

# Gathering Table

*a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada,*



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

**“O Come, O Come Immanuel” (verses 1, 2, 3)**

Sacred Dancers: Nancy Porter, Anna and Grace Dosen

Flagger: Cosmo Coda

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Praise:** We Are Waiting

**Processional:** CP 404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

**The Gathering of The Community – BAS – Page 185**

**Advent Praise: Come To Us**

**Time with Younger People**

## **Collect for The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent– BAS Page 270**

### **The Proclamation of The Lord**

**Isaiah 35: 1 - 10**

**Psalms 146: 4 – 9**

**James 5: 7 - 10**

**Gradual: CP 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion**

**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: CP 87 Strengthen for Service, Lord**

**Prayer Over The Gifts – BAS – Page 271**

### **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**

**Come, O Redeemer, Come**

**Ready My Heart**

**Jesus, Joy of The Highest of Heaven**

**The Doxology – BAS – Page 214 #1**

**The Blessing:**

**Closing Hymn: CP 91 People, Look East! The Time is Near**

**Announcements:**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.

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

**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 .....	Marjorie and Bob Tutkaluk
Technology Team	Sharon Corston, Jim Bolt
Lay Reader	Brenda O'Neill
Readers: .....	Erminie Reid, Jim Sutton
Prayers of the People: .....	Garth O'Neill
Server: .....	Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda
Eucharistic Assistants: .....	Frances Bennett-Sutton
.....	Kim Bienvenue
Altar Guild:	Cyndi Roy, Audrey Love
Coffee Hosts:	Sharon and Dale Sparkes, Sylvia and Alex Kostecki
Food Cupboard: .....	Closed Today
.....	Co – Music Directors: Jamie Philp (Organist) and Donna Hamill (Pianist)

### **Scripture Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:10 - 16

Psalms 80: 41 – 7, 16 - 18

Romans 1: 1 – 7

Matthew 1: 18 - 25

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

God always shows up at the right time.

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**Please Pray for:** Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustin Omole, El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar

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

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC** The Venerable Michael Thompson, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office; Melanie Delva, Reconciliation Animator

**ELCIC** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of

Communications; Kyle Giesbrecht, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer :**

Please Pray for: **St. James', Goulais River**, The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, The Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman (Hon.) , Canon Henry Gaines (Hon.)

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

**Please pray for our own church:**

Richard and Mary Jane Deeley, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, and Steven and Abby, Rose Everall, Bruce and Ann Flatt, Larry Fletcher and Vicky Kosny-Fletcher, Philip and Laura Fralick, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, and Shannon and Marie MacLeod. Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Lillian Graham, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Len and Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby

**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."

**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. 18<sup>th</sup> Sleepy G. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Concurrence Committee 7 p.m.  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Thunder Bay Area Christmas Social 7 p.m.  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard Prep Kitchen A.M.  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Food Cupboard Today  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Sleepy G. 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake Sunday  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Concurrence Mtg. 7 p.m.  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Glacier Ridge Holy Communion 1:30 p.m.  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Altar Guild take down of all the decorations - 10 a.m. All are  
Welcome to help.  
Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard Prep in Kitchen A.M.  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Man Alive Bible Study 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Thunder Bay Area Meeting 7 p.m. Kitchen  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Craft Group 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Camp Gitchigomee – St. Thomas Church 7  
Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Concurrence Committee 7 p.m. Kitchen  
Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Man Alive Bible Study – 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Craft Group Parish Hall 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard – Kitchen A. M.  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Felting with Frances – Parish Hall  
Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Camp Gitchigomee Appreciation Supper  
Meal prep begins 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m.  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard Today  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Man Alive – Parish Hall 7 p.m.  
Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Table Talk 7 p.m. Parish Hall  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Craft Group – Parish Hall 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Cake Sunday  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Glacier Ridge 1:30 p.m.



Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Vestry, Reports Due Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. 2020  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Altar Guild Meeting 10 a.m. Parish Hall  
April 4<sup>th</sup> Palm Crosses in Parish Hall at 10 a.m.



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

### **Camp Gitchigomee 2020 Memberships Now Available**

Please consider purchasing a \$5.00 Camp Gitchigomee Membership for 2020, which helps to support the camp, and each year we have an Appreciation Supper which you will be invited to. It allows you to attend meetings, and the Annual General Meeting. But most importantly you are supporting the mission of the camp – our youth. See Roberta, Melanie, Jim S., Darlene, Heidi, Ellen, Michael. Membership forms on Bulletin Board.

### **Camp Gitchigomee 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend – July 31 – Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

The Camp will be open for visitors beginning on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and until August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:gitchigomee@shaw.ca) or check out our website at [www.campgitchigomee.ca](http://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](mailto:campg75@shaw.ca)

### **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](http://www.pwrdf.org)

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

**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.

### **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.”

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

### **Gathering Table Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

We invite all groups who meet in the church to provide a report for the Annual Vestry Meeting Booklet

All reports should be submitted by email to [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) no later than Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019**

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> , 2019:**

1:30 pm - Holy Eucharist at Glacier Ridge

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve:**

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

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day:**

10 am - Holy Eucharist

**Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas**

10 am - Lessons and Carols

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**

10 am - Holy Eucharist

**Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> -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. by email [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) or call the office at 345-6898



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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)*