

**Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada
Sunday, December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent**



Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - CANDLE OF HOPE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.

Lighting of the First Candle (Hope)

Let us pray: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you – both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

All sing: "A Candle is Burning" Words by Sandra Dean, 1986. Tune by James Murray 1887 (public domain)

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

Sentence

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21: 28

Processional Hymn # 88

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

(to be read responsively)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Gospel Mark 13: 24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for...

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.

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The Confession: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We

have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 84

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eucharist Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

Doxology

Glory to God, **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn # 111

Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love for ever more. **Amen.**

Benediction Song

Go Now in Peace

(found in the back of the blue hymn book)

Dismissal

*The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of the Brownlees and Falloon families; a gift
of Betty Falloon.*

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie Sercome

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week email canondavis@gmail.com or call 519-344-9531.
- If you would like to contact Rev'd Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev'd Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email jonforbes@outlook.com
- Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.
- The **boiler that heats the church** needs to be replaced and so this Sunday's service was moved to the Parish Hall. However, we encourage one and all to dress warmly as services going forward will be held in the church. Hopefully, if the boiler has not been repaired, we will find portable heaters in time for next week's service.
- **Happy Birthday** to Elaine Hayter, Reg Heasman, Bob Spence and Jason Hayter from all your friends at Canon Davis Memorial Church.
- **St. John in -the-Wilderness Wednesday December 6 at 12:00 noon John's Restaurant - ACW Christmas Party.** Please see the poster at the back of the church. The invitation is extended to all women, even if you are not part of the ACW. There will be crafts, games, a door prize and an opportunity for women to gather and share a time of Fellowship. To register contact Leslie Grieve at lesliegrieve91@gmail.com
- **Christmas Poinsettias** If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas Poinsettias, please put your donation in a separate envelope marked "Poinsettias" and include your name, envelope number, and the amount. Please call Karen if you would like your gift acknowledged in the Church bulletins or wish to make changes to your current acknowledgment by December 3.

Upcoming Events

- **"Festival of Lights" event for Canon Davis on Saturday, December 9th, 6:30 – 8pm.** Admission: a non-perishable food item. The church will be decorated inside and out. Lights will be strung on as many trees/bushes as possible. There will be Carolers, refreshments, baked goods and "Stain-glass" cards for sale, but most importantly introducing Rev'd Jon Forbes to

the community. **If you have strings of lights you would like to donate for this event, please either bring them to the church or contact Ginny 519-332-4764**

- **December 10 - 9 Lessons and Carols Service**, with Wassail following in the Parish Hall – Food donations for the Wassail are welcome but not necessary. Please speak to John or Sheree Lynn.
- **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 **Sunday December 10, 2023**.
- December 11 at 11:00 a.m. the ACW/Ladies Guild will meet in the Parish Hall.

Reminders: December

- Dec 3 CDM Christmas Church Dinner** at 4:00 pm
- Dec 6 St. John in-the-Wilderness Christmas Party** - John's Restaurant
- Dec 7** Please bring Shortbread and Gingerbread cookies bagging for **Festival of Lights at 1:00 pm**
- Dec 9 Chancel Guild** meeting at 9:30 a.m. to decorate the church for Christmas
- Dec 9 Festival of Lights** – 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm
- Dec 10 Nine Lesson and Carols Service** with Wassail following the service.
- Dec 10** Salvation Army - Mac and Cheese
- Dec 11 ACW/Ladies Guild Meeting Parish Hall 11:00 a.m.**
- Dec 20 Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. - Boardroom**
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Day 9:30 a.m.–** Advent 4 - Service of the Word
Ginny Schleihauf
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm.** HE – Rev'd Jon Forbes