



Advent blessings to you and yours!

Advent blessings ...

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (CEB)

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Finding Advent Blessings by RESTING IN GOD

This Advent we are exploring The Inn - Housing the Holy and this week we are going to talk about 'Making room for Hope' by resting in God's abundance & presence.

One way to rest in God's abundance & presence is to make room for hope in our world. There is a practice called a Nativity Fast. In preparation for Christ's coming, choose something to fast from during this season.

Many Eastern Orthodox traditions observe a Nativity Fast. The Greek Orthodox

Archdiocese of America states that in "abstaining from certain food and drink, particularly from meat, fish, dairy products, olive oil, and wine, as well as focusing more deeply on prayer and almsgiving, we can find that the primary aim of fasting is to make us conscious of our dependence upon God."

- What may be taking up room in your life that could be room for God?
- What space could you free up in your heart and mind in order to make way and invite Christ in?
- How and when could you make yourself available for the Spirit to move and

breathe
hope
into
your
life?

Make a plan to "make room" for God's abundance & presence in some way each day this week.

This year instead of lighting the Advent wreath, volunteers will be placing lanterns of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light which reminds us all of our calling to be lights of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light in times of hopelessness, injustice, despair, hate and darkness.

Let us pray ...

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

- Written
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Announcement:

The Session is happy to report we have chosen to lift capacity limits for worship however, in order to do this we are instructed by the local health unit to require proof of double vaccination for entry into our building for worship & activities. This means no more social distancing.

You will only be asked once to provide proof of vaccination.

We are accepting proof of vaccination two ways:

1. Please bring your proof of vaccination with you to the next worship service you attend. Elders will review and record that your proof of vaccination was reviewed and this will be recorded on a master list.

2. OR please send Rev. Shelly your electronic proof of vaccination via email. Rev. Shelly will review proof and record that proof was reviewed and this will be recorded on a master list. The email with attachment will be deleted. You will receive confirmation. (rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian .ca)



THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

A big thank-you to the Caradoc friends who gathered to make lovely Christmas planters again this year! And THANK-YOU! To all who purchased a Christmas planter for your front door!

As a community we thank the Caradoc Ladies Aid and others for

continuing to use creative ways during these pandemic times to raise funds for the church mission and ministry!

Do you love minced meat pies or tarts?

A British classic and favourite Christmas goody! *Pies and tarts are being prepared.*
Interested in ordering for Christmas?

Please text or call Lily Carrothers to order before December 20th.
Lily can be reached at 519-281-1811

Advent and Christmas Worship



Advent worship

Come to the Inn each Sunday in Advent to explore what it means to house the holy. The traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light will be expressed through addressing 'housing the holy' in our journey towards Christmas.

As we delve into the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbours and "make room in the inn," the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the

light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Join Caradoc Church this Advent for worship!

Please remember registration and proof of vaccination is required for worship each Sunday.

[Click HERE!](#) to register for this Sunday's worship!

Come celebrate Advent Holy Communion this Sunday!

Things will be a bit different in person, as you enter worship please accept the elements from the greeting elders. You will be given a sealed cup of juice and baggy with a piece of bread. You will be instructed during the communion liturgy when to partake of the elements.



Christmas Eve Worship

We will return to in person Christmas Eve worship this year! Please join us at 7pm with current COVID19 protocols, please register for worship.

A Christmas Eve Worship will also be found on our FaceBook page at 7pm.

Advent Activities



Parking lot Carols!



Invite Mary, Joseph & Donkey!

Parking Lot Carols

Join us Sunday Dec. 12 at 3pm for carol singing in the Caradoc Parking Lot!

This year we will have special surprised guests and singers!

Bring your hot chocolate, a chair and warm blanket (if you'd like to sit outside and your Christmas Cheer!

Invite Mary, Jospheh & Donkey to your home for a few days!

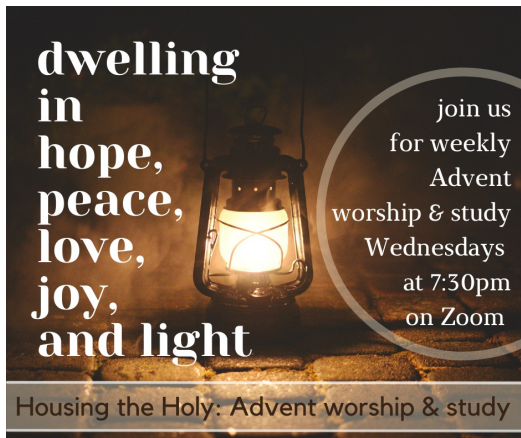
This year we invite you to consider "housing the holy" by hosting Mary, Joseph & Donkey (figurines) in your home and include them as part of your Christmas decorations for TWO SLEEPS!

Mary, Jospheh & Donkey ask that you take a picture of them in your home and share with Rev. Shelly to report to the congregation about their journey towards our Christmas Eve service. We are seeking 13 households to participate.

The trio will come with a devotion & activities to consider exploring with your household based on our Advent theme: The Inn - Housing the Holy.

Please register for these events: [Click here to register for Parking Lot Carols & Hosting Mary, Joseph & Donkey](#)

Note: *please make sure you register, for indoor/outdoor and inter-community Caradoc Church endorsed activities we need to be prepared to provide the health unit with a registration list for contract tracing.*



Advent weekly worship & study

Join in on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm throughout Advent for a time of worship and study around our Advent theme this year, **The Inn: Housing the Holy**. We will explore the overall theme and weekly worship themes through a short worship, multi-media, poems, books, activities and insights. Join us each week or pick the themes that connect deeply with your journey!

