



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 15, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

*Welcome in the name of the living God, in the name of the beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Spirit who gives us life.*

If you are a visitor, you are invited to sign our guest book.

(** indicates standing, as you are able)

THE APPROACH

Organ Prelude

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit

****Please rise as the Bible enters** #125 People look east vs. 1
People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set
the table. People look east and sing today: Love the guest is
on the way.

**Call to Worship

**Hymn #144 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace

**Hymn: #124 People in Darkness

Advent Candlelighting: The Candle of Joy



Reader 1: Our souls magnify the Lord! Our souls
rejoice in God, our Saviour!

Reader 2: Waters shall break forth with joy in
the wilderness. There will be streams in the
desert!

**People: But we see the wilderness suffer. Rivers flood; fires
rage. How can we feel joy when the world knows
such sorrow?**

Reader 1: In times of suffering, Jesus asks us to shine with pure,
clear light. We light the candle of joy to brighten the
world, to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with
good things. *(light candle)*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle joy in our lives. Shine in
our lives whenever we feel discouraged, to
strengthen our trust in you. Give us wisdom to
respond to suffering with commitment sustained by
joy. Let our faithfulness shine in the world you love.
Amen**

Reader 2: As we wait for you, Jesus, we will shine with hope and
work for peace with joyful hearts!

**** #119** Hope is a star (verse 1,2 & 3 and chorus)

Children's time *(children go to class following story)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:	First Lesson: Isaiah 35: 1-10	pg. 547
	Epistle Lesson: James 5: 7-10	pg. 921
	Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 46b-55	pg. 784

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Mary's Boy Child - Keith MacDonald & Justin Savage

Sermon **Joy Within Joy Without**

****Reaffirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**** Hymn #118 Hark the glad sound**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

****Offertory #145 vs. 4**

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

****Prayer of dedication**

**** Hymn #109 All earth is waiting**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Sending Forth #110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (vs. 1)**

Please stay seated for the Sunday School Christmas performance and then you're welcome to join us downstairs for a potluck with cookie decorating for the children.

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Office Door Usher: Gary Ross
Scripture Reader: Brent MacQuarrie
Candlelighters: Trevor, Ingrid & Elsa Wise
Refreshments: Potluck downstairs



*Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving
memory of Graham Fraser by
Phoebe and family members*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We say a huge thank you and welcome to Pierre Aucoin, who is filling in for our organist, Lloyd MacLean. A couple of weeks ago, Lloyd had to have emergency surgery. We wish him a speedy and easy recovery. He will be out for 6-8 weeks. If anyone would like to send him a get-well card, his address is: 33 Silly Acres Lane, Millbrook, RR1, Saltspings, NS BOK 1P0.

We have received a memorial donation for Bill Arthur (Jan. 10) from Sandra and family.

2020 Church calendars have arrived. They are \$5.00 each and are available at the office.

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upper hall on a table.

The Circle of Friends has transferred \$3,800.00 into General Funds to be designated for the new dishwasher downstairs that was recently purchased.

CORRECTION: **Happy 90+** December birthday to Ray Webster.

ADDITION: **Happy 80+** December birthday to Chet Fleming on Dec. 28.

Christmas Memory Tree - DEADLINE IS TODAY!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Dec. 22 – 7:00 pm - St. Paul United Church in Westville is hosting the Longest Night Service for those experiencing difficulty, sadness or grief during the Christmas season.



Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm
Special music
Children's Handbell Choir

Mission Statement: *But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously – take God seriously.*
Micah 6: 8-The Message

CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

\$5.00 places one ball on the tree

\$10.00 places two balls on the tree

\$20.00 four balls etc. (or any donation amount you want)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Env. # _____

No. of balls: _____ Amount: _____

In memory of: _____

Donated by:

There will be an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin with all the names on it and who made the donation.

No dollar amounts will be used.

*Your donation will be on your receipt of givings at the end of the year or by separate receipt if you don't have an envelope number. **DEADLINE TODAY.***