

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 9:00AM
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe (awn-ish-in-aw-bay), adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), Chippewa, and Cree, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

If you are visiting us - welcome!

We Gather As God's People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #89 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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

Reader 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.

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

Leader Let us pray.

All Loving God, you called Mary to be the mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your Kingdom. Amen.

† TRISAGION

All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

† 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 **Isaiah**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ISAIAH 35:1-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading from **Canticle 18** (Luke 1:46b-55)

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Amen.

Reader A reading from the letter of **James**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

JAMES 5:7-10

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All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN #108 **HARK, A HERALD VOICE IS SOUNDING**

(VS 1 - 3 before the Gospel and VS 4 - 5 after the Gospel)

† **THE GOSPEL**

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



Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

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

Gospeller When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

MATTHEW 11:2-11

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *(sung)*

† **SERMON** Rev. Canon Richard Miller

A moment of quiet reflection

† **ANTHEM** THE NEW CHRISTMAS CAROL

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Based on Psalm 63)

(Please stand)

Celebrant Let us confess our faith saying,

All O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. My soul is content and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. You have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. Amen.

† **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor Let us pray.

(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are comfortable.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Jesus said that the signs of God's

dominion were to be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life, and the preaching of good news to the poor. Let us pray that our lives may be the instruments of God's work in the world, saying: O God, most worthy of praise, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need especially Baby Oliver, Barb, Barry, Caroline, Chris, Connie, Dan, Doris, Francoise, Glen, Isobel, Jennifer, Jerry, Kat, Larry, Lew, Lillian, Marie-Eve, Mary, Mike, Ottley, Ross, William and for those known only to you. We pray for those who have died. Grant us the grace to accept suffering with patience and to be strengthened by our common life in the body of Christ. O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We thank you for your countless gifts. Above all, we thank you for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and for our unity in him through baptism. O

God, most worthy of praise,
People 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 Operation Scugog food bank, support of North House through Coldest Night of the Year, and participation in Affirming Worship Durham; and for the Parish of Belmont, its involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Pimatisiwin Nipi Water Project, and its advocacy for affordable housing, food security, and poverty reduction. O God, most worthy of praise,
People hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for St. John's United Church. O God, most worthy of praise,
People hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving and prayers to you, the one God and the source of light and life, now and for ever. Amen.

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to this 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN #106 **THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS**

† **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 #3**

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 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.

All *(Sung)*
**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 thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to

stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Therefore, loving God, according to his command,
**All we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of your Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children through our Lord Jesus, your Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Jesus taught us, let us pray,

All Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven.

Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers.

For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen.

† THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall never be hungry."

All "And whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Celebrant So, in faith, come to this table, you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who easily follow Jesus and you who struggle to do so. Come, for it is the Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

† THE COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine of the Eucharist please cross your arms over your chest.



† COMMUNION HYMN

TOMORROW, CHRIST IS COMING

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Loving God,

All may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

† THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us, the Christ, who loves and befriends us

and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, is with us all today and always.

People Amen.

† **BENEDICTION HYMN**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

R **ECENSIONAL HYMN #109**
WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN

~ Dismissal ~



Today's Readers

1st Lesson	Betty Leppanen
Psalm	Maureen Greenwood
2nd Lesson	Irene Fulton
Gospel	Rev. Canon Richard Miller
Prayers	Joy Goemans
Chalice	Shelli Jeffs
Chalice	

**Please pick-up your copy of The Voice,
newsletter.**

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

December 21st Lesson & Carols
Christ Church Campbellford 9:00am
St. George, Hastings 11:00am

Christmas Eve Services

December 20th 5pm St. James Roseneath
December 24th, Holy Communion
St. George, Hastings ~ 4pm
Christ Church, Campbellford ~ 7pm

**Your personal 2026 Offering Envelopes are
available for pick-up in Jenkins Hall.**

**Meghan Valentine
Envelope Secretary**

Next Sunday, December 21st, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent ~ Lessons & Carols
Christ Church, 9am, St. George 11am



Memorial Flowers:

Anyone wishing to order memorial/dedication flowers for the altar please contact Shelli Jeffs at 905-242-1358

**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday-Friday
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00pm**

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