

Advent 2019

“The World Waits for Good News of Great Joy!”

December 1, 10:15 a.m., Advent One: Communion Service

“The Lord Is Coming Let’s Be Ready!”

10:15 Hymn Sing

December 8, 10:30 a.m., Advent 2: White Gift Sunday

“The Lord is Coming: Let’s be Prepared!”

December 15, 10:30 a.m., Advent 3:

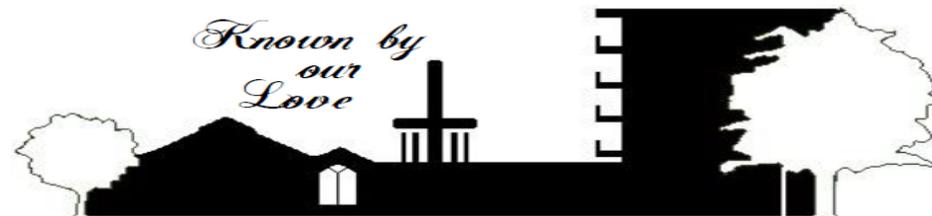
“Joy for the Journey, the Lord Is Coming!”

December 22, 10:30 a.m., Advent 4:

“A Sign of Emmanuel: God’s Expression of Love”

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve

“A Child Is Born For Us.”



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December 1, 2019 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome and that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry, & please sign the Guest Book before you leave.

Rev. Roni EMERGENCY Contact: 1-416-271-5313

Please note: Rev. Roni is off Monday & Tuesday.

STAFF

Minister: Rev. Roni Beharry

Organist: John Henderson

Administration: Sheila Durand

Office Hours: Wednesday - Friday

9:00am - 1:00pm

A special **thank you** to all participants in today’s service.

Reader: Denyse Leigh

Ushers: JoAnne Livingston

Doreen McLuhan

Servers: Nancy Lourie

Lynda McKenzie

Merlin & Janie Clayton

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Dixon

Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service in the Bert Passmore Hall.

WE GATHER
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st 2019
“THE LORD IS COMING. LET’S BE READY”
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Carol Sing

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement: “We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”

Greeting: “The time has come to wake from slumber, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first came to believe”. Let us prepare our hearts to worship God on this first Sunday of Advent.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Keep awake.

Christ is coming.

Wait for the Lord.

Love is coming.

Prepare the way.

Hope is coming.

Worship the Lord.

Christ is coming soon.

Advent Litany: “The Hope of Your Coming”

Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram and Aren Newell Williams

Choir

May the hope of Your coming guide us from the dark.

May the peace of your promise rest upon our heart.

May the joy of Your presence glow throughout the night.

May the love, Your deep love, fill this room, fill this room with light.

By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

We name the following persons and situations on this day as we commit ourselves to the work of your salvation....

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
All honour and glory are yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.**

Suggested words when receiving communion.

Server: Jesus Christ the bread of life.

Recipient: Amen.

Server: Jesus Christ the cup of blessing.

Recipient Amen.

Video: “What a Journey It Has Been” Played during communion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqVwhrWBzEM>

Performed by : Lea Salonga, Lyrics by: Julie Gold.

Post communion Prayer:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VU#1vs.7

**7O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind,
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.**

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

Hymn: “Hope Shines as A Solitary Star” MV#220 *sung twice*

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
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By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from the slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us
always
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” VU#1vs.6

**“O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.”**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples,
and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new
covenant,
pour out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering
for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ is died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them before us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
Redeemed by his blood.

Advent Week 1

Narrator: A Savior, the Messiah, is promised; the birth of the
child is prophesied in God’s word.

Congregation: *Oh Lord, You are our Hope.*

Narrator: For what was written in former days was written for
our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Congregation: *Oh Lord, You are our Hope.*

Narrator: Our hearts long for the Hope your arrival will bring.

Congregation: *Oh Lord, You are our Hope.*

Narrator: God’s promise s are true. We await the birth of
Christ, the Promised Child, the Saviour of the World.

Hope is coming soon

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Lighting of the first advent candle: Brenda Cote

Opening Prayer:

God of power and might,
**Your majesty is greater than the highest mountain,
your glory more radiant than the summer sun.**
As the days grow dark and the sun light wanes,
Warm our hearts with the radiance of your love,
that we might find our courage
and walk by the light of the moon.
As nations rise up against nation,
Nurture our hope in your name,
that we might beat our swords into ploughshares
and our spears into pruning hooks. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” VU#2

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we long to open our eyes
and behold the glory of your dawn,
but our eyelids have grown heavy
and the light stings our eyes.

We yearn to heed your summons
and make a great pilgrimage of faith,
but our need for rest seems greater.

Call us once again, Holy One,
for we long to hear your voice
and know that salvation is near. Amen

Prayer of Assurance:

Hear the good news: Salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first came to believe.

The one who came as a child so long ago,
Awakens our heart and gives us hope.

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel. *“O Little Town of Bethlehem” VU#64 vs.4*

Children’s Time: “The Little Red Stocking”

by: Tina Dine. Illustrated by Jaded Dragon Studios

Advent Prayer of Illumination:

Advent is a time of waiting.

**We acknowledge that sometimes we find it hard to wait,
O God.**

Advent is a time of preparation.

**Open our hearts and minds, O God, so that we may prepare
for the Christ Child to be born in us.**

Help us to receive your word to us, O God,

Your word of hope for today, in words written long ago. Amen

By: Phyllis Flemming, Grace U.C., Thornbury, ON Gathering A/C/E 2019/20

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

One: Herein is Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 122: 1-7 VU 845

Choir Anthem

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: “The Lord Is Coming. Let’s Be Ready”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” VU 473

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Blessing:

Offertory: VU#55 vs.4

Advent Communion Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
VU#1 vs. 1,2,3

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to
the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce
that the time
had come when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed and hungry, and ate with sinners.