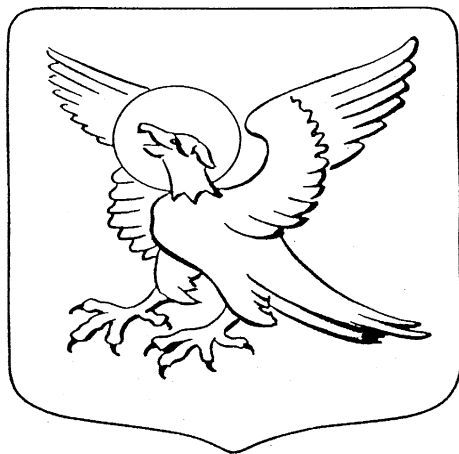


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am
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Welcome to St. John's.

We are gathering in the Parish Hall today for our service. The whole service is printed in the bulletin, including texts to the hymns.

SUNG EUCHARIST & PAGEANT

Prelude

Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

***Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain***

**Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain***

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Celebrant 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.**

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.

Canticle

Tune: St. Agnes

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
to God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-5

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Carol Good Christians All, Rejoice

**Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed forevermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!**

An Advent Pageant

St. John's Sunday School

Advent Candle Song *(The first two Advent candles are lit)*

**Light the Advent candle, one;
now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way,
time to think of Christmas day.**

**Light the Advent candle, two;
think of the humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child on Christmas night.**

**Light the Advent candle, three;
think of heav'nly harmony;
angels singing "peace on earth";
at the blessed Savior's birth.**

**Light the Advent candle, four;
think of joy forevermore
Christ child in a stable born,
gift of love that Christmas morn.**

**Light the Christmas candle, now;
sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King,
let the Allelulias ring.**

**Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

Carol Once in Royal David's City

**Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from Heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.**

Apostles' Creed

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.**

Intercessions (*Response: Lord, have mercy.*)

Confession, 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 is kept)

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn All Poor Folk and Humble

**All poor folk and humble, all lame folk who stumble,
come haste ye, and be not afraid;
for Jesus, our treasure, whose love passes measure,
in lowly poor manger was laid.
Though wise men who found him
laid rich gifts around him,
yet oxen they gave him their hay;
and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty:
contented in manger he lay.
*Refrain: Then haste we to show him
the praises we owe him;
our service he ne'er can despise,
whose love still is able to show us that stable
where softly in manger he lies.***

**The Christ child will lead us, the good Shepherd feed us,
and with us abide till his day.
Then hatred he'll banish, then sorrow will vanish,
and death and despair flee away.
And he shall reign ever, and nothing shall sever
from us the great love of our King.
His peace and his pity Shall bless his fair city;
His praises we ever shall sing. *Refrain***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

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 pow'r and
might. Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna, hosanna on high. Blessed
is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna, hosanna on high.**

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.

Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 are for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Please make your way to station in front of the altar to receive Communion. If you are unable to move to the altar, Communion may be brought to you at your seat.

Carols during Communion

A Candle is Burning

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflicts must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

**A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

Little Drummer Boy

**Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum;
a newborn King to see pa rum pum pum;
our finest gifts we bring pa rum pum pum;
to lay before the king pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
So to honour him pa rum pum pum; when we come.**

**Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
that's fit to give a king, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum, on my drum?**

**Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum.
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.
I played my drum for him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum
me and my drum.**

Do You Hear what I Hear?

**Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see
way up in the sky, little lamb?
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
with a tail as big as a kite; with a tail as big as a kite**

**Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear
ringing through the sky, shepherd boy?
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees
with a voice as big as the sea; with a voice as big as the sea.**

**Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know
in your palace warm, mighty king?
Do you know what I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold
let us bring Him silver and gold;
let us bring Him silver and gold.**

**Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
Listen to what I say!
The child, the Child, sleeping in the night
he will bring us goodness and light;
He will bring us goodness and light.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Dismissal

Presiding Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Catherine Ascah
Reader: Ruth Harris
Intercessions: Lois Dewey
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis; Kathy Porter
Servers: Lois Dewey; Kevin Lewis; Rob MacLaren
Sidespeople: Garry & Ruth Rodford
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis, Ila Bennett

All are welcome to stay for a potluck lunch following the service.

Readings for next Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

This Week in the Parish		
Monday	AA, Al-ATeen, Al-Anon	8pm
Tuesday	The Mystery of the Incarnation Group B Guides/Pathfinders Pint & A Passage Bible Study – Café Whim	12noon 2pm 6:30pm 7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist AA	10am 5:30pm
Thursday	Sparks/Brownies Choir Practice	6:30pm 7:30pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm

Christmas Liturgies

Sun Dec 24	9am	Advent IV Holy Eucharist
	7pm	Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist with children's story at the crèche
	9:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
Mon Dec 25	10am	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with carols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up this week to start using them in January.

Church Flowers

Those wishing to make Memorial Donations are asked to send their donations to the Church Office. Please clearly mark that the gift is for flowers and include all names for the Memorial List that will be printed in the Christmas Bulletins.

The Mystery of the Incarnation: Tues Dec 12 & 19 – 12noon

Explore the story of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany through the gospels. Compare and contrast the different perspectives. A light lunch of soup and bread will be served.

Pint & A Passage: Tuesdays – 7pm

Dig into the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday at the new weekly bible study to be held at Café Whim (Russell St. W. in the Davidson Courtyard). Bring your bible, an inquiring mind and prepare to wrestle with the text and its message for us today.

Smiths Falls Advent Walk: This afternoon - 4pm

The congregations of St. John's, Westminster Presbyterian and Trinity United are coming together in an Advent Walk, where we will pray, sing, hear the timeless scriptures of Advent, and journey together from one church to another. The walk begins at St. John's then moves to Westminster and on to Trinity, where there will be hospitality and refreshments.

Lessons & Carols for Christmas: Sun December 17th - 4pm

Invite family and friends to this beautiful service here at St. John's where the timeless story of God's creation and redemption of humanity in Christ Jesus is interwoven with carols and hymns.

Family New Year's Eve: Sun Dec 31 6-8pm

Family friendly potluck at St. John's with board games, crafts for the children, a photo booth, noisemakers and the "countdown" at the end of the evening.

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Louise Sherry – Church Secretary

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Weekly Liturgies

Wednesday 10am – Holy Eucharist

Saturday 5pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8am – Holy Eucharist; 10am* – Sung Eucharist

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Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 269-3286

Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811

	Dec 17 – Advent III	Dec 24 – Advent IV
Readers:	Karen Bryan; Terry Dillabough	Dawn Dunlop; Maxine Haining
Intercessor:	Paul Howard	Pat Lee
Communion Assistants:	Karen Bryan; Ron Watt	Chris Elmsley; Kathy Porter
Servers:	Ron Watt; Sue Norman; Laura Porter	Alex & Kevin Lewis
Altar Guild:	Maxine Haining	Maxine Haining
Sidespeople:	Muriel James; Marilyn Lucas	Bob & Tammy Mulrooney
Video:		
Coffee Hour:	Parish Council	