

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

****stand if you can**

****We gather together singing:**

O come let us adore Him (X3) Christ the Lord
We'll praise His name forever (X3)
Christ the Lord! VU#60

Call to Worship ~

Leader: The Child born in Bethlehem is the promised one of all the ages.

People: Come, let us adore Him.

Leader: The Child announced by the angels is the Saviour of the world.

People: Come, let us adore Him.

Leader: The Child laid in a crude manger is God's own Son.

People: Come, let us adore Him.

****Singing: O Come All Ye Faithful (VU60 vs 1-3)**

Prayer & Lord's Prayer: All glory to You, O God, Who sent Your only child to earth to be born as one of us, to work among us, to share our weaknesses and our sorrows, and yes-- even to die for us. Accept our praise and gratitude, and enable us to grasp fully the glory of this season. We pray in Your Son's name...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 forever and ever. Amen. (Yeah God!)

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Leader: The lights that we have kindled each week light the way to the coming Christ.

People: The candles of Hope, Preparation, and Joy glow brilliantly. Today, we light the candle of Love.

Leader: The coming Lord is forever faithful. The never-ending affection and tenderness the Christ has for us is a gift that unequalled.

People: Praising the God who cares so deeply for all creation, we light this candle. Together, we will demonstrate and share the love of Christ.

Singing: Love is a flame that burns in our heart
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid! (VU7)

Choir: Joy to The World

Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed, that it might live forevermore to fill our every need, that it shall not be just a day, but last a lifetime through, the miracle of Christmas time that brings God close to you.

****Singing: Once In Royal David's City (VU62)(A.M.W.A)**

Cailley Dumont – O Come All Ye Faithful

EMMANUEL....GOD WITH US!
(Arranged & Composed by Lloyd Larson)
(please join us in familiar carols – hum - sing)

1. O Come, O Come Emmanuel
2. Prepare The Way Of The Lord
3. Emmanuel God With Us
4. Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)
Singing: STILL STILL STILL (VU47)
5. Christmastime

6. One Small Child
7. O Holy Child of Bethlehem

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

All Women: (VU74)

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

All Men: (VU43)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing greet the morrow,
Christ the babe was born for you.

Christ the babe was born for you. (vu58)

ALL Go tell in on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere...
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! X2

****Doxology: What Can I Give Him (VU55)**

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him.....give my heart.

Offertory Prayer:

All: No matter how loudly we sing, our voices are too weak; no matter how lofty our praise, our words seem lacking. The labour of our hands, even the wealth of the world seems too inadequate a response to the gift of salvation through Jesus. This Christmas, let's be grateful to receive, but more eager to give. This Christmas, let's each give a gift....to Jesus. Amen.

Choir: Christmas Classic Celebration

Reading together: The story of Christmas does not begin with the manger or even the angel's announcement to Mary, the story of our salvation is older than history itself. The eternal plan took place on earth only in the fullness of time...God's time. Likewise the story of Jesus does not end at the cross, nor does ours end at death. As He lives and reigns eternally so we find our ultimate end in Him; "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the end.

Benediction ~

Choir: **Go Tell Everyone - Please join us in the chorus:

**Go, tell, every one,
tell them the Savior has come.
Evil is defeated, the victory's been won.
Go Tell everyone!**

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the Prayer Fellowship.

Please Pray For: Two members of our congregation who are going through a difficult time, Baby David & his family, Andre, Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Sylvan Duguay Andrew Eccles, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Muriel Kaye, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Jan, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Laura McLean, Kathy Meney, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Pousseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Bruce Ryan, Lou & Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

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- Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Helmut and Brenda Strohmeyer in the passing of Helmut's mother Luise Strohmeyer. Her funeral will take place Monday Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at St. A's with visitation at Yves Legare on Monday from 10:00 – 1:00.
- Christmas Eve Services will take place at 7 p.m. for a Family Service followed by a Candlelight Holy Communion Service at 10:00 p.m. There will be no Church Service Sunday Dec. 25th. There will be a Church Service Sunday January 1st at 10:30 a.m.
- The Christmas Baskets have been delivered. We thank you for your kindness and your generosity in providing financial aid, food, and gifts for the children. We also thank all of you who have helped putting together the packages.
- The Observer subscription is due at the same price as last year, \$25. Please see Sandra to renew.

Reminders

- Our food cupboard needs replenishing as it is running pretty low. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday

8:00 pm

AA Meeting

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183rd Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2016

~WORSHIP~

December 18, 2016 ~ 10:30 am

Advent IV



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Sandra Fortier

Stewards: Cliff Henderson