

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

**First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist**

Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill

Lector: Dave Reid

Music: Ted and Donna Hamill and Singers

Greeters: Connie Bryson and Marilyn Chisholm

Eucharistic Assistants:

Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

November 27th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church.

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

Opening Music: **CP 89**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family called Gathering Table. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored,

our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

Candle Lighters:

Sheila Chisholm, Sarah, Evelyn, Emerson, Elliott Pyne

Gathering of the Community

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Collect Of The Day

Presider: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word
The First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

The word that Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

REFRAIN I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***REFRAIN: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."***

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

***REFRAIN I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."***

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

***REFRAIN I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."***

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

***REFRAIN I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."***

Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans: 13: 11 – 14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **O Day Of Peace**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew**

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 24: 36 - 44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field;

one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is The Gospel of Christ

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed –

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Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic**

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

On this first Sunday of Advent, we remember that we live in a world that needs your mercy now more than ever. As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming Son, we reach out to You in prayer and contemplation. In this time of waiting and expectation, help us to listen to hear your response to our prayers, knowing that you will be mindful of our prayers.

In this season of Advent, we prayer for the Universal church and all its members and its mission.

We prayer for this country and the whole world; for those in authority that they may lead their nations with compassion and wisdom.

We pray for the city of Thunder Bay and those who live, work, and learn here, that they may know your peace and love.

We pray for our bishops and clergy during this busy season, praying especially for Archbishop Anne, Reverend Ann, and Reverend Gail.

We remember for those who are in any need, those who

are sick, and those mourn. We pray for those who we lift up to you in silence or aloud... (Personal petitions may be made here).

Let us continue our prayer with the Liturgy for Advent.

Advent Litany #12

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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!

The Confession and Absolution – Page 191

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer # 3 – BAS Page 198

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came
among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you.

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to
you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread #5

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Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us
in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called to the
supper of the Lamb.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Music:

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

CP 94 Wait, For The Lord, Whose Day Is Near

5x

Even So Lord Jesus Come Bread Of Life, Hope Of The World *Advent*

Prayer After Communion

Presider: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

All: Amen

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, who the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing: Rev. Ann

Be people of hope.

Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet.

Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity.

Share hope by listening to someone's story.

Share hope by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet and the blessing of God

Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1 – 10

Psalm 72: 1 – 7, 18 - 19

Romans 15: 4 – 13

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

1st Sunday of Advent The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC The people of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

All Lay Workers within our parishes who play an integral role in the administration of our churches.

For St. Andrew's Day – November 30th

***ALMIGHTY God**, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil the holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Rose Everall, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod

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
Stir up your hearts to prepare the way of Jesus
for the unknown day and hour.

2023 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.

**Our Daily Bread for
November 2022, December – February 2023**
Available at the back of the 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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2022

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! I know, it comes every year. But, after more than 2000 Christmases, we still look forward to the season in 'exuberant expectation!' (to quote a former Rector).

To place flowers on the Altar for the 2022nd **Christmas: DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 / 22**, to ensure placement of your DEDICATION in the bulletins for Christmas services. Questions? Call Rose at 621-1205.

TO PLACE A DEDICATION:

If you cannot attend before the deadline, either contact Rose Jardine by email at roseanew@tbaytel.net, or voice mail / text at 621-1205, with the wording for your flower 'dedication'. THEN: Make a cheque/money order out to: GATHERING TABLE ALTAR GUILD, flag the envelope 'Altar Guild Flowers', and mail to the church address. Please include a note with your name, address, phone and the dedication.

OR: Prepared 'dedication submission forms' and envelopes are located on the ledge at the back of the Sanctuary. (Hint: there are flowers on them.) Record your information and dedication; place the form, cheque /money order/cash into the envelope, SEAL the envelope and place it into the Treasure Chest at the back. Note: yes, cash is fine when submitting the dedication this way.