- Dec. 1:
Making room
- Dec. 8:
A place at the table
- Dec. 15:
How much is enough?
- Dec. 22:
A room with a view

If you are interested please contact Rev. Shelly at your earliest convenience. This event will be held on Zoom, you will need an invite to participate.

Advent daily devotions "Signs of the Sacred" and an Advent Daily

podcast "Little Country Church"

Each day on Facebook a daily devotion will be posted along with a podcast link!

YES! a podcast, join Rev. Shelly and special guests as they talk about the daily devotional themes and how they impact our journey towards the manger!

The full daily devotional **"Signs of the Sacred"** can be downloaded from our Advent & Christmas Activities webpage [Click Here!](#)

A link to the daily podcasts can be found on Facebook or on our Advent & Christmas Activities webpage [Click Here](#) and follow link provided!

Our daily devotional book "Signs of the Sacred"

"Signs of the Sacred" is provided by the Society of St. Andrew. This American organization works towards feeding the hungry. The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) has a commonsense solution: bridging the great gap between millions of hungry people and billions of pounds of nourishing food that is available, but simply out of reach. SoSA. SoSA has been serving others and sharing abundance for four decades, following Jesus' command to feed our hungry neighbours (Matthew 25). SoSA rescues good food otherwise destined to be lost, making it available to people in great need. SoSA does this by building links between farms and forks. SoSA's grassroots, neighbor helping neighbor operating model distinguishes it from other hunger relief organizations. Three quarters of the food SoSA shares is eaten at a table less than 50 miles from the field in which it was grown.

In Canada we have many organizations working towards feeding the hungry in Canada and around the world. Click the organization's name below to learn more!

[Second Harvest](#)

[Kids Against Hunger Canada](#)

[Feed the Children Canada - Indigenous](#)

[Action Against Hunger Canada](#)

[Food Banks Canada](#)

[Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#)

[Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)



Join us!

Caradoc Christmas Coffee Break!

Mark your calendar!
Wednesday December 22
10am on Zoom

Holy Moly it's Advent!



visit the CPC Holy Moly webpage for more info!

Christmas Coffee Break December 22nd 10am

Caradoc Coffee break is going to take a break until the New Year! However, consider doing Rev. Shelly for a Christmas Coffee Break Wednesday, December 22nd at 10am for some friendship & fellowship before Christmas!

Holy Moly it's Advent! Unboxing the Holy!

Attention Caradoc Families and grandparents! Each Monday of Advent a weekly Advent activity will be loaded onto the Caradoc Holy Moly webpage (a link will be posted on Facebook for your convenience.)

"Unboxing the Holy" following our worship themes through Advent your household is invited to explore what it means to unbox the HOLY! All you need is an empty box and the activity booklet each week! [Go to the CPC Holy Moly page](#) for weekly Advent activities, books and more!

Rev. Shelly would love to know if you are enjoying the activities so send her a pic!

Advent blessings and Happy Christmas friends!

[Click HERE for more info on Advent Activities](#)

Reaching out throughout Advent



Click pic for more info!



The Session of Caradoc Church invites you to consider donating to our **Advent Special Offering** and the participate in this years **Giving Tree** & donations to the local Food Banks.

Advent Special Offering

You are invited, in celebration of the blessings of God, to donate to our special offering this year: the B.C. Floods Emergency Response through the Presbyterian World Service & Development.

To make a donation through the church please indicate your donation is for PWS&D:B.C. Floods Emergency Response or [VISIT PWS&D website](#)

The Giving Tree & Food Bank

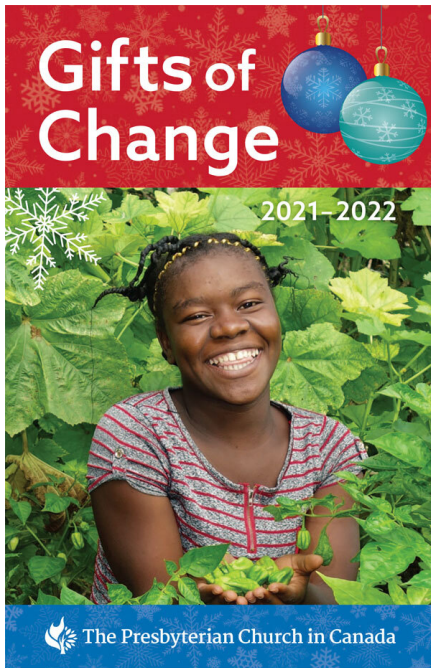
The Giving Tree will be set up in the church this year to receive your donations of winter wear - hats, mittens, gloves, and socks etc. Donations will be accept up until and including Sunday Dec. 12.

You are also invited through the church to donate to our local Food Banks. We encourage monetary gifts whether through the church or privately. Food Banks in our local area are being well supplied with non-perishable food items through the generosity of the community however money is needed to purchased milk, butter, eggs, cheese, and other perishable items or items needed but not received through donations.

To make a donation through the church please indicate your donation is for the Food Banks of Strathroy and surrounding area.

Gift of Change Catalogue

By giving a Gift of Change, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and



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around the world. No matter what you choose to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs.

Please note:

- * Your gift will help our partners carry out the overall goals of each program
- * Actual costs may vary depending on current and local market conditions
- * In the event that gifts received exceed project requirements, or if programs or circumstances change, donations will be directed to programs with a similar intent or location

[Click HERE for PCC Gifts of Change webpage](#)

Click [HERE](#) to go to our website for worship info and Advent Activities!



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