**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

***Anglican Church of Canada***

***December 11, 2022— 3rd Sunday of Advent***

We come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

*Worship Service: Sunday  9:30 a.m.*​​​​​

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***December 11, 2022 — Third Sunday of Advent***

**9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)**p.4

Officiant – Bill Graham

Organist – Dorothy Miller

**Opening Hymn # 101**​

***Hail to the Lord’s Anointed***

Greeting

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:*the Candle of Joy —***

Advent 3 - Today is the third Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Joy.

Our joy is in God and in his son Jesus Christ.  Like peace, joy is a gift from God.  It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life.  We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

**Lighting of the third Candle (Joy)**

**Leader:** Let us pray: O God of Joy, Emmanuel,send your light into our hearts at this time.  Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing.  Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised.  As we worship you, strengthen us so that we may always do your will and so bless you and the world you have made.  Amen.

**All sing**​**“A Candle is Burning”**

Words by Sandra Dean, 1986. tune by James Murray 1887 (public domain)

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy, a candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy. Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading​Isaiah 35: 1-10

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be 

there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 4-9 **BCP.**p. 517, 518

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever;**

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.

**The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.**

The Lord raiseth up them that are fallen: the lord loveth the righteous.

**The Lord careth for the strangers; he up holdeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth is upside down.**

2nd Reading​James 5: 7-10

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES**  
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel​Matthew 11: 2-11

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**Collect of the Day:**God of power and mercy,you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  **Amen.**

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**Offertory Hymn # 89**​

***O Come, O Come,Emmanuel***

SungOffertory Response

***All Things Come of Thee***

Sermon

​Each candle in the advent wreath has a significant meaning, but the third candle of Advent has an unusual place.  In most advent wreaths, it is the one candle that is a different colour than the others. There is something unique, more spontaneous, and celebratory about the theme the third week of Advent compared to the others.

​The advent wreath has had many variations since it was invented in 1839, but the most common version has four candles inside a wreath. The first advent candle (the Prophet’s Candle) stands for hope.  The second candle (the Bethlehem Candle) stands for peace. The fourth candle (the Angel’s Candle) stands for love.  The third candle., also known as “the Shepherd’s Candle,” stands for joy. Each of these candles is lit on a different Sunday leading up to Christmas Day.  Some Christians also include a fifth candle, a white one representing Jesus himself, in the middle of the advent wreath and light it on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

​In most advent wreaths, the first, second and fourth candle are purple, but the third candle is pink.  Various writers have given different explanations for why the third candle is pink. Generally, there is a consensus that the colours connect to the different candle themes.  Purple is associated with the contemplation and fasting, particularly in Catholic lent celebrations that influenced Advent celebrations. Thus candles 1,2 and 4 are purple on occasions to contemplate hope, peace, and love. In contrast to purple, pink or rose represents joy and celebration. One of the ancient church’s popes gave a citizen a pink rose on the third Sunday of lent, symbolizing the moment of joy amidst Lent's fasting and penance.  Therefore, when Catholic priests modeled the advent celebrations on lent, then wore rose-coloured robes and set the third Sunday of December as the time to remember joy. The pink advent candle is lit on the third Sunday.

It is also worth noting that more so than the other three Advent themes, joy is something we associate with spontaneous action. Hope, peace, joy and love are all things that God places in us and should be ongoing attitudes in our lives. However, hope and peace are generally seen as inner qualities that we cultivate by meditation on ideas like God’s provisions. Love is something we do, but also something we cultivate by meditating on ideas like God’s provision.  Love is something we do, but also something we cultivate and meditate on. Joy tends to have a more spontaneous effect.  Joy can motivate us to celebrate and worship with glorious abandon (like David did when he danced in front of the ark of the covenant).  In that light, it’s appropriate that the advent candle representing joy is a different colour, highlighting the different nature of joy compared to the other advent themes.

