



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



### **Warm Holiday greetings Friends!**

Merry Christmas!! Hope your Christmas celebrations went well and that you have been able to see some family and friends. It looks as though Worship will continue to be online for some time once again. The Caradoc Session will continue to review this decision on a regular basis while keeping public health restrictions in mind. As I said, on Christmas Eve please recall the creative

ways in which you stayed connected in the beginning of the pandemic or try new ways to keep in touch! **Consider joining the Caradoc Coffee break Wednesdays**

**at 10am!** I and others are happy to help do an orientation to connect you each Wednesday. Or do you like to sing, join Zoom Choir Thursday evenings! And look for new ways to be announced, in which you can connect with our faith family, in the New Year!

*Franck, Franceska, Jakob and I thank-you all for your warm wishes and generous gifts over the Holidays!*

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.** - Lamentations 3:22-23.

Eleanor Roosevelt is quoted with saying, "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." This is a true statement especially when we rely on God to provide love, mercy and faithfulness! This applies to the New Year as well not just each and everyday! May your New Year give you new strength and new thoughts and may you rely on God to provide love, mercy and faithfulness for the next 365 days of the New Year ahead!

**Happy New Year 2022 everyone!**

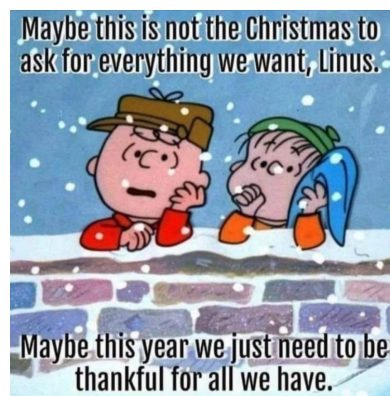
deepest peace and the hope, love, joy and light of Christ be with you!  
In friendship & His service, *Rev. Shelly*

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**A BIG thank-you!** to all the social music singers and musicians during the Advent and Christmas worship services!! WE thank you for adding your gifts to our worship together!

**A BIG BIG thank-you** to those who prepared Christmas baskets, cards and connected with our faith family and friends who have not been able to get out for worship in these two years!

**A warm thanks** to all the households who opened their homes to house the Holy over the Advent season! You all took great care and created creative ways for us to connect to the story of Mary, Joseph & donkeys journey to Bethlehem!



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**Join us this Sunday for Worship  
on Facebook LIVE!**

Every Sunday please join Rosemary first at



10:45am for a wonderful musical Prelude to prepare your hearts for worship and then refresh your Facebook page and join us at 11am for worship.

***We look forward to seeing that you have joined us!***

This Sunday come one last time to THE INN, the magi arrive and we consider the importance of gifts and who brings them to the Christ child.

**10:45am Prelude | 11am Worship**

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## 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.

Please make a donation through the church before Dec. 31st please indicate your donation is for PWS&D:B.C. Floods Emergency Response or [VISIT PWS&D website](#)



## From the treasurer:

*A friendly reminder that in order for your December donations to be included in your 2021 Charitable Donation Tax Receipt, please submit them to Brian by noon on December 31st.*

If you use church offering envelopes, and would like some more, please let me know! You can email [treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca](mailto:treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca) or call me at 226-271-6209.

Thank you! Joanne Grivich

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## Little Country Church Advent Podcast

The Little Country Church Podcast was a joy to record through out Advent. If you missed the opportunity the podcast will remain up in the website for the month of January. Please consider listening the the podcasts with guests, they were

full of wisdom, grace and friendship!



[Click here to go to "Little Country Church" Advent Podcast](#)



## Caradoc Coffee Break Returns Jan. 5th, 2022!

**Wednesdays at 10am on Zoom**

Please join us for a time of friendship, fellowship and fun! Please let Rev. Shelly know you are joining Coffee Break but commenting in Facebook posts re: Coffee Break. If you have never joined and

would like more information or explanation please contact Rev. Shelly by email or phone (rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca or 519-245-0171.)



## Zoom Choir

**Zoom Choir will start again on Thursdays  
7:30- 8:15 pm in the New Year!**

Zoom Choir is a time for us to meet, see each others faces, enjoy each other's company and sing together. We meet on Zoom every Thursday evening from 7:30 - 8:15 pm.

