's words of blessings and forewarning. And as we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby, let us remember that he also comes to bring justice to our world filled with injustice, & to establish the reign of equity & peace.

God, as we await the coming of Christ's light into this world, - Open our eyes that we may see the deepest needs of people;

- As we hear of Mary and Joseph seeking desperately to find shelter, food, and warmth in the crowded streets of Bethlehem, - move our hands that they may feed the hungry, touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to the despairing, and teach us the generosity to welcome strangers.

As we retell how the three kings, travelled great distances to bring gifts for our Saviour, - let us share our possessions with those who are without;

-may we offer of our time to visit the sick,

-and may we give of our prayers for those who are in despair.

We take a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers to God...

O God, in this these days of shadow and hope, let us share our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity.

O God, may we partake of your divine presence.

In the name of your Son, whose birth we await. **Amen.**

The Gathering of the Community

First Lesson John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Carol **#89, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (verses 1, 6, 7)

Anthem — *Waiting for The Promise*



Second Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

Now the Lord said to Abram, go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Carol **#109, *When the King Shall Come Again***

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Carol #140, *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
(verses 1, 2, 5)

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Carol #137, *What Child is This*

Fifth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

Offertory Carol #153, *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

Offertory Response:

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

what I can, I give him – I give him my heart.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world be registered.

Carol #120, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1-3)

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Carol #136, *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
(verses 1-4)

Anthem — ***Peace Came To Earth***

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at rising and have come to pay him homage.

Carol #160, *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Ninth Lesson

John 1:6-18

No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Carol #118, *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1-4)

Closing Prayers

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Response: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent:

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.

Announcements.

Recessional Carol #138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal



**Please join us for the WASSAIL
following the service.**

**Thanks to the Chancel Guild for providing these
wonderful refreshments! Enjoy!**

NEWS & EVENTS

- ❖ Please have all bulletin announcements to the office **by Wednesday** of each week. Email canondavis@gmail.com or call 519-344-9531. *Thanks everyone!*
- ❖ If you would like a home visit with communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and /or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.
- ❖ The **flowers on the altar** today are given to the Glory of God and thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of loved ones, a gift of Ruth and Charlie Lavigne.
- ❖ The **Christmas Wreath** on the front of the pulpit is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our many family members and friends at this blessed Christmas Season, a gift of the Heasman family.
- ❖ **The Pink Poinsettia** in the Baptistry is in loving memory of infant daughter Anne, a gift of Janice and Keith Acland.
- ❖ **Our thanks to all who helped** to make our **Bazaar** a huge success. A large % of the congregation and others all pitched in. All seemed to have a good time! It is all part of our ministry of hospitality. Thank you again everyone.
- ❖ Wednesday Dec. 16, 2015 **Finance Meeting** at 2:30 pm.
- ❖ Wednesday December 16, 2015 **Parish Council Meeting** at 7:00 pm.



O Come, Let Us Adore Him! The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, December 24th.**

❖Please note there will be **NO service on Christmas Day.**



Christmas Poinsettias



As an alternative to putting an actual poinsettia in the church at Christmas, you can give the equivalent amount instead to the Church's Current Operating Account and have your sentiment listed in the bulletin. For those who would like their gift acknowledged, please contact our Secretary, Kathy at 519-344-9531 any Tuesday or Thursday morning or leave a message on the church voice mail.
Thanks!



Christmas Poinsettia Memorials – 2015

The Poinsettia in the Baptistery is in loving memory of infant daughter Anne, a gift of Janice and Keith Acland.

In loving memory of my husband Hugo, mother and dad Henry and Verna Tomlinson a gift of Faith Archer.

In loving memory of members of the Ayers family, a gift of Greta Ayers.

In memory of husband Ross Bradley, stepson Timothy Bradley, father and mother Thomas and Winifred Spencer, brother Russell Spencer, brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Isobel Spencer, a gift of Marion Bradley.

In loving memory of Melody Chalifoux (VanSickle), a gift of mum and dad and sisters Debbie and Michelle and family.

In loving memory of Ollie & Nancy Haddon and Sue Chalmers and my husband Les Chalmers, a gift of Marg and their families.

In loving memory of loved ones, a gift of Al Charge.

In loving memory of husband Charles and son Bob, and for blessings received, a gift of Velma Cox.

In memory of Chuck, Marg, Grace, Edgar and Alice, and for blessings received from Marian Curran and family.

In memory of Margaret and Garth, a gift of Joan Dew.

In loving memory of Web Dixon, a gift of his wife Joyce and children Joy and Gay.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Frew and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Spencer, brothers Ray and Russ Spencer, a gift of Doug and Shirley Frew and family.

In loving memory of Mary Ann Haddon, Joe Dickinson and Donald & Irene Forbes, a gift of Helen and Glenn Forbes.

In loving memory of Kenneth & Ev George, and Brian George, a gift of the family.

In thanksgiving for blessings received, a gift of Kathy and Bill Graham.

In loving memory of parents and grandparents, Merien and Earl Sloat and George and Edith Scott, a gift of Raymond, Rebecca and Katie Grandis.

In loving memory of Doreen Haddon, a gift of her husband.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Haddon, a gift of their family.

In loving memory of my husband Tom Hardie, a gift of his wife and family.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Harrison, Knowles' family members and in thanks for Blessings received, a gift of the Harrison and Knowles' families.

In loving memory of Wife, Mom, Dad and Grammie Margaret, a gift of Sheree Lynn, Mike, Jason and Lucy Hayter.

In memory of our 'Mum' and 'Gram,' Mary Tracy, our aunts and sisters Christine Labrasceur and Lynn McCann, our 'Papa' and 'Dad' Gerry Tracy and our 'Gramma' and Mother Marg Hayter from John, Elaine, Joanna, Sarah, and Nikki Hayter and Jeremy Wickham.

In thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of loved ones, a gift of Ruth and Charlie Lavigne.

In memory of our parents Kathleen and Gordon McPhail gift of the family.

In memory of loved ones, and in thanksgiving for many blessings, a gift of Mary and Lyle Moran.

In memory of Kathy Wilson, a gift of the Pusey family and the Morphew family.

In loving memory of Addie Nield, a gift of her family.

In memory of Blanche Patrick, a gift of her family.

In loving memory of Sarah Jane Churchman, Mr. & Mrs. R. Kershaw and A. Louisa Hibbert, a gift of Janey and Bill Phillips.

In memory of the Rinker and Redden families, a gift of Gerry Rinker and family.

In memory of our beloved son, brother and uncle, we miss you a lot, Ian William Jefferson Scrimgeour, a gift of Alex and Sylvia and family.

In loving memory of Beth Simmons, Mary Switzer, Mary Walker-Thiel and Georgina and Gordon Simmons, Sr., a gift of Gord, Mary-Elizabeth, Pamela and families.

In memory of Marg, a gift of the Spence family.

In loving memory of Eve and Earle Armstrong and grandson Ryan Andrew Stallibrass, lovingly remembered by Wendy, Ron and Robyn Stallibrass.

In memory of loved ones, a gift of Jim and Pat Struthers.

In loving memory of loved ones, a gift of Pat Wood and family.

In memory of Robert Worrall, a gift from his family.

In loving memory of Mary and Fred Wyville, a gift of Pat and Ray, Barbara and Dave, Bonnie and Ed, and families.

In loving memory of Rod and Derek Upfold given by Melissa and Rose Upfold.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!