



**Gathering Table  
a Faith Community  
in the Anglican Church of Canada**

**Presider & Preacher:  
The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.**

**Christmas Day**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> , 2018**

**10.00 a.m.**

**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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***For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.***

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2. 10-11*

**Opening Carol: CP 138 “ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing””**

**The Gathering of the Community - P 185**

**The Collect of the Day Page 274**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

Psalm 96

Hebrews 1: 1 - 4

**Gradual: CP 125 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1: 1 - 14

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**  
GOSPEL:  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Sermon:**

**Time for Silent Reflection**

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Confession and Absolution** P 191

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And Also With You**

**Offertory; CP 137 What Child Is This”**

**Prayer over the Gifts** - Page 273

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3**

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## **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

If you desire more personal prayer, please make your way to the chairs behind the choir where prayer team members will pray for you.

### **Communion carols:**

#### **Agnus Dei:**

**CP 120 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**CP 129 "No Crowded Eastern Street"**

**CP 126 "Away In a Manger"**

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**Doxology – Page 214**

**The Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Closing Carol: CP 154 "Joy to the World"**

**Dismissal:** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Scripture Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6  
Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

Psalms 72: 1, 7, 10 - 14  
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**Please Pray for:**

Kumi - (Uganda) **The Rt Rev'd Thomas Irigei**

### **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for**

The Thunder Bay Anglican Lutheran Group

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**Pray for Christian vocations and for candidates for ordained ministry.**

#### **Pastoral Chaplains**

The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin, Algoma

The Rev. Peter Simmons, Muskoka

The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, Sudbury/Manitoulin

The Ven. Linda White, Temiskaming

The Rev. Canon Paul Carr, Thunder Bay-North Shore

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

**Please pray for our own church**

Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Noreen Petch, Jamie Philp

Nancy and Bob Polhill, George and Nancy Porter, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot

David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly and Madison; Owen

Jonas Riauka, Bernice Richmond, William and Lillian Richmond, Linda and

Wayne Rintamaki/Edmunds, Mary Ripley and Grace Dawson, Karen Ristanen

Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy and Graham; Michael Kenneth and Irene

Roy

**Please pray for**

young people in junior high school, high school and university who are

struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Born in a manger, now preparing us a mansion.

## Bishop Anne Germond's motto for 2018

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."(Colossians 2 3:12, 14)

### **Annual Vestry Meeting Nominations**

Our first annual vestry meeting for Gathering Table will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019. In preparation for this meeting your Nominating Committee of Marg Boone, Marjorie Tutkaluk, Sharon Corston and Michelle Proudfoot are looking for nominations for the following positions: People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, Synod Reps, Parish Advisory Council members, and a Youth Rep. If you are interested in letting your name stand for any of these positions or if you wish to nominate someone (kindly confirm this with them first) please speak to a member of the nominating committee. Duties/expectations for the various positions will be made available to interested persons.

**Nominations will close January 31, 2019**

### **Your 2019 Parish Offering envelopes.....**

are at the back of the church, labelled with your name on them. Please sign the list to indicate that you have received your envelopes. If you would like a set, please feel free to take a set with no name on it and write on the

list the envelope set you have taken and your name, address and phone number. Thank you. Gloria McKay, Envelope Secretary

### **Gathering Table Parking Lot**

“The parking lot beside Gathering Table is a handy stopping place if you are going downtown through the week. Yearly parking passes available at the church office for \$10 that allow you to park there anytime. This money is used for plowing and maintenance on the lot. Monthly passes are available for people working downtown which also helps defray costs. Sunday parking is obviously free and encouraged, but if you’d like to use the lot through the week please pick up a handy pass. You would also be very welcome to make a donation to the parking fund even if you don’t come downtown very often. Every pass helps pay to maintain our parking lot.” Thanks Brenda O

