

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022 11 AM

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN **Let There be Light** #727

CALL TO WORSHIP [responsive] *Isaiah 60:1-3*

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

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 Isaiah 60:1-6 [B#690/W#766]¹

HEBREW BIBLE Psalm 72:1-14 [B#533/W#589]

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:1-12 [B#193/W#205]

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 [B#2/W#2]

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

The word of the Lord.

HYMN **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** #115

MESSAGE The season of Epiphany **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **Angels from the realms of glory** #146

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. *Mother Teresa (1910-1997), missionary*

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine** #687

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Holy, Holy, Holy** #623

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¹ Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

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

Morning Prayer

Glorious God, each day provides the radiance of your presence as I welcome your blessing into my life. How often I forget that I am your home! Help me to draw more closely to you and help me to that I may reveal your love in the world. May every darkened corner grow bright as I bear your light this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy Jesus, I thank you for sharing your life with me today. As darkness comes and blankets the earth, be with all who suffer from sickness, hunger, or lack of shelter. Kindle in them the warmth of your presence, and surround them with your steadfast care. I am grateful for your blessings and rest in the light of your love. Amen.

Daily Prayer Matt. 2:1-2

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

Rev Lisa will be on holiday January 10-16, however, she is available for pastoral care. Contact her at 519-955-2158.

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.

Questions for Reflection

In Epiphany when the magi make their great journey to see the Christ Child, we see Jesus drawing all creation to the divine life revealed in him and the realization of God's dream of reconciled creation. In our own way, we are each endowed by the Spirit with unique and precious gifts for sharing God's healing love in a good but often divided world. What spiritual practices allow you to stay peaceful and develop a respectful regard for difference? How do you stay present and create openness for finding, revealing, and activating God's reconciling love in the world?

Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The December **financial reports** show income \$8,336 and expenses \$6,349 with a year-to-date deficit of \$10,787.

MISSION MOMENT: We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history, and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, across Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

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With the rapid increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations the Ontario government moved to a modified Step Two this week. It is anticipated that the measures will be in place until at least January 26th. In our efforts to promote well being, the ruling elders of Knox Presbyterian Bayfield have decided to resume online-only worship services. The decision is mindful of our Christian responsibility to care for one another. *And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works.* Hebrews 10:24

You are invited to join us with online worship services on Sunday at 11 am on Zoom. The weekly email will continue to provide access to our worship services, which are **live-streamed** and **recorded** then posted on our **website**, **facebook**, and **YouTube** channel! Reach out to Rev Lisa if you would like help accessing the weekly video or if you prefer a paper copy of the service.

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.

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