​The third advent candle is called “the Shepherd’s Candle and the shepherd’s section of the Christmas story is very much about joy. The shepherds are mentioned in Luke 2:8-20.  In this scripture passage, they were watching sheep in their pastures when an angel appeared to them.  As many people in the bible reacted when the angels showed up, the shepherds were frightened, so the angel said, “Do not be afraid.  I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.  Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. “This will be a sign to you; You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2; 10-12).  The next moment a whole group of angels appeared around the first one, praised God, and then disappeared.  The shepherds immediately went to Bethlehem and found Joseph and Mary with their baby.  After meeting the Messiah, the shepherds told others what they had seen, and then came back to the manger, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen (Luke 2:20)

​The shepherds serve as witnesses to Jesus’ birth and emissaries of joy. They received a message of joy from the angels and passed that on to other people after seeing Jesus.  They returned to see Jesus again and praise God.  In other words, their response to Jesus’ birth was very joy-filled.

​In Biblical terms, having joy means being happy about something good that has arrived or is coming.  Like hope, it has a long term view of life, emphasizing the good that will come .  However, it has a component of great happiness, rejoicing at the good news.  Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus with joy when Jesus said he would stay at Zacchaeus home (Luke 19;6) Jesus tells his disciples to have joy in all their suffering for their reward is great in heaven (Luke 6:23)  As noted in the section above, the shepherds who visited Jesus were both given a joyful message and acted joyfully.

​People could have had joy before Jesus came, but his arrival was the culmination of a special promise.  Ever since sin entered the world, humanity had been broken.  Creation was also broken by sin, and since that time has been crying out with groans for relief (Romans 8|:22-23). Jesus” birth fulfilled prophesies that the Messiah would come and break sin’s hold, starting a new phase of God’s redemption plan.  As Jesus said multiple times during his ministry, the kingdom of God has come now that he had arrived.  Sin continued to be a reality after Jesus’ death and resurrection, but its hold was broken by Jesus.

​Thus, at Christmas we joyfully celebrate God’s greatest promise was fulfilled.

God’s kingdom has come.  The final movements in God’s plan (the last battle against Satan, the resurrection of the dead) are still to come. As some scholars have put it, we live in the “already/not yet” phase of God’s kingdom, where he has arrived, but the final effects haven’t come yet.  However, with Jesus’ birth and resurrection, the definitive move in the battle against evil was struck.  More skirmishes will follow, but the war has for all intent and purposes been won. **That**is something to be joyous about.

**Sermon Hymn**#**109**​

***When the King Shall Come Again***

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**Prayer for a Renewed Church**: **Almighty God, give us a new** **vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory.  In Jesus’ name we pray.** **Amen.**

The Grace​p. 15

**Closing Hymn # 108**​

***Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding***

Officiant:​​Go in peace to love and serve

                              the Lord

People:​  ​**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction ***Go Now in Peace***

(*inside back cover of hymn book*)

Please enter names in the**Intercessions Book**each week to be read in the service.

The **Flowers on the Altar** today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of loved ones, a gift of Ruth and Charlie Lavigne.

**News and Events**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week.  Call: 519-344-9531 or E-mail:[canondavis@gmail.com](mailto:canondavis@gmail.com).

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If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and/or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

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Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

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**Happy Birthday** to Elaine Hayter, Reg Heasman, Bob Spence, and Jason Hayter from all your friends at Canon Davis Memorial.

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**Thank you** to the Chancel **Guild** for all your hard work in decorating the church for Christmas. **The decorations are beautiful**.

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Parish Council is very sorry to announce the following:  Ladies Guild will not be making pies until sometime in January 2023. CDM will not be hold a Christmas Bazaar this year.  We may hold something near the end of winter or early spring.

Ways and Means dinners have been cancelled for the rest of 2022 and will start back up in February 2023.

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The **Chancel Guild**still has four Sunday openings**available for altar flower donors**.  They are: 2nd Sunday in April, 4thSunday in June, 2nd Sunday in August and 2nd Sunday in September.  If you are interested in being an altar flower donor please contact Seonaid Laidlaw.  Thank you.

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**Church calendars** are still available for purchase after church.  The cost is $6.00.

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**This year, our Candle Light Service** on Decener**24** will be held at **5:00 p.m. and**

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**Our Christmas Day Service of the Word on** **December 25** at **9:30 a.m**. Please join us.

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**St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 261 Christina St. N.**is hosting **Community Songs & Carols of Christmas**with the**Synergy 150 Choir** on **December 11, 2022 @7:00 p.m**.  Doors open at 630 p.m. with cookies and hot drinks afterwards.  Free will offering for our community benevolence fund.

