

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant: Jim Sutton
Preacher: Kim Bienvenue

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land, and 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.

Welcoming Remarks

Prelude: Lord Hear Our Prayer
Ted and Donna Hamill

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Luke 3. 4, 6

Opening Music: Even So Lord Jesus Come

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

(Please stand as you are able)

Introductory Response for Advent

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Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again,

That your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

And grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,

and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Canticle 19 (Luke 1: 68 – 79)

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1. 68 – 79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the
Philippians 1: 3 – 11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, -constantly
praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, -
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day
until now. -I am confident of this, that the one who began
a good work among you will bring it to completion by the
day of Jesus Christ. -It is right for me to think this way
about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all
of you share in God's grace with me, both in my
imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the
gospel. -For God is my witness, how I long for all of you
with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my
prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with

knowledge and full insight -to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, -having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. -

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: People Look East

Lay Reader: Kim
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 3: 1 – 6**

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

This is The Gospel of Christ

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sermon / Message: **Kim Bienvenue**

A Time of Silent Reflection

Music: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hear, O Israel

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**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

PRAYERS:

Litany 12 for Advent

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(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

Additional Prayers

Let us pray to the Lord saying “Lord have mercy”

Lord have mercy

For relief and safety for those affected by the flooding in

British Columbia, let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

For health care workers, researchers and decision makers working hard to address the challenges and threats of the pandemic – especially as new variants arise. Let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of human-caused climate change; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner. Let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

For your Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Archdeacon Deborah, Pastor Gail, for members of our Concurrence Committee, and for the members of this parish listed in our bulletin. Let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. Let us pray to the Lord
Lord have mercy

For the sick, lonely and hurting, that they may be sustained by the Lord's love, let us pray to the Lord;
Lord have mercy

Collect of the Day
For The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Blessing

Let us be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love al the days of our lives; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

Announcements:

Closing Music: Prepare the Way

Dismissal: Kim

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12. 2 - 6

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 3: 7 - 18

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:

2nd Sunday of Advent

The Anglican Church of Burundi

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:

Synod Office Staff

Archbishop of Algoma, The Most Rev. Anne Germond

Archbishop's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Liz Hamel
Diocesan Archdeacon, The Ven. Dr. Jay Koyle
Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Mesich
Assistant Treasurer, Ms. Jennifer Baron
Property Coordinator, Mr. Ken Lawson

Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own church members: David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly, Madison and Owen, Jonas Riauka, William and Lillian Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semples, Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes,

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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Everything changes when Christ appears.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com
or text /phone 306-240-0771.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream



Mission to Seafarers – Thunder Bay

A **St. Nicholas' Day Eucharist** will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wed., December 8 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 20 Farrand St.. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of seafarers and this is a time for the community that support the Mission to Seafarers to come together to pray for seafarers and for the Mission to Seafarers. St. Nicholas' Day is also the anniversary of the founding to the Mission to Seafarers in Thunder Bay in 1961, which means it is our 60th anniversary

- *Mid-day Prayers:* Mid-Day Prayers and Coffee are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the

month at noon:. We will continue it until we are able to resume holding the Eucharist. To join Zoom Prayers click on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89162986646?pwd=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQoE1Vm1RNTMvZz09>

PWRDF

(Primates World Relief Development Fund)

Archbishop Anne Germond in her charge to Synod in the fall of 2021, talked about the importance of the **PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund**, a resolution to support this project was passed by Algoma's synod. When you receive your vaccine, "Pay it forward" and make a donation to PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand washing facilities, and accurate public health information. After you make your donation, you can help yourself to a Christmas tree ornament at Gathering Table as a thank you from the Deanery. You may donate online by going to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with "Vaccine Equity Fund" in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 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.

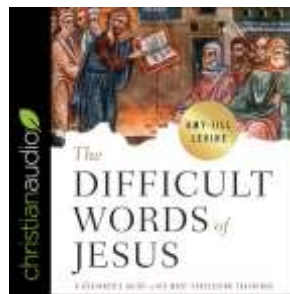
- You can order beautiful **Christmas cards** and spread the good news of PWRDF.
- Sign up for a **daily Advent reflection**.

For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

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Advent Book Study – The Difficult Words of Jesus
 Author Amy-Jill Levine

Lead By The Rev'd Gail Clifton M. Div



Tues. Dec 7th and 14th 2021 from 2 – 4 p.m.
 In the Parish Hall, and via Zoom
 Please Contact Rev. Gail Clifton 768-9865

(all COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 will be hosting the very talented
Daylin James
 for an Elvis Gospel Christmas

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church office,
 Calicos Coffeehouse, and Marv Chony Jewellers.



Christmas Flowers



Advent is here, and so is Christmas! I'm afraid to say it out loud, but it looks like we will be able to celebrate together this year! The Altar Guild is getting the sanctuary ready for this most wonderful day, but still with caution.

Deadline: Monday, December 13, 2021,
to ensure placement of your dedication in the bulletins for Christmas services. Questions? Call Rose at 621-1205.
To Place A Dedication:

A. Contact Rose Jardine by email at roseanew@tbaytel.net, or by voice mail / text at 621-1205, with the wording for your flower 'dedication'. THEN: Make a cheque or money order out to: ALTAR GUILD, flag the envelope 'Altar Guild Flowers', and mail to the church address. Please include a written confirmation of your details, as above. or

B. Write up your Dedication, bring it to a regular service. Place the note and your donation into an envelope, label it 'Gathering Table Christmas Flowers'. Place the envelope into the 'Treasure Chest' near the office.

Again, write cheques to ALTAR GUILD.
Thank You!





CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 12th – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Communion – Rev. Nancy Ringham

December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer – Richard & Jim

December 24th – Christmas Eve – 7 p.m.
Communion Rev. Gordon Holroyd



December 25th – No Service

December 26th – 10 a.m.
Communion – Rev. Gail Clifton
Lay Reader – Jim Sutton

January 2nd, 2022
Lessons and Carols or Communion
Kim Bienvenue – Richard Pepper



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Lay Readers: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,
Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, **On Leave:** Kim Bienvenue,

Lay Reader in Training: Richard Pepper

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| Rector’s Warden: | Marg Boone |
| Deputy Rector’s Warden: | Dr. Michelle Proudfoot |
| People’s Warden: | Jim Sutton |
| Deputy People’s Warden: | Sheila Chisholm |
| Co-Music Directors - | Pianist Donna Hamill
Organist (Vacant) |

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.” *Micah 6:8*