

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021 11 AM

WE GATHER¹

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN **Hope is a star** **#119**

CALL TO WORSHIP [responsive] Ps. 148:1, 7, 12

One: Praise God in the heavens

All: Praise God from the earth

One: Young and old, all people together

All: Praise God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

HEBREW BIBLE **1Samuel 2:18-20, 26** [B#246/W#273]²

HEBREW BIBLE **Psalms 148** [B#582/W#645]

EPISTLE **Colossians 3:12-17** [B#201/W#215]

GOSPEL **Luke 2:41-52** [B#59/W#60]

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word. **The word of the Lord.**

HYMN **How sweet the name of Jesus** **#357**

MESSAGE **Families** **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **Praise the Lord with the sound** **#466**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **Brother, sister let me serve you** **#635**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Let there be peace on earth**

Lyrics included in bulletin

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¹ Resources include: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

² Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, as you listened to your teachers, may I also, this day, listen to others with care and grace, and receive whatever wisdom they may offer. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Loving God, you know every struggle I have faced this day: let me sleep in peace, confident in your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daily Prayer

O God, you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world the power of love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Are you dealing with **food insecurity**? Reach out to the Bayfield Area Food Bank if you are struggling to put food on your table. Make a confidential call to 519-955-7444

The **Knox Bayfield Cookbook** has over 150 wonderful recipes provided by the congregation and former Ministers. The books are only \$15. Contact Deb Cosford or leave a message on the Church phone 519-565-2913.

Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The November **financial reports** show income \$5,126 and expenses \$6,878 with a year-to-date deficit of \$12,774.

Mission Moment: Giving Gifts through Service

For Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, the practice of gift giving is a year-round commitment. Every day, the congregation provides “gifts” through programs and services to families living on the Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan. The ministry’s elders also share gifts in less tangible but equally important ways. The congregation is blessed with wise, strong leaders who act as role models for Mistawasis’ youth, helping to provide them with a solid foundation in spirituality and education. Youth programming offers teachings from the medicine wheel as well as instruction in music and Bible study—gifts that will serve the youth well as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow. Mistawasis Memorial PC is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Share your voice! There are many opportunities to participate in worship. Contact Rev Lisa with your choice of one or several of the following readings:

Jan 2 Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:1-12
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

Jan 9 Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-22

Let there be peace on earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator we are family, let us walk with each other in perfect harmony*. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Copyright 1955, 1983 by Jan-Lee Music, ASCAP International copyright secured. All rights reserved. Authors: Jill Jackson, Sy Miller *Approved alternate lyrics.

Our worship services are **live streamed** and **recorded** then posted on our **website, facebook,** and **YouTube** channel. Each week the online links are sent to the congregation by email. Several people are unable to attend because of health concerns, lack of physical accessibility, and distance. Plus, the videos expand our outreach into the larger community.

Questions for Reflection

Consider Jesus as an adolescent, causing his parents to worry about him. Jesus asked his parents, "Why were you searching for me?" If you were a parent of Jesus, how would you answer that question? How do you answer that question for yourself?

Are you aware that **financial offerings** can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance), and e-transfer. When you provide a dependable flow of contributions it helps significantly with budgeting. It is easy to set up and easy to make changes. For more information contact Brenda McLean 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca and she will guide you through the process.

Are you eligible for the **3rd dose COVID vaccine**? Arrange your appointment with **Huron Perth Public Health Unit** **by calling 1-833-753-2098**. Have your health card with you when you call.

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