

## We Gather As God's People

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*Celebrant* 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*

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**H**YMN # 37  
**WE'LL SING IN THE MORNING** THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'

*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 JOY

Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace.

*(Light the Candles of Hope, and Peace.)*

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her; a child who would save and deliver his people.



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THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,  
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH  
CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 12TH, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord."

**All: We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that He is the one who brings true and everlasting joy.**

*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* God of power and mercy,

**All 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.**

## We Listen To God's Word

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

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements 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.  
ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

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

**Reader** A reading of **Canticle 3**

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;**

**make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Amen.** *Isaiah 12.2-6*

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

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.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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

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## **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: **L**uke

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

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. LUKE 3:7-18

**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.

Let our hearts and minds be stirred as we pray to God for that peace so much greater than we can imagine, saying: Quicken your Spirit within us; O Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world: May the wars on every continent cease, may nations be at rest, may refugees and survivors find a new home and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all lands, and the lion and the lamb lie content. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For peace in the church: May we intensify our efforts of peace making with the separated churches, that peace may prevail over conflict and we be reconciled in one family, exercising one baptism, one eucharist, and one common ministry in its many forms. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For this assembly: May we let go of our vested interests and inspired by your Spirit seek peace with one another. Help us give up the grievances we harbour within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust, the cornerstone of all reconciled relationships. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For peace where we live, work and recreate, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the sounds of the trees, the birds, the winds, and the rain. Give us space and time to hear ourselves, to feel our own feelings and express our own longings, knowing that the only one true longing is your longing for us. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For our young people: Let us provide space for them in our midst, and time to reassure them in their insecurities, encourage them in their hopes, and ever strengthen them in their gifts. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the elderly and the infirm: We give thanks for the health and long life that many enjoy, and we pray for those who are overcome with suffering in body and spirit. Help us comfort one another and share with one another, knowing that whatever we ask for in prayer, those needs will be satisfied. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People** O Lord, 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, Vanessa 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. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People** O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, its Café 65 program for seniors and support of the Community Share food bank; for the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry, its support of local outreach initiatives, education for reconciliation, and stream regeneration project with Kawartha Conservation; and for the Parish of Belmont, its involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Pikangikum Water Project, and its advocacy for affordable housing, food security, and poverty reduction. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People** O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for, the Seymour United Church. Quicken your Spirit within us;

**People** O Lord, hear our prayer.

**O Lord, fill our minds and hearts with everything that is good and loving and worthy of thanksgiving and praise, everything that comes to us under the sign of your peace and in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## COVID PRAYER

### CONFESSION 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 # 101

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED CRUGER

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* God of hope,  
**All 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.**

## We Celebrate At God's Table

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER # 1

*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* It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. you formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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* Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; He opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising Him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People** 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 # 415  
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL ALL THINGS  
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

**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.*

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**Today's Readers**

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

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**Next Week's Readers, December 19th**

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1st Lesson OT	Alden Mitchell
Psalm	Connie Woodcock
2nd Lesson	Glen Woodcock
Gospel	Nancy DeKuyper
Prayers	Marlene Dooher

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**The Voice Newsletter**

Please pick-up your copy in Jenkins Hall

**2022 Offering Envelopes**

Please pick-up your box of envelopes from Jenkins Hall

**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.**

# Christmas Eve Services

## December 24th, Holy Communion

St. George, Hastings ~ 4pm

Christ Church, Campbellford ~ 7pm



The Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath invite s you to join us in our Christmas Service, so that we can all worship together, and by the way bring a friend.

**Next Sunday December 19th, 2021 ~ Nancy DeKuyper**  
**4th Sunday of Advent, ~ Morning Prayer**

**Readings**

**MICAH 5:2-5A**

**PSALM 80:1-7**

**HEBREWS 10:5-10**

**LUKE 1:39-45**

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

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