

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

3RD ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 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]

3rd Sunday in Advent: Joy [Insert] **Jan Meyer**

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Readers: Lois Kacsandi, Judith Roy

HEBREW BIBLE Isaiah 12:2-6 **[B#642/W#711]²**

HEBREW BIBLE Zephaniah 3:14-20 **[B#876/W#981]**

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-7 **[B#198/W#212]**

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18 **[B#60/W#61]**

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word.

The word of the Lord.

HYMN **Rejoice the Lord is king #267**

MESSAGE **What should we do?**

SPECIAL MUSIC **Hark the herald angels; Silent night**

Violinist Jamie Dow with Pianist Betty Lou Norris

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. *1Peter 4:10*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **Rejoice in the Lord** **#421**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Let there be peace on earth**

Lyrics included in bulletin

Welcome guest musician violinist **Jamie Dow!**

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Session: Brenda McLean, Deb Cosford, Jim Thompson

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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

God, you are my salvation. I begin this day, trusting you, for you are my strength. Help me to meditate on the thought that you are rejoicing in me! And keep me keenly aware, as I travel through this day, of ways that I may help others, especially those with special needs. Then bring me closer to you at the end of the day. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of today and for guarding my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. All that I did and all that I left undone, I now give over to your safekeeping, trusting in your peace that surpasses all understanding. Renew me in your love for another day. Amen.

Daily Prayer

Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break into our resistance to show us the path toward just relationships. May we find your peace; in Jesus' name. 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.

We welcome **guest violinist Jamie Dow**. Jamie and Betty Lou will play the prelude, postlude, and special music during the service.

Questions for Reflection

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people asking him, "What should we do to prepare?" How might John instruct you, and your church, to prepare for the coming of God? Sometimes wealthy people worry that God or the church is requiring them to be poor. What is the difference between being poor and being fair? How do you feel about sharing?

Winter hats, mitts & gloves, scarves, and socks will be collected until today! **Donated items** will go to local agencies for distribution to those in need.

The **Session** will meet at 7 pm Monday December 13th. Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The October **financial reports** show income \$4,926 and expenses \$5,834 with a year-to-date deficit of \$11,158

So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste. Bring your **used postage stamps, eye glasses,** and **empty outer milk bags** (wash/dry first!) into church.

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

Weekly Call to Worship (includes lighting an advent candle.)

11 am Dec 19	Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
5 pm Dec 19	Psalm 121; Matthew 11:28-29
6 pm Dec 19	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-10; Luke 2:11-20
11 am Dec 26:	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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.

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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.

Unfortunately, we will not be gathering for in-person worship for the evening services on the traditional dates for the Longest Night and Christmas Eve services. We are living in exceptional times. We are taking a non-traditional approach for our evening services this year. We will **pre-record** our Longest Night and Christmas Eve services the evening of Sunday, December 19th. The services will feature special music by violinist Jamie Dow, pianist Betty Lou Norris, and organist Jean Walker. You are invited to join in the recording next **Sunday December 19th: Longest Night** service **5 pm**, with the **Christmas Eve** service **6 pm**. The recorded services will be posted online on the appropriate dates.

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