**Gathering Table Choir – Please Join Us Tuesday @ 6 p.m.**

### **Reminder about visitations:**

There have been some situations where people in hospital or St Joseph’s have been missed by the pastoral team simply because we have not known they were there. Please inform a member of the pastoral team if you know of one of our members in care. This also applies to those who are perhaps not specifically in care but are housebound. It is best to make these situations known in a phone call, written note or email. Please do not rely on us remembering requests from a verbal exchange Sunday morning or during a meeting

### **BOOKING CHURCH FOR MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES**

As we continue to shape various aspects of our life together, please note that requests for use of time and space at Gathering Table should be applied for with Roberta so that it can be cleared through Wardens at their meeting. George+

### **Parish News**

Gathering Table Internet Mission is looking for volunteers to help with running the equipment. If interested please see Sharon Corston. Our services are now on Gathering Table website and can be viewed there.

## EOP Donors

Any changes that need to be made to your giving and/or donations or if you wish to begin EOP, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate.

## **GRACE PLACE SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

Our commitment to the Mondays at Grace Place, together with the Calvary Lutheran people, HAVE begun.. Our dates are listed below. Time frame is usually 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (though some people can only do partial 'shifts'.) Please consider joining this important ministry team on **Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Coming Events

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| Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Tia Chi begins at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.        |
| Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Glacier Ridge Eucharist 1:30 p.m.         |
| Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Water Colours 1:00 p.m. with Peter        |
| Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall  |
| Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall             |
| Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Craft Group 10 a.m.                       |
| Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Taking down the Christmas Decorations     |
| Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Food Cupboard 11: 30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.    |
| Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Grace Place – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.            |
| Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Water Colours 1:00 p.m. with Peter        |
| Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m.           |
| Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Tia Chi 1:30 p.m. – 2: 30 p.m.            |
| Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall  |
| Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Thunder Bay Area Scouting 7 p.m. Kitchen  |
| Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall             |
| Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Craft Group 10 a.m.                       |
| Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m.              |
| Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Advisory Board Meeting 7 p.m. Parish Hall |
| Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> . | Clericus 9 a.m.                           |
| Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Water Colours 1:00 p.m. with Peter        |
| Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Tia Chi 1: 30 – 2:30 p.m.                 |
| Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall  |



Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Craft Group 10 a.m.  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Felting with Frances  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Camp Gitchigomee Appreciation Supper  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard 11: 30 – 12:15 p.m.  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Water Colours 1:00 p.m. with Peter  
Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Tia Chi 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Glacier Ridge 1:30 p.m.  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Camp Gitchigomee 2-Bit Auction

**Sunday Sermons** can be heard on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service can be watched on our website. **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream.

### **Friday Morning Craft Group**

The Friday Craft Group would like to extend an invitation to anyone that might be interested to please come out any Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch (***no nuts or fish Please***) and join us for some fun and fellowship.

**The Food Cupboard will be open on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> , 2019  
From 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Here at Gathering Table, there are many emerging opportunities to serve. Please contact the person below if you would like to know more, get some training, or roll up your sleeves and jump right in! If you have other gifts you wish to offer, please speak to George or one of the Wardens. Thanks!**

<b>Gathering Table Ministry Opportunities</b>	<b>Contact</b>		
Altar/Chancel	Marg Boone	345-2184	<a href="mailto:mboone@tbaytel.net">mboone@tbaytel.net</a>
Audio/Video	Sharon Corston	355-1549	<a href="mailto:sjcorston@gmail.com">sjcorston@gmail.com</a>
Man Alive Bible Study	Jonas Riauka	630-7769	<a href="mailto:Ironman45@yahoo.ca">Ironman45@yahoo.ca</a>
Building Maintenance, Yard and Gardens	Dave & Erminie Reid	767-4566	<a href="mailto:dandereid@shaw.ca">dandereid@shaw.ca</a>
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Craft Group	Brenda Coopman	345 9324	<a href="mailto:b.coopman@shaw.ca">b.coopman@shaw.ca</a>
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Rector's Warden:

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Marjorie Tutkaluk

People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Vacant

**Co-Music Directors - at Gathering Table**

Organist: Jamie Philp

Pianist: Donna Hamill,

