Welcome to St. James' – December 8th, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist –Second Sunday of Advent Book of Alternative Services (Green Book)

Rector: The Rev'd Sue McCullough
Lay Readers: Bob Welt, Lorraine Livingston
Musician: Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence

Advent II



Welcome and Announcements

<u>OPENING SENTENCE</u>: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3.4, 6

OPENING HYMN: SINGING SONGS OF EXPECTATION #536

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: "Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE."

Scripture: "Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Prayer: "Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

Amen."

The candles are lit.

Advent Candle Song:

Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace. He brings peace to ev'ry heart. He comes! Repeat



CHILDREN'S TIME:

CHILDREN'S SONG: IF I WERE A BUTTERFLY

If I were a butterfly, I'd thank You Lord, for giving me wings. And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank You Lord, that I could sing.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY:

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GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH (sung):

#365

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship You, we give You thanks, Our Heavenly King.

We give You praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son,

The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the Holy One, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now You reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1 – 9 Michael Watson

Canticle 19a P. 88

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3 – 11 Louise Watson

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel. (Sung before and after the Gospel) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I LOVE YOU LORD

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice To worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear,

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And, also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke 3: 1-6

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED: P. 189

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.



A PRAYER FOR POSITIVE OUTCOMES Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with joy as we give thanks for the success we are enjoying with our renovation project. A project being built to glorify you and your Holy Name. Now we ask you to give us the necessary patience and your peace while those in authority at the Town of Ingersoll consider an application for a building permit for our project. Let the Holy Spirit be with each of them, in their hearts and minds, as they review all we have presented for their consideration. May they be guided to a fair and equitable response to our request and may all your blessings be upon them. We ask this in the name of your son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN: SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD #312

REFRAIN: Sing a new song unto the Lord;

let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord and play for him on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFT:

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God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST:

Eucharistic Prayer #5	P. 205
Sanctus (sung)	P. 205
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COMMUNION HYMN: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

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Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY: (sung)

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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.

THE BLESSING



CLOSING HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS #276

For all the saints who from their labours rest,

DISMISSAL: This service has ended, but

ALL: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU: (sung)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.

May the Spirit enlighten your way.

May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 @ 10:30 am – Third Sunday of Advent @ Masonic Hall: MORNING PRAYER

Marnie Cryderman First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20

Canticle #3

Second Reading:

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Andrea Cryderman

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Luke 3:7-18 Gospel:

What's Happening During Advent (December) at St. James'!!

Sunday School: 15th & 22nd.

Needle and Craft Group - 10th & 17th.

BAC Breakfast meets: 11th - 9:30am @ Louie's.

Eucharist Service: 15th Changed from Morning Prayer Service Festive Fellowship Hour: 15th

Epiphany Potluck: Jan 4th

Church Office closed Dec. 23rd -27th; Dec. 31st,& Jan.1st



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4:30 with Rev'd Marty Keatings @ The Masonic Hall 7:00 pm with Rev'd Sue McCullough @ The Masonic Hall Christmas Day: 10:30 am @ The Annex



St. James' Anglican Church Christmas Cookie Sale Dec. 14th 9am-1pm!!

Come out and get all your Christmas Season's Cookies @ The Annex! Proceeds for St. James' Outreach Programs: Interchurch Food Hampers Program, Salvation Army Foodbank, Cycles of Life, Huron Farm Workers' Support Oxford County.

Advent & Christmas Altar Flowers

The Altar Guild will be placing evergreen baskets on each side of the Altar again this year in Celebration of Advent and the Christmas Season. Should anyone wish to give donations towards these baskets in memory or celebration of loved ones, please call Donna Hunter at 519-485-2655 or Andrea Cryderman at 519-485-2452. Thank you!







PRAYER LIST Prayers of the People, By the People, For the People.

St. James' prays for our families, friends, and loved ones who are ill or recovering from illness or are in need of prayerful support.

Grant them healing and strength. May they find Peace.

Lord, we pray for:

Garnet, Little Jack, Murray, Clara, Nickolas, David, Joan, Matthew, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anne, John, Janey, Judy, Dorothy, Linda, Eleanor, Percy, Marilyn, Susan, Jo, Little J.J., Deny, Linda, Douglas and Matthew.



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Luke 3: 2-18

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