

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada,



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8th 2019

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

10:00 a.m.

B.A.S. 185

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.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God *Luke 3.4, 6*

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” (verses 1, 2)

Sacred Dancers: Nancy Porter, Anna and Grace Dosen

Flagger: Cosmo Coda

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Praise: We Are Waiting

Processional Hymn: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

The Gathering of The Community – BAS – Page 185

Time with Younger People

Collect for The 2nd Sunday of Advent– BAS Page 269

The Proclamation of The Lord

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Psalm 72: 1 – 7, 18 - 19 Romans 15: 4 - 13

Gradual: Creator Of The Stars of Night

Bruce Cockburn: Mystery

The Holy Gospel: Matthews 11: 2 - 11

The Sermon: George

Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles Creed – BAS page 189

The Prayers of The People – Advent Litany – BAS Page 119

The Confession and Absolution – BAS Page 191

The Peace:

Offertory: O Day Of Peace That Dimly Shines

Prayer Over The Gifts – BAS – Page 270

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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #3 - BAS page 198

The Lord's Prayer – BAS - Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread –#5 BAS - Page 212

Communion Music:

Agnus Dei

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Even So Lord Jesus Come

We Come

Come To Us

The Doxology – BAS – Page 214 #1

The Blessing:

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Announcements:

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers in the church are given in thanksgiving for the

100th Birthday

of our Mother / Nana / Great Nana

Vi Thomson

with love from

Elizabeth Thomson and Michael Thomson

and our families

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for
Coffee Hour and a time of Fellowship and Refreshments.

Birthday Cakes for 2020

If you would like to sponsor one of our Monthly Birthday Cakes for the first Sunday of each month. The new sign up sheets are posted in the kitchen by the lights.

Ministers Today

Greeter	Neil Love, Bob Tutkaluk
Technology Team	Mark Myers, Sharon Gilbert, Sharon Corston
Lay Reader	Rose Jardine
Readers:	Bruce Adderley, Jim Bolt
Prayers of the People:	Linda Rintamaki
Server:	Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda
Eucharistic Assistants:	David Reid, Dale Sparkes
Altar Guild:	Lois Colpitts, Erminie Reid
Coffee Hosts:	Marilyn and Al Chisholm, Elaine McKinnon, Erminie Reid,
Food Cupboard:	Sharon, Connie, Grace, Shirley, Jim, Colleen, Carole, Linda, Wayne E., Wayne H.
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Scripture Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146: 4 - 9

James 5: 7 - 10

Matthew 11: 2 - 11

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

While you're waiting. God is working.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The work of the Mothers' Union around the world, Sheran Harper - Worldwide President, Bev Jullien - Chief Executive

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Primate Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for: The Algoma Anglican, and The Rev. Peter Simmons, Editor

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church:

Laura Byce, and Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda and Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen Colpitts and Teresa Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon and Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, and Ivy and Tim, Suzy Crocker, Robert and Sharon Crowe, Scott and Kerri Dawson, and Cole and Nathan

Please Pray For: Katelin , Ryan, and Brooke-Lynn, as they prepare for Baptism for Scarlett Rae Elsie Thrasher.

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

"Your prayers are asked for the Concurrence Committee of Gathering Table, that they may hear Your voice, heed Your call, and follow Your intentions for this parish and congregation. We ask for patience and perseverance as we move through this process, and ask that

you fill us all with hope and faith for the many good things that you intend for us during this time of transition and growth."

Flowers for Christmas

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Advent is here, and the Altar Guild has begun to plan and prepare the most beautiful setting to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour. One way to participate in the Preparing, is **to place flowers in the sanctuary**. Flower Donation envelopes and forms are in the red basket at the back of the sanctuary. Completed forms, in envelopes, may be placed on the offering plate or given to Rose Jardine. Members of the Guild will also help by placing the envelopes in the Sacristy. **Deadline for Christmas Flower dedications is Friday, Dec 13/19.** Thank you for bringing this extra touch of beauty to our place of worship.

