

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

LONGEST NIGHT SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021 5 PM

WE GATHER¹

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was
with God and the Word was God

All: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of
grace and truth.

One: In him was life and that life was the light of all.

All: The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness
cannot extinguish the Light.

Silence

One: God's light will break forth like the dawn

All: And our healing will spring up

One: The Lord will always be with you

All: God's presence will protect us on every side

HYMN God is love: come heaven, adoring #314

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 HEBREW BIBLE **Isaiah 40:1-8 [B#667/W#740]²**

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN* People in darkness #124

SCRIPTURE PSALM 121 Responsive **[B#571/W#633]**

SPECIAL MUSIC violinist **Jamie Dow**, pianist **Betty Lou Norris**

SCRIPTURE GOSPEL Matthew 11:28-29 [B#12/W#12]

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN Silent night #154

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

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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We welcome guest pianist **Jamie Dow** as she joins with Betty Lou Norrise to play special music during the service.

Christmas Carols The Lakeview Mennonite Church will sing Christmas Carols at **7:45 p.m. tonight** in Clan Gregor Square.

Are you eligible for the **3rd dose booster COVID vaccine**? The required time interval has been reduced to three months. Arrange your appointment with **Huron Perth Public Health Unit** by calling **1-833-753-2098**. Have your health card with you when you call.

Mission Moment From Hopeless to Hopeful

“I didn’t have any hope of living a meaningful life. My left leg was deformed by poliomyelitis at a young age, and I grew up with this challenge,” said Monica Akamb, a 45-year-old woman living in northern Ghana. “My biggest challenge, however, transcends the impairment. It has been the negative attitudes and stereotypes of community members and even within my immediate family.”

Monica explained how her experience with the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR) made a tremendous difference in her life. “Thank God that CBR and PWS&D came to my rescue.

They taught my family and the community to treat persons with disabilities with dignity. I learned gardening skills and now grow vegetables for a living. I am able to produce onion, cabbage and lettuce for food and income.”



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