

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### Announcements

**Call to Worship:** *O Come All Ye Faithful* ~

Please remain standing until after singing

**Choir:** *The people walking in the darkness have seen a great light!*

**Congregation:** **Glory to God in the Highest!!**

**Choir:** *On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned*

**Congregation:** **Glory to God in the Highest!!**

**Choir:** *Arise, shine, for your light has come.*

**Congregation:** **Glory to God in the Highest!!**

**Choir:** *And the glory of the Lord rises upon you*

**ALL:** **Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests**

*Please remain standing.....*

**Choir:** *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

**Opening Hymn:** *O Come All Ye Faithful vs. 1,3, 5* VU60

**Words of Welcome / Opening Prayer**

### Advent Candle Lighting

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.

The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together.

**The candle of Hope already burns bright. Today, we light the candle of Preparation.**

The coming Christ desires us all to thrive, patiently wanting us to turn from the ways of sin and death. As we wait for the coming of the day of God, we want to be ready.

Seeking a straight path, we light this candle to guide our steps. Together, we prepare the way and strive to lead lives of holiness, goodness, and peace.

**Choir:** *Halleluiah! Amen!*

**Readings:** **Elsie, Vera, Marg**

**Choir:** *Who on Earth Could Know*

**Reading:** **Audrey / Choir:** *Thou Shalt Call His Name*  
(*From the experience of Joseph*)

**Reading:** **Lucie / Hymn:** *Infant Holy* VU#58

**Choir:** *Bethlehem*

**Readings:** **Sophie, Jetta /**

**Hymn:** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* VU#71vs. 1 & 2

**Reading:** **Dianna**

**Choir:** *Wake Up Little Bethlehem Town!*

**Reading:** **Jesse**

**Choir:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
(**Congregation please join in chorus**)

**Reading:** **Mariette**

**Choir:** *Joy In Judea*

**Reading:** **Woody**

**Choir:** *While Shepherds Watched*

(**At the end of this anthem please join us**)

**Congregation:** VU#75 verses 5 & 6

**Reading:** **Craig**

**Hymn:** *Gentle Mary Lay Her Child* VU#46  
VS 1 Ladies / VS 2 Men / VS 3 All

**Reading:** **Jason**

**Choir:** *Rocking*

## Presentation of Ourselves & Our Gifts to God

**Choir & Congregation:**

*There Is Something about that Name*

**Reading by Richard then please join the choir singing:**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There is something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all Heaven and earth proclaim.

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

but there's something about that Name!

**Doxology:** 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 can I give Him?

Give Him my heart.

**Offertory Prayer (Rev. Alice)**

Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this season of faith, hope, and love. As we look at our lives, we see evidence of the countless ways that you have provided for our needs. Let gratitude well up in our hearts and overflow in generosity to others. Draw us outward to see ways that we can joyfully share what you have given. Let our acts of kindness as a church bear good fruit in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Luke 3:7-18*)

**Reading:** **Andy / Hymn:** VU73 verses 1, 2 & 3

(**Please stand if able**) *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

**Reading Les**

**Choir:** *Halleluiah A Baby Is Born!*

*Joy to the world! What a proclamation! The Lord is Come*

**Hymn:** *Joy to the World!!* VU59

**Benediction:** **Rev. Alice**

**Choir:** *RING CHRISTMAS BELLS!*

*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 Session.*



**Please Pray For:** The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Rebecca Gilles, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

**Announcements**

- **Please bring in your gifts for our Christmas children** as they will be delivered December 18 or earlier if possible. **Deadline – December 16 or earlier!**
- **White Gift Sunday – December 16 – kindly bring in monetary gifts as we will be giving the families food vouchers.**
- **UCW Calendars for sale -- \$8 each.** These are beautiful & informative (and they help support the

church) – we hope you pick one up today. See a UCW member or ask at the office.

- Our **coffee-pot piggy bank** was really hungry! We thank the generous person who so graciously helped us. Proceeds are used to buy coffee, tea, & cookies. Thank you all for your generosity!
- The **Montreal Welsh Male Choir & the Village Ringers Trio** will be giving a Christmas concert at **OLPH on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm.** This lovely concert features a reading of “*A Child’s Christmas in Wales*” along with Carols & Bells. Richard is the Master of Ceremonies for this event...and he also sells tickets! Please see him to buy yours..
- During **stormy weather** please check CJAD for possible church closures. We will also notify you by email (if the office has your address).
- Please remember our **food pantry.** Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the **Sunday School.**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>

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**~WORSHIP ~**

**December 9, 2018 ~ 10:30 am**

**Advent II ~**



**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**  
**Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Audrey Bauer**

**Stewards: Andrew Ford & Cliff Henderson**