

²Morning Prayer As I rise, O God, I give you thanks for safety in the night, for rest from my labors, for another day in this creation. Turn my eyes toward what is noble. Teach me to see hope where it is veiled. Give me the wisdom to desire the good. Help me to love those I encounter and myself. Let peace reign. Amen.

²Evening Prayer As I end this day, Holy One, I give you thanks for the richness of my hours: for family & friends, for people with whom I work & play, for my neighbors, for those who fill this world with music and art, for those whose needs remind me of my blessings & whose skills make me grateful for differences. Guard us, O God, and keep us in your embrace until the daylight comes. Amen.

¹Daily Prayer

Dec 4 *Second Advent Sunday* Give us peace in our relationships & in our souls, God, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Dec 5 We pray for Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, and Palestinian Christians as they work for justice and engage in peacebuilding.

Dec 6 Today marks 33 years since the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal. On this day in 1989, 14 women were killed & others were wounded. We pray for healing & comfort for all who lost loved ones that day & for an end to the misogyny that leads to gender-based violence.

Dec 7 We pray for the development & implementation of stronger laws and policies to protect women & their rights.

Dec 8 We pray for the people at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver & we give thanks for their ministry.

Dec 9 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, as they meet at the national office of the PCC.

Dec 10 *Human Rights Day* We pray for individuals and organizations defending human rights in Canada and around the world. We pray for their safety and the safety of those they support and protect.

¹Mission Moment “Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?” Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God’s hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. Presbyterians Sharing supports Sabeel and Director, Omar Haramy, in standing with the oppressed, working for justice and engaging in peacebuilding.

Readings Dec 11th Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10; Luke 1:46b–55; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11
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Sometimes the Christmas season is anything but ‘merry’. You’re invited to just ‘be’ in the candlelight, blanketed with quiet song, on the longest night. Join us for *Moments of Solace* at 7 pm Wednesday, December 21st .

Linda Street, soloist, will include O Holy Night during her performance in our **Christmas eve service**.

A wonderful Christmas gift...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

Dates to note...

Dec 8,15,22	What are we waiting for? Zoom discussion
Dec 9	Christmas Potluck 5:30 pm
Dec 21	Longest night service with Solace Singers
Dec 24	Christmas Eve with Linda Street, soloist
Dec 25	no service

¹ PCC Prayer Partnership October – December 2022

² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

We are collecting **warm, new socks** during until the end of December for those in need in our area.

Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Knox Bayfield Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The **October** financial reports: income \$6,057, expenses \$6,751, with the year-to-date deficit \$10,203. Your financial offerings can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR, and e-transfer. For more information reach out to: Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

Are you dealing with food insecurity? Reach out to the **Bayfield Area Food Bank** [BAFB] 519-955-7444.

Protect Against Respiratory Illness: Layer Up!

<https://www.hpph.ca/en/health-matters/protect-against-respiratory-illness-layer-up.aspx>

The Huron Perth Public Health website encourages everyone to “Layer up” to protect you, your loved ones and your community from viruses (COVID-19, influenza and colds). **Layers of Protection** reduce risk and help to prevent getting sick. You are encouraged to:

- Stay home when sick
- Get vaccinated with as you are eligible
- Wear a mask and avoid crowded indoor spaces
- Maintain physical distancing
- Wash your hands
- Screen for any symptoms and use rapid test kits
- Seek out anti-viral treatments, if eligible

Each layer adds protection. The more layers an individual uses, the more protected they are.

All are welcome for the **Christmas potluck** dinner on Friday, December 9th We will gather in the lower level of the church for refreshments at 5:30 and be seated for dinner at 6 pm. Remember to bring your own dishes, utensils, and your favourite contribution for the meal... and, of course, your appetite!

What Are We Waiting For? The Rev. Dr. Bob Faris, Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly, has worked with other church leaders to prepare an ecumenical Advent program of devotions and conversations. Every Monday during Advent, the national church leaders of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada will release an ecumenical Advent meditation and conversations reflecting the four Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and addressing challenges facing the Canadian churches. Every Thursday during Advent, listeners are invited to join in a **live discussion, via Zoom**, with one of the leaders on that week’s Advent theme.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/#watch>

We are making a list and checking it twice! Share your **favourite hymns** with Jean and Rev Lisa for our worship services.

Spiritual reflection ... Where do you see that peace in your relationships, in your family or circle of friends, in the neighborhood, the city, the nation, and the world? Even within yourself, where has peace been forged between previously warring factions? Look for places where the wolf and the lamb lie down together in peace.

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