

²Morning Prayer Holy God, as the day dawns new life blossoms like the crocus and fresh promise wells up like a spring. As I go into this day confirm my resolve to serve your people, and keep me always in your holy way; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

²Evening Prayer Mighty God, my soul rejoices at the great things you have done this day— giving daily bread for my hunger, showing endless mercy for my sin. As you have blessed my ancestors bless and keep me this night; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

¹Daily Prayer

Dec 11 *Third Sunday of Advent* Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

Dec 12 We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through PWS&D

Dec 13 We pray for chaplains serving in hospitals, retirement homes and other health-care facilities across Canada.

Dec 14 We pray for Indigenous women in Guatemala as they learn their rights and are empowered to exercise them with support from the church through PWS&D

Dec 15 We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Dec 16 We pray for those struggling with spiritual and mental health during the holidays. May they reach out for help and find faithful, supportive spiritual care providers.

Dec 17 O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness and restore its unity as we continue Christ's ministry.

Are you dealing with food insecurity? Reach out to the

Bayfield Area Food Bank [BAFB] 519-955-7444.

¹ PCC Prayer Partnership October – December 2022

² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Readings Dec 18 Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–25

Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The **October** financial reports: income \$3,886, expenses \$4,675, with the year-to-date deficit \$10,991. Your financial offerings can be made with an e-transfer, PAR and post-dated cheques. Contact Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca for more details. Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

Dates to note...

Dec 15,22 What are we waiting for? Zoom discussion
Dec 21 Longest night service with Solace Singers
Dec 24 Christmas Eve with Linda Street, soloist
Dec 25 no service

Spiritual reflection ... What does the kingdom of heaven have to do with the signs that Jesus describes for John's disciples: "the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them" (Matt. 11:5)? Where have you seen or heard such things?

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

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>

The latest **Connections newsletter** has been mailed out. Have you received your copy? It is filled with interesting articles.

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

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

¹**Mission Moment** In Nepal, 70-year-old Dhani Gharti found a boil on the sole of her foot. When she sought treatment, Dhani received a diagnosis of leprosy. Despite taking medication for a year, Dhani's wound kept coming back. One day, Dhani's friend told her about the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital, a Christian hospital run by the International Nepal Fellowship, where she thought Dhani could get more successful treatment. "Every time I visit the Shining Hospital with my wounded foot, the nurses always welcome me and give the best medical care. They always show love and care while dressing my wounds," shared Dhani.

It is good to share that there will be special music this month. **Moments of Solace at 7 pm Wednesday, December 21st** 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. Linda Street, soloist, will include O Holy Night during her performance in our **Christmas eve service**.

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