

# We Gather As God's People

**Celebrant** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

**WELCOME:** If you are visiting us - Welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **H**YMN # 103

**ON JORDAN'S BANK, THE BAPTIST CRY**

WINCHESTER NEW

**Celebrant** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all,  
**People** and also with you.

**Celebrant** Almighty God,  
All 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.

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE**

**Reader** Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfil all of God's promises to us.

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child.



THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,  
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH  
CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 5TH, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith. The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that he may come in.

**All Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.**

*Light the Second Candle A moment of silent reflection is observed.*

### GLORIA

(Please Stand)

**All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**All who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### We Listen To God's Word

**Reader** A reading from the book of **Baruch**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

BARUCH 5:1-9

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Reader** A reading from **Canticle 19a**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Amen.**

CANTICLE 19, BAS (LUKE 1:68-79)

**Reader** A reading from the letter of Paul to the **Philippians**

I thank my God every time I remember you, - constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, -because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. -I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. -It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. -For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight -to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, -having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All** Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you, *(Please stand)*  
**People** and also with you.

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to: Luke

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(said)*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" LUKE 3:1-6

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ  
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(said)*

**SERMON** Rev. Bryce Sangster

## ANTHEM

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand)*

**Celebrant** Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator

of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## We Respond To God's Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Intercessor** Let us pray.

*(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Intercessor** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wherever we are, in the wilderness, the countryside, or the city, God, you are there. That our hearts may be stirred up in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us, the subtle changes in the sky, the delicate coating of soil from which breaks forth our food and flowers and in which animals make their home. Help us to protect and nurture your creation around us and ever proclaim its wonders. Lord,

in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of the church, the persons next to us in the pew, those in neighbourhood churches, the national, international, and ecumenical church of every race, nation and economic circumstance. Let us give thanks for the web of friendship and trust that you give to those who are called the friends of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** For those in authority: Let us pray for Christians who witness in places hostile to the gospel, and let us be thankful for our freedom to practice our faith. Let us pray for the leaders of nations that Christ may transform strangers into friends that all may see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** For this community in our joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us, those who have sacrificed for us. Help us to look for what is below the obvious, and from this depth to reach out to others. Help us to know the joy that is mingled even with our utmost grief. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for the sick and those who struggle to regain their strength, for

those among us with the longest memories to link us to the past, and for the newborn, in whose baptism our baptism is again renewed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the homeless, the hungry, and the sick especially Al, Ann, Barry, Bette, Bill, Bob, Brian, Caroline, Catherine, David, Dave N. Dianne, Don, Doug, Ed, Eileen, Gayle, Heather, Jack, Jennifer, Joan, John, Kelly, Linda, Margaret, Margaret E., Marie-Eve, Ottley, Ruth, Sheldon, Wayne and for those known only to you, that they may find comfort and healing in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes. Lord, in your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for All Saints, Peterborough, its food voucher program, community garden, support of the Good Neighbour Care Centre and Kawartha Food Share, summer bag lunch program, and advocacy at the municipal, provincial and federal levels; for All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop-in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade, and its community agency connections; and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, community garden and Christmas outreach ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for, the Free Methodist Church. Lord, in your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

**Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **COVID PRAYER**

### **CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence....*

Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*(Please Stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**All** and also with you.

## H YMN # 106 THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS ASCENSION

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* God our strength,  
**All** we are nothing without you. Receive all we  
offer you this day as you sustain us with your  
mercy;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Celebrate At God's Table

### EUCARISTIC PRAYER # 5

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you,  
**People** and also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty  
God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our  
life which comes from you. By your power you sustain  
the universe.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* You created us to love you with all our  
heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we  
rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and  
gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who  
serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your  
wonderful name, as we sing,

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, loving  
Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you  
showed us how much you love us. He cares for the  
poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the  
rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but  
overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated  
the power of sin and death. By raising him from the  
dead you show us the power of your love to bring new  
life to all your people.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* On the night before he gave up his life for  
us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave  
thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is  
given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the  
blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all  
of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new  
and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for  
many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory  
of me.”

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People** Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(said)*

*Celebrant* 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.

#### THE BLESSING

#### ~ DISMISSAL ~

#### BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon  
you  
And give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.

#### H YMN # 88

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD # 5

*Celebrant* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*All* Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* Thanks be to God.

#### THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome, to receive Communion on leaving, please maintain your social distance of 2-meters. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms.*

## Today's Readers

1st Lesson OT	Irene Fulton
Psalm	Lillian Adams
2nd Lesson	Margaret Eley
Gospel	Rev. Bryce Sangster
Prayers	Marlene Dooher

## Next Week's Readers, December 12th

1st Lesson OT	Marlene Dooher
Psalm	Nancy DeKuyper
2nd Lesson	Margaret Eley
Gospel	Rev. Bryce Sangster
Prayers	Jim Peeling

### ACW Luncheon

**December 7th, at 1 p.m. Riverview Restaurant**

Open Invitation to all ladies Please confirm if you are attending Marlene 705-653-4386, Shirley 705-947-2063

### December 12th following Church Service Baking and Soup Sale

Please price your items.

A suggested guide as follows: Soup 2cup \$3.00  
4 cup \$5.00, Pies \$10, Cake \$10, Loaves \$3 - \$5, Tea  
Biscuits 1/2 doz. \$4.00, Bread \$3.00, Tarts 1/2 dozen \$5.00  
Squares \$5.00-\$7.00, Cookies small 2 doz. -\$5.00 large 1  
doz. -\$4.50, Cupcakes 1/2 dozen - \$5.00

### Wardens' Meeting Wednesday December 8th, 10:00am ZOOM

Next Sunday December 12th, 2021 ~ Rev. Bryce Sangster  
3rd Sunday of Advent, ~ Holy Communion

#### Readings

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20      CANTICLE 3      PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**  
**LUKE 3:7-18**

Bible readings are taken from *The New Revised Standard Version*.

Please be aware that we are now open to full capacity of 50 people including overflow in Jenkins Hall, for our Sunday Service, maintaining 2-meters apart.



**Please note:**  
The Office will be closed on Fridays from December 10th through to December 24th, and Tuesday December 28th.

**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday - Friday**

**Closed between 12:00pm—1pm**

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