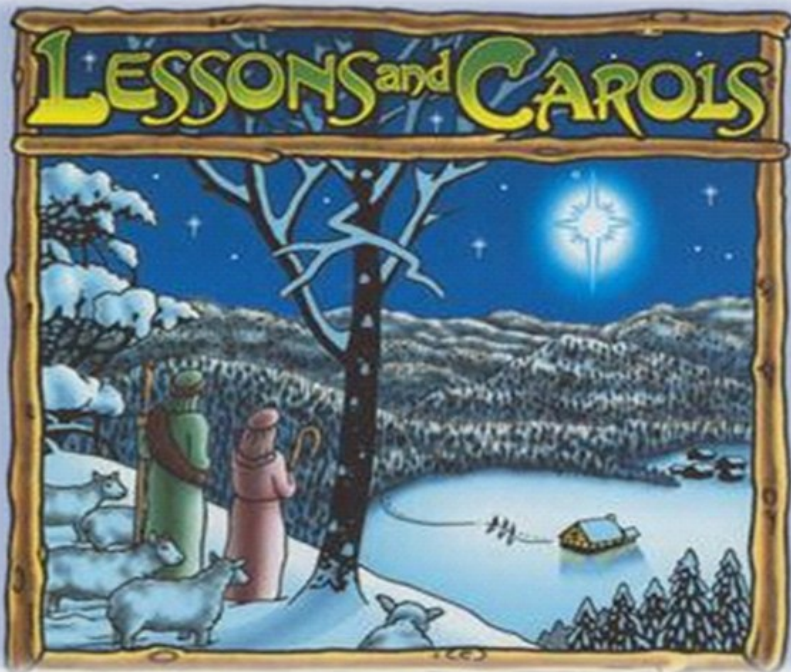


THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD, HASTINGS
& ROSENEATH



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21ST, 2025~ 9:00 AM

The Story in Which We Belong

Opening Hymn #108
HARK, A HERALD VOICE IS SOUNDING

Welcome, Announcements

Leader In Advent we remember that we are waiting.
All **We are waiting for Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Leader We are waiting for Christmas to remember
Jesus' birth
All **and are waiting for Christ's return.**

Leader We are waiting for Christ our Judge
All **and for Christ who is our Saviour.**

Leader We are waiting amidst the pain of this world
All **and waiting for the renewed world that is to come.**

Leader We are waiting as lights on a hill.
All **We are heralds of Christ's Kingdom now.
Shine from us O Jesus Christ, Light the world.**

Leader Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those
who follow me will not walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life."
All **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

(Light the Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy)

† LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Valentine Family

(From The Cathedral Church of St. James, Diocese of Toronto)

Leader Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

The Valentine Family

Reader Today the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY continue to burn in the Advent Wreath. On this the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will light the candle of LOVE as we continue to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us the way of love, for he is the love of God in human flesh. Jesus says to us, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another".

All Lord, kindle your love in our hearts.
(The fourth candle is lit)

Reader Let us pray.

All Teach us to love, O God of Love. As we prepare for our celebration of the birth of your Son, fill our hearts with his love for you, our families, our neighbours, your church and the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

A moment of silent reflection is observed

Choir Hymn #131

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Lessons & Carols, Brief History

Processional Hymn #123

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(Choir v1, choir and congregation v2-3)

Please remain standing



BELOVED in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem

and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the promise of a Messiah to the story of His birth unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our diocese.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.**

Choir Anthem: Salutation Carol

H ymn #88 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

† THE FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

Mary Lou Steinmann - Screening in Faith

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

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

H ymn #91 PEOPLE. LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR

† THE SECOND LESSON:

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Shirley Warr - Prayer Shawl Ministry

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their

enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #99
BREAK, DAY OF GOD, O BREAK

† **THE THIRD LESSON:**
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Saviour.
Jim Peeling - Fundraising Committee

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.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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Choir Anthem: Gabriel's Message

Hymn #140
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

† **THE FOURTH LESSON:**

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Irene Fulton - Music Ministry

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 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. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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Hymn #117
LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

† **THE FIFTH LESSON:**
Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive Jesus, the Son of God.

Maureen Greenwood - ACW

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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All Thanks be to God.

Hymn ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? **[Refrain]**
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **[Refrain]**
4. See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. **[Refrain]**

Choir Anthem: A Galley Carol

Hymn #138 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

† **THE SIXTH LESSON:**
Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Diane Williamson - Outreach Ministry

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of

David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #126
AWAY IN A MANGER

Hymn
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

[Refrain]
*Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born. [Refrain]*

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thru-out the heavens
There shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

3. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation

That blessed Christmas morn. *[Refrain]*

✠ **THE SEVENTH LESSON:**
Luke 2:8-16

*The angels bring humble shepherds joyful news ~ the
Saviour of the world has been born.*

Joy Goemans - Altar Guild

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #136 WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

Choir Anthem: Shepherds Loud
Their Praises Singing

† THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus and avoid the schemes of King Herod.

Neil Fulton - Rector's Warden

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 its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set

out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: All My Heart This Night Sings

Hymn WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. ***[Refrain]***

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

Please Stand

† **THE NINTH LESSON:**

John 1:1-14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation ~
Jesus is the Word of God, who was, is, and is to come.
Nancy Wright-DeKuyper - Worship Ministry*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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All Thanks be to God.

Offertory Hymn #139
THE FIRST NOWELL

† **OFFERTORY**

Leader Gracious God,
All by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Leader Gracious God,
All by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

† **BLESSING**

Recessional Hymn #118 (v1-4)
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in hope, the Lord is coming.
All **Thanks be to God. Maranatha!**



*The Christmas poinsettia is given in loving memory of
the loved ones in the Fernandez and McArton families
by Lee Fernandez and family.*

**Please join us on our combined service held
at Christ Church, Campbellford,
December 28th, 10:00am.**

Memorial Flowers:

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

Next Service, December 24th
Eve of Christmas Service
Holy Communion ~ Rev. Canon Richard Miller
St. George 4:00pm Christ Church 7:00pm
Readings

ISAIAH 9:2-7	PSALM 96	TITUS 2:11-14
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LUKE 2:1-20

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.

**Please note that the Christ Church Office will be closed on
 December 22, 25, 26 and January 1 and 2nd.**

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 body products. Thanks for your cooperation**