

²Morning Prayer Giver of light, I see myself clearly as your child. You are present when I sleep and when I am awake. You are with me in the hours of joy and in sorrow. I live this day in your wisdom, with charity toward those I meet and toward myself when I falter. Lead me into your desire for me this day, O Lord. Let me know your love is deep and abiding. In Jesus' name, amen.

²Evening Prayer Giver of rest and silence, I take refuge in you when the shadows deepen and the time of sleep comes. I thank you for this day, for friends who helped me and for those who sought my help, for the skills you planted in me to hone and use, for the strangers whose lives enlarged mine and whose insights enrich my life. Keep me safe from harm as I sleep and bring me to a new dawn with strength to rejoice. In Jesus' name, amen.

¹Daily Prayer

Dec 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent We pray that the love we know in Christ will nourish and nurture our love as we conform to the pattern of Christ's life.

Dec 19 We pray for church planting initiatives.

Dec 20 We pray for refugees displaced by war & famine.

Dec 21 We pray that LGBTQI2+ people whose families have rejected them will feel God's comforting presence as they find love and support in their chosen families.

Dec 22 We pray for those who are prayerfully discerning a call to join God's mission around the world, to walk with, serve, and learn from international partners.

Dec 23 Christ who was born for us, help us to know you, worship you, serve you and be transformed by you.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Christ was born as one of us and, in him, God shows us how much the world is loved. We pray that God's love blesses and fills the world.

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

Spiritual reflection ...

In Romans 1:1-6, Paul defines himself according to (1) who Jesus is (promised through the prophets), (2) what Jesus gives (grace and apostleship), and (3) why Jesus is for all people (to foster faith). How do those qualities and gifts inform your own definition of self? How might you amend, or more greatly appreciate, your own self-image and the image you have of others because of Jesus?

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

¹ PCC Prayer Partnership October - December 2022

² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

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.

¹Mission Moment

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Cyclical PCC supports many important outreach ministries in Canada. One such ministry is the Presbytery of Montreal's Communauté Rivière des Prairies, a new worshipping community in the city's east end. Rivière des Prairies embraces multilingualism in their church services and children's programming, providing an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Over five different languages and dialects are used by the ministry to connect with newcomers, both in the church family and in the wider community.

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

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