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**The Salvation Army**has asked CDM to provide food donations of Mac and Cheese for their **Annual Christmas Food Baskets.**If you are able to contribute, donations of**Mac and Cheese** can be dropped off at the back of the church until **Thursday December 15, 2022.**

**Reminders**

**Dec 14 Parish Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom**

**Dec 18 Please join us for our 9 Lessons and Carols service.**

**Dec 24 CDM Candle Light Service** **at 5:00 p.m**.

**Dec 25 CDM Christmas Day Service at 9:30 a.m**

**Christmas Memorials--2022**

In loving memory of my husband Hugo, mother and dad Henry and Verna Tomlinson,remembered by Faith Archer.

In loving memory of members of the Ayers family, remembered by Greta Ayers.

In loving memory of Ray Chalifoux, and Melody Chalifoux (VanSickle), a gift of Pat,Debbie and Michelle and family.

In loving memory of Ollie and Nancy Haddon and Sue Chalmers and my husband Les Chalmers, remembered by Marg and their families.

In memory of loved ones from Marion Curran and family.

In memory of Margaret and Garth, lovingly remembered by Joan Dew.

In loving memory of Web Dixon, remembered by wife, Joyce and children, Joy and Gay.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Frew, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spencer, brothers,Raymond, Russell and George Spencer, sister, Marion Bradley and great-grand daughter, Winnie Mae remembered by Doug and Shirley Frew and family.

In memory of loved ones, remembered by Helen and Glenn Forbes.

In loving memory of Kenneth and Ev George, and Brian George, remembered by the family.

In loving memory of Kathy Graham,remembered by Bill Graham and family.

In loving memory of Bill and Hettie Graham, Jean and Jim Bell, and Marjorie and David Ashcroft, remembered by Bill Graham and family.

In loving memory of parents and grandparents,Merien and Earl Sloat, and George and Edith Scott, remembered by Raymond, Rebecca and Katie Grandis.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Haddon, remembered by their family.

In loving memory of Margaret and Glen Hayter, Mom, Dad, Gram, Gramps, Great Grammie and Great Granpooh, a gift of Sheree Lynn, Mike, Jason and Lucy.

In memory of our ‘Mum’ and ‘Gran,’ Mary Tracy, our aunts and sisters, ChristineLabrasceur, and Lynn McCann, our ‘Papa’ and ‘Dad,’ Gerry Tracy and our ‘Gramma’ andGrampa, Mother and Dad, Glen and MargaretHayter, lovingly remembered by John, Elaine, Joanna, Sarah, and Nikki Hayter and Jeremy Wickham.

**In thanksgiving for blessings received and in memory of loved ones, lovingly remembered by Ruth and Charlie Lavigne.**

**In memory of our parents, Kathleen and Gordon McPhail, lovingly remembered by the family.**

**In memory of loved ones, and in thanksgiving for many blessings, lovingly remembered by Mary and Lyle Moran.**

**In memory of Kathy Wilson, lovingly remembered by the Pusey family and the Morphew family.**

**In loving memory of Sarah Jane Churchman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kershaw, A. Louisa Hibbert,and Bill Phillips, remembered by Janey Phillips.**

**In memory of the Rinker and Redden families, lovingly remembered by Gerry Rinker and family.**

**In memory of my husband Alexander Scrimgeour, and loving son, Ian, lovingly remembered by Sylvia Scrimgeour, and family.**

**In loving memory of Beth Simmons, Mary Switzer, Mary Walker-Thiel and Georgina and Gordon Simmons, Sr., remembered by Gord, Mary-Elizabeth and Brad, Pamela, and Joel, andfamilies.**

**In loving memory of Marg and Bill Spence, a gift from Bob and Carol.**

**In loving memory of Eve and Earle Armstrong and grandson Ryan Andrew Stallibrass, remembered by Wendy, Ron and Robyn Stallinrass**

**In loving memory of dear parents, Mary and Fred Wyville, remembered by Pat, Barbara and Dave, Bonnie and Ed, and families.**

**In loving memory of Gary Laidlaw, a gift of Seonaid and family.**

**To the glory of God and in loving memory of my Granny, Zola May, remembered by Ginny Schleihauf.**

**In memory of Pat Wood from Joan, Gerry, and Marion.**