2020 Parish Offering Envelopes and EOP Donors

2020 Parish Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please be sure to sign that you received your new envelopes. 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. *Gloria McKay, Envelope Secretary.*

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+

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

**2020 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office
Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on
Sun. before church.**

The Cold Weather is Here

Please make sure that if you are the last to leave, that you shut the doors in the different areas of the church and hall to help save money on heating.
Thanks David Reid

Up Coming Events

- Dec. 8th Food Cupboard open
- Dec. 10th Advent Bible Study 2 p.m.
- Dec. 11th Man Alive Bible Study Christmas Dinner
Victoria Inn - See Jonas for Tickets
- Dec. 12th Last Table Talk 7 p.m. till Jan. 9th 2020
- Dec. 13th Last day for getting flower requests in for Christmas
- Dec. 14th Altar Guild Meeting 10 a.m. Christmas Decorating
- Dec. 18th Sleepy G. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18th Concurrence Committee 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18th Thunder Bay Area Christmas Social 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1st Sleepy G. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Jan. 5th Birthday Cake – sponsor needed for Jan. 2020
- Jan. 7th Concurrence Mtg. 7 p.m.
- Jan. 8th Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m.
- Jan. 9th Table Talk 7 p.m.
- Jan. 9th Altar Guild take down of all the decorations
10 a.m. All are Welcome to help.
- Jan. 12th Food Cupboard
- Jan. 15th Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Jan. 15th Thunder Bay Area Meeting 7 p.m. Kitchen

Jan. 16th Table Talk 7 p.m.
Jan. 17th Craft Group 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Feb. 16th Annual Vestry, Reports Due Jan. 26th. 2020
Feb. 22nd Altar Guild Meeting 10 a.m. Parish Hall
April 4th Palm Crosses in Parish Hall at 10 a.m.

Man Alive Bible Study Group Christmas Dinner

Place: Victoria Inn – Chicago Joe's -30's Room

Date: Wed. Dec. 11th, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$10.00 in Advance (Refund upon Attendance when you order off the regular menu. For ticket or info., please call Jonas Riauka at 577-2566 or Cell 630-7769

All Men are Invited



**Choir Practice: Tues., 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
New members always welcome.**

Christmas is Coming.

See the **World of Gifts Guide**, on the website or the insert in the Anglican Journal. For a unique meaningful gift, you can order seeds for farmers, livestock and contribute to projects worldwide, etc. You can order **Christmas cards**. Sign up for a **daily Advent reflection**. For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

Camp Gitchigomee 75th Anniversary Weekend – July 31 – Aug. 3rd, 2020

The Camp will be open for visitors beginning on July 29th, and until August 4th, 2020. Come out for the day, or make arrangements to stay overnight. Contact Dave Shaw 708-4556 if you would like to help out, or talk to Jim Sutton, Roberta Wolfe. Email address is gitchigomee@shaw.ca or check out our website at www.campgitchigomee.ca

Do you have pictures you would like to share? Do you have a story about camp in its' early years, then we want to hear from you.

campg75@shaw.ca

St. Thomas Family Giving Centre is looking for donations of clothing, men, women, and children's, blankets, towels, dishes, small housewares, toys, and pet supplies for our clients. **Christmas decorations** are also needed in December. Open twice a month on a Friday Call 623-3608 to make arrangements to drop off stuff for our Giving Centre.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019

Dec. 10th , 2019:

1:30 pm - Holy Eucharist at Glacier Ridge

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve:

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist [New Song/Organ & Choir]

9:30 pm - Holy Eucharist [Organ]

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day:

10 am - Holy Eucharist

Dec. 29th Christmas

10 am - Lessons and Carols

Jan. 5th The Epiphany of the Lord

10 am - Holy Eucharist

Jan. 12th -The Baptism of the Lord

10 am - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Communion

Please let the office know if you know someone who would like to receive their Christmas Communion. 345-6898 or by email

office@gatheringtable.ca

Cadets' Workday

On Saturday December 14, 16 to 20 members of the 2294 Royal Canadian Cadet Corps will be at Gathering Table to assist us with Christmas decorating, painting, organizing the basement and other odd jobs. As part of their training as cadets, they are required to complete "community service" assisting charitable groups. We are fortunate that they have chosen us for this project. Several members of Gathering Table will be available that day to guide, and work along with the cadets. Everyone is welcome so if you would like to help out let one of the wardens know. The cadets will be here from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Church Calendars are available from Elizabeth Whalley at coffee hour each Sunday for \$5.00 or call her at 345-5995



From the Hospitality Committee and all the Volunteers who help with making sandwiches, soup, and cookies for the Congregational Lunch on Sunday, and all those that help with clean up.

Carole Kostyniuk

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 is on a first come basis. 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."



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Lay Readers: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Kim Bienvenue, Rose Jardine,
Brenda O'Neill and Jim Sutton

Rector's Warden:

Marg Boone

Deputy Rector's Warden:

Marjorie Tutkaluk

People's Warden:

Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden:

Rose Jardine

Co-Music Directors - at Gathering Table

Organist: Jamie Philp

Pianist; Donna Hamill,

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2019

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, The people I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise."
(Isaiah 43:19, 20b, 21)