Each week I select and send out music, often the music that I play for preludes or postludes, for us to sing through together.

Because of the time lag of Zoom, all singers are muted, except me, so no one has to feel uncomfortable about using their singing voice in front of others.

It is simply a weekly opportunity to stay connected and to hear and sing along with music that can bring you comfort and spiritual joy.

I am excited to invite new members to join us. We would love to see you!! There is no weekly commitment. Just join when you are able!

If you are interested in receiving the Zoom link and the music please email me at [rbanner59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rbanner59@yahoo.ca)

I really hope that you will consider joining us!  
Rosemary



**Do** justice.  
**Love** kindness.  
**Walk** humbly.

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## Christmas Message from Justice Ministries

By Dr. Allyson Carr, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries

[Click here to go to the Social Action Hub](#)

In the midst of intense flooding, an ongoing pandemic, pressing calls for renewed efforts on reconciliation in the wake of ongoing confirmation of thousands of unmarked graves at former Residential School sites, growing calls for racial justice, and a global climate

crisis we are brought, collectively, into Advent.

That is quite an opening sentence, but it's been quite a year. And even that over-long sentence can't pack in all the other ongoing conflicts and crises—or the personal losses, hopes, and fears—each of us are carrying into this Christmas season. With so many urgent, pressing justice issues, it can be hard to know what to do; how to help, what action to take. Each one of these issues requires right action long overdue.

Yet while I want to honour and uphold the urgency of each of these issues, I am also hearing that part of what is so urgently needed... is slowing down and listening. We say that so much of justice work is actually relationship work, and it is true. But building or even maintaining relationships takes time. It also takes trust and work to repair damage before trust can really begin to happen—and even if we only look at the opening sentence of this reflection, there is plenty of damage that needs repairing.

Historically, Advent was seen as a time of preparation similar to Lent, except that in the lead up to Christmas we are preparing for a birth rather than a death and

resurrection. This Advent, I have been trying to focus not only on the hope and joy and love that are the traditional themes, but on preparing myself for what will be much needed work in the coming year. And the thing I keep coming back to that is so needed for the justice work ahead for the church—ahead for us all—is listening. We need to listen to each other, and we especially need to centre, lift up, and listen to those among us with lived experience of the justice issues we are working to address: issues like racism, colonialism and intergenerational trauma, misogyny, and homophobia or transphobia. What is needed is deep and deeply respectful listening, with humility and the acknowledgement that the church, like society, is so incredibly and beautifully and complexly varied but flawed and still somehow, in the midst of everything, trying to live out its call.

We hear in Living Faith that the church “is in constant need of reform because of the failure and sin which mark its life in every age” (7.1.6). These words fill me with hope. They are a reminder to listen and to acknowledge where we have gone wrong. They are a reminder that we must address those wrongs and redress the harm they created. Such is the nature of reformation. Faced with the issues we have seen this year that accompany us into the new year, I can imagine few more vital calls to heed. So, as we prepare again to celebrate the birth of God-among-us, I hope we can also prepare to do the work that God calls us to—remembering we celebrate at Christmas the birth of a God willing to be born as a baby to a young mother no one had room for, under an occupying, colonizing political power who would soon try to hunt him down. In celebrating Jesus’ incredible birth under such unjust circumstances, may we also listen to and learn from the voices among us who can help us, collectively, understand what we need to do in this age to reform.

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## Please join the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**January 18-25, 2022**

Join together with Christians around the world in prayer for eight days in January. January 18-25, follow Facebook posts on the Caradoc Facebook page or download by [clicking here](#) for the Week of Prayer Biblical Reflections & Prayers for eight days!

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him” (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon.

The international theme and resources speak to our world’s urgent need for solidarity



and transformation in the face of political, economic, and social turmoil, including the challenges and injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ's manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways.

For more information about WPCU in Canada [Click Here!](#)



## Annual Meeting Sunday February 27th, 2022

### Mark your calendars!

How we will meet and a time will be announced closer to the date. All reports should be prepared and more information regarding the annual report will be announced in the new year!



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