



Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Winnipeg

Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith, and serve the world.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

You may find the following information useful as you worship with us:

NEED TO SIT DURING WORSHIP? There are often long periods when we stand during worship, please feel free to sit down at any time.

HEADSETS are available to assist in hearing during worship. Contact the wardens or sidespersons if you wish to use them.

PRAYER BOWL – If there is someone for whom you wish silent prayers, you are invited to write their name on one of the slips of paper provided and place it in the prayer bowl at the back of the church (on the sound equipment cabinet)

COMMUNION – All are welcome to receive communion. Due to health concerns, the dipping of the wafer or bread into the wine (intinction) is no longer permitted. If you choose not to receive the wine, touching the base of the cup and saying “Amen” is sufficient.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING – Anything which troubles us, physically, mentally, or emotionally, is reason to ask God for healing. You may also wish to ask for healing for someone else. During Communion, prayer teams are available on either side of the altar rail. If you desire prayer and anointing, please go to one of the stations after receiving Communion.

WE ARE A NUT FREE, SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT – Many people, especially children are struggling with allergies to nut products with potentially deadly consequences. Many people also have sensitivities to some scents. We have asked parishioners to be aware of this, to refrain from bringing nut products to Church, and from wearing highly scented products.

Following worship you are cordially invited to meet in the parish hall for a time of conversation, fellowship and refreshments.

St. Peter's is committed to Creation care: Please recycle this bulletin

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
Franconia

J. Brahms
Andrew Fletcher

Acknowledgement of the Land: *We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.*

Opening Hymn: #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v.1,2,3,7

VENI EMMANUEL

The Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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 the Advent Wreath (Choir sings introduction)

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Leader: During Advent our eyes are opened to the wonders of God.

All: **With God all things are possible.**

Leader: During Advent our faith is nurtured by the promise of God.

All: **With God all things are possible.**

Leader: During Advent our hope is reawakened to the presence of God.

All: **With God all things are possible.**

Leader: During Advent our lives are touched by the love of God.

All: **With God all things are possible.**

Candle Lighting

Leader: Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us that Advent is a time to hear again the message of hope offered through the Saviour's birth. The second candle calls us to believe that just as God worked mighty deeds in ages past, God is still actively at work today. The third candle is lit as we

draw closer to God in faithful acceptance. Advent reminds us that even when God's ways exceed our understanding, God's word still demands our trust. As we continue our Advent journey, let us hear what God has spoken, believe what God has promised, and accept what God has revealed.



Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray

(silence)

All: **God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world's scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us now feast at the table of God's word.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (*Please remain seated for the psalm*)

Reflection on the psalm: Restored from exile, Israel's joy is palpable! But Israel also anticipates a greater, future restoration. Psalm 126 well expresses our Advent hope: we rejoice at the restoration achieved through Christ's first advent. But we also hope for the fullness of God's kingdom when Christ returns. In the in-between time the worshipping community waits, sustained by word and sacrament, and living out our faith before the world.



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Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #105 Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness v. 1,2,3

MORNING SONG

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: **Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn: #105 Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness v. 4,5

MORNING SONG

Sermon

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Gifts

Officiant: From the abundance of God's creation we bring forward bread and wine and offer them to God.

Officiant: The table for our celebration of the Eucharist will now be prepared as we sing the offertory hymn #111

Offertory Hymn: #111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

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Officiant: Let us with joy present these offerings which represent our labour and our lives.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **God of hope, 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

B.A.S. 198

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,.....
..... to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;



heav-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bles - sed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,.....
Therefore, O Father, according to his command:

All: **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice..... We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Sounding bowl

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,.....now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All sing: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: 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.**

**Communion Hymn: # 90 How the World Longs for Your Birth
94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near**

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Sending Forth of Eucharistic Minister

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. One body are we.

All: **For though many, we share one bread and one cup.**

Presider: Go, in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray

All: **Merciful God, 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.**

Presider: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Officiant: I invite announcements that reflect some of the numerous ministries that occur in and through St. Peter's.

Recessional Hymn: May the Blessing of God Be Upon You (following page)

Deacon: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Noel Rawsthorne

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva and Gerald Young by Erin-Brie Warwick.

May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'May the Blessing of God Be Upon You'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.'

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Please include in your prayers: Paul Rozniatowski, Thelma Penteliuk, Bernice Nemeth, Sophie Mulla, Peter Mulla, Grayson Justin Beayla Nemeth, Len Bateman, Ruth Cadick, Faye, Bob Greenwood, Bill Anderson, Fred Stewart, Donna Friesen, Ruth Kensinger, Jesse Kensinger, Beth Hiscox, , the Sargeant family, Mike Martin, Bonnie Kowaski, George and Gladys Oelkers, Adele Nuytten, Betty Dysuk, Bruce Gunderson, Ginny and Bob Kellington, Janet Billington, Jessica Patrician and baby, Karen Dunlop.

In our parish cycle of prayer: Abi and Judy Calcutt, Ian and Marie Chalmers, Bob and Caroline Chapil, Bruce Barry

PARISH and COMMUNITY LIFE

Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith and serve the world.

A Light in the Darkness: Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 pm This is a different service before Christmas. It provides worship to meet three needs:

1. For many the Christmas season can be difficult as we feel alone or mourn the loss of loved ones, health, employment
2. It offers a chance to remember and give thanks for loved ones no longer with us
3. It offers a quiet time for reflection and prayer in a warm and welcoming setting during this hectic season.

We invite you to join us as we offer hope in a dark world.

Labyrinth Solstice Walk Thursday 21 December at 6:30 p.m. A ritual and labyrinth walk to mark the longest night and the returning of the light. This is an opportunity to reflect on those parts of your life in which there is darkness and on which you would like to shed light.

Readings for next Sunday (December 24) 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16; CANTICLE 18 (LUKE 1:47-55) OR PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26; ROMANS 16:25-27; LUKE 1:26-38

<u>MEETINGS AND EVENTS</u>			
Sunday	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	December 19	9:30 a.m.	Christian Meditation
		7:00 p.m.	A Light in the Darkness
Thursday	December 21	6:30 p.m.	Labyrinth – Winter Solstice
		7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday	December 24	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
<u>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP</u>			
Sunday	December 24	4:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Pageant
		10:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	December 25	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider	The Rev. Canon Donna Joy	Cantor	Erin-Brie Warwick
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Mary Holmen	O Antiphons	Alex Milevic
Officiant	Betty Currie		
Intercessor	The Rev. Deacon Diane Panting	Sounding Bowl	Thelma Penteliuk
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Prayer Team	Laurie Bellay	Sidespersons	George Green
	Shelagh Balfour		Bob Chapil
	Lissa Wray Beal	Greeters	Bev Smith
	Bev Smith		Pat Ahmad
Readers	Marcus LeNabat	Coffee	Garth and Di Panting
	Pearl James		
Gospel	Donna MacKay		