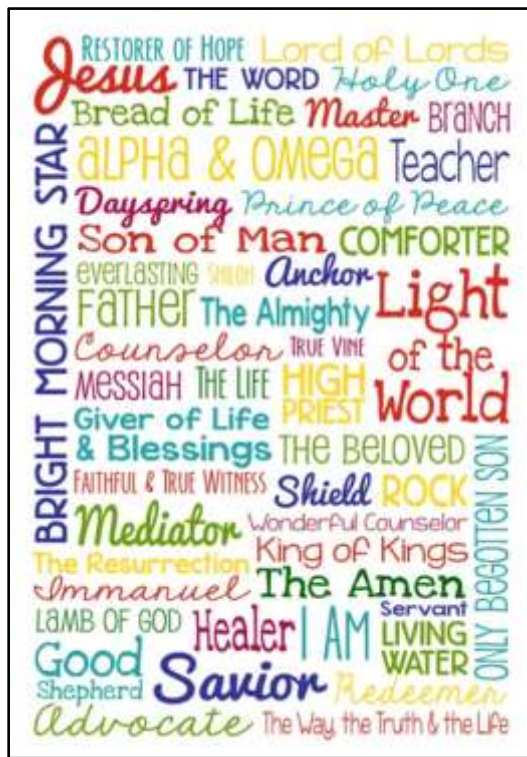


Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

A Service of Carols and Lessons



*Everything changes
if we know the depth of God's love for us.
The message of the manger is that you and I are
worth all that God can give.*

Adapted from G. Porter

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Lay Readers: Frances & Jim Sutton, Richard Pepper

Altar Guild: Erminie Reid, Sarah Pyne

January 1st, 2023: ***The Naming of Jesus*** 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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. We encourage "Masks" to be worn as per the most recent COVID-19 Protocols received from the Diocese of Algoma.

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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.

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

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For the world,
that those who bear responsibility for its future,
in politics, in industry, in commerce, and in education and
communication, may be inspired by the message of
Christmas to work together for the establishment of
justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need: the addicted, the sick, the anxious,
the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.
We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our
prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and
say together, as Christ himself taught us,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notawinan misiwe e ayayan
Kiwiyowin Ke natenitawan
Weticipaniew kit otenawiwin
Mina tawi oticipaniw
Kakina kewan ka itenitaman
Tapishoic kicikishikok ishi
Mininan oma anoc kakishikak
Ke oci pimatisiyak min
Ashenamawinan tato kewana
Ita kashi macitotamak
Ninanan e ashenamawakicik
Aniki ka wanitotakoyak
Wiciinan eka tapimoteyak
Kotenimiko winik ninanan
Maka mita kwenamawinan eka
Macatisiwini kekwana
Kina ka tipenitan kakike
Sokatisiwin keshtenitakwak

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.
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.

Reading 1

Genesis 3: Creation's Fall

Genesis 3:8-13

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

10 He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

11 He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

12 The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

22 Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'—

23 therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

24 He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Carol: CP 122

In the Bleak Midwinter

all 4 verses

Reading 2

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7

Restoration and Peace will come

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his Kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Carol: CP 140

ll verses

It came upon the midnight clear

Reading 3

Luke 1: 26 – 38

The Promise to Mary

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

30 The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’

34 Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’

35 The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

37 For nothing will be impossible with God.’

38 Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: The Angel Gabriel

all 4 verses

Reading 4

Matthew 1: 18 – 23 The Promise to Joseph

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel’,
which means, ‘God is with us.’

Carol: **So Many Years Ago**

Richard Pepper

Reading 5

Luke 2: 1 – 7 The Birth of the Messiah

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol: **CP 120** *all 4 verses*
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading 6

Luke 2: 8 – 16

The Shepherds and the Angels Come

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Carol: CP 138

all 3 verses

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Reading 7

John 1: 1 – 14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol: **CP 118**

O come, all ye faithful

Verses 1 & 2

Prayers after the Readings and Carols

Let us bless the Living God, praying together: **He was born of Mary, revealed in glory, worshipped by**

angels, proclaimed among all people, followed to the ends of the earth, exalted to the highest heavens. Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

A Blessing

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, bestow upon us the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Music: **CP 118** *Verses 3, 4 & 5*
O come, all ye faithful

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

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.

Note: Rev Ann will be away starting December 27th
will be available again on January 4th

Readings for The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, The Rev. Dr.
Elizabeth Green, The Rev. Rhonda Hirst (Hon.), The Rev.
Canon Dr. John Gibaut (Hon.), The Rev. Norm Blanchard
(Deacon Associate)**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:
Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn
Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim and Frances Sutton,
Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie
Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan
and Val Walter, Barbara Warwick, Elizabeth Whalley, and
Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi
Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Take the first step in faith.

You don't need to see the whole staircase!

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
December 2022– February 2023**

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

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| Jan. 8 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| Jan. 11 th | Sleepy G. Farm Pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 12 th | Christmas Decorations taken down 10 a.m. – noon everyone welcome to help |
| Jan. 15 th | Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. |
| Jan. 22 nd | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| Jan. 25 th | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 th | Felting Workshop (Frances Bennett-Sutton) |
| Jan. 28 th | Camp Gitchigomee Supper 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 th | Felting Workshop see Frances |
| Feb. 8 th | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 14 th | Altar Guild Meeting 1:30 – 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 22 nd | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 26 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 |
| Mar. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 rd | Save the Date - 2 Bit Auction for Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m. |

Baptism and Confirmation

Rev. Ann would like to know if there is anyone else who is interested in the Sacrament of Baptism (Infant or Adult),

or Confirmation (Ages 13+), or Life in the Eucharist (ages 7+) Please call the office or talk to Rev. Ann for more information. (There are sheets on both Baptism, and Confirmation in the rack at the back of the church, or they can be emailed to you by calling the office at 345-6898.

Last Chance to put something in the Time Capsule for 2022



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

All Sold – Thanks to All who purchased them.

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 by text 1-306-240-0771 or chisholmsheilak@gmail.com

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*

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



2023 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

CAMP GITCHIGOMEE 2023

MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE for \$5.00

Support the work of Camp Gitchigomee by purchasing a \$5.00 Yearly Membership. See Roberta Wolfe or contact the camp at campgitchigomee@gmail.com *Thank You!*

Our Christmas Flowers remain in the church

in thanksgiving for all the lives of dearly beloved family members:

Leonard Hartley, Michael Hartley, Joel Mutungu-Ngugi, Doris and Fred Ball, Marion and Ric Beecher, Mick and Ernie Hartley

from: Diane Hartley and Linda Hartley-Ngugi

Robert Johnson, and Helen and John Wolfe

from: Carl and Roberta Wolfe

Our parents, Howard and Mary Marler;
William and Florence McAlpine

Given by: David and Jeanne Marler

Given in Thanks

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Best Wishes

from: Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds

For family and friends past and present

from Marg Boone



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Rose Jardine, Brenda O'Neill, Richard Pepper, Jim Sutton

Rector's Warden: David Reid

Deputy Rector's Warden: Vacant

People's Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director & Pianist: Donna Hamill

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."