THANK YOU! Rose

FALL EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, must fill in the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at (office@gatheringtable.ca). They have to be approved by the Wardens.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 3 rd	Advent Quiet Day at Gathering Table 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. RSVP
Dec. 6 th	Advent Bible Study 2 p.m.
Dec. 11 th	Food Cupboard at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 13 th	Advent Bible Study 2 p.m.
Dec. 18 th	Food Cupboard at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 20 th	Advent Bible Study 2 p.m.
Mar. 23 rd	Save the Date - 2 Bit Auction for Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m.



Advent Bible Study – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, 2022
With the Rev. Gail Clifton, in the Parish Hall.

If you wish to participate you need to order the study book. It is called 'Light of the World' by Amy-Jill Levine and is available through Amazon. Rev. Gail would appreciate if you would confirm your attendance by sending her an e-mail gailx2@shaw.ca

Underwear and Socks for Kids in Need

Community Clothing Assistance on May Streets collects new underwear and socks for Kids in need, or Monetary Donations for the UNDERCOVER Program. It is a year

round project which provides 7 pairs of new socks, and underwear to children in need, ages 4 – 14 years. Families are identified by Ontario Works benefit services, and then Vouchers are distributed in December through the Christmas Cheer Fund hampers and are redeemed at our office over the next ten months. Each year over 2000 vouchers are distributed to families in need. Clothing Assistance is located on the corner of May and Dease Streets. ***Donations collected till December 4th***, here at Gathering Table.

https://clothingassistance.com/main_website/undercover-project.html



Anniversary Time Capsule 2022

Gathering Table will be collecting small items to be included in the Time Capsule for The 150th Anniversary of Christian services here at 228 Pearl Street. Items can be a photo, a letter, a small item

Warm Clothing Needed at Mission to Seafarers

We have very little warm clothing on hand! The Mission to Seafarers would appreciate donations of **warm, small to large size men's clothing**. Many of the sailors on ocean-going vessels come from warmer countries and find our fall weather rather cold. Donations can be put in the drop off box outside the Seafarers' Centre [or given to the MTS Congregation Rep at each Anglican parish].



**2023 Church Calendars
are available at the office for
\$5.00 each**

Advent Quiet Day at Gathering Table

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP the church office
Come and Prepare for Advent and Christmas at our Advent
Quiet Day

Everyone welcome! Saturday December 3, 2022 9:30-3:30
Come for one hour or the whole day!

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by Rev Ann and
Deb Everest, Lay Incumbent at St. Georges

10:00 Begin Quiet Time at the four stations: Reading,
Meditation, Colouring, Prayer materials will be available.

12:00 Lunch in Parish Hall - bring your own lunch, coffee is
provided

12:45 Gather in Nave of church - Prayer to begin Quiet time
at four stations again.

2:30 Holy Eucharist led by Rev. Ann and Deb Everest.

3:30 Dismissal.

Dress is comfy and feel free to bring your own pillow and
blanket and devotional materials if you would like.

Ann

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. You can order
Christmas cards. Sign up for a daily Advent reflection.
Linda Rintamaki, your parish rep (linjrin@tbaytel.net)
Other PWRDF News (*There are sheets at the back*) on

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2022

Be bold and join PWRDF's Advent Conspiracy 2022.
Please pick up a copy to read.

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you wish to have the congregation of Gathering Table pray for you or a loved one at a Eucharist Service any Sunday, please let us know! Call the church office at (807) 345-6898, or Contact Rev. Anne at camber_a@yahoo.ca, or write your name on the **Prayer List**, at the back of the church. Yes, the **'Prayer List'** is being resumed, and is in a white binder at the back of the church. If it is written on the list before the service begins, the Lay Reader will add your request to the Prayers of the People. **Gathering Table Prayer Chain:** 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 1-306-240-0771

Reminder about Visitations:

Rev. Ann has started her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2022 Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. **Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program.** For the EOP please use **“church”**

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



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People's Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director; - Pianist Donna Hamill

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new.” (2. Cor. 5.17) “