

Welcome to St. Peter's Anglican Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”

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Order of Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22nd, 2019

8:00 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer (small maroon book)

Celebrant: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

God's People Gather for Worship

Collect for Purity..... p. 67
Summary of the Law.....p. 69
Collect of the Day: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

God's Word is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16.....OT p. 636
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19.....BCP p. 433
Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7.....NT p. 152
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25.....NT p. 1
Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

The People Respond to God's Word

The Nicene Creed.....p. 71
The Intercessions.....p. 75
Invitation, Confession, Absolution.....p. 76, 77
The Comfortable Words.....p. 77, 78
The Offertory

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the gifts: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Consecration.....p. 78, 81, 82, 83
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Communion of God’s People

(All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may prefer to come forward to receive a blessing)

The Lord’s Prayer.....p. 85

Prayer of Thanksgiving..... p. 85, 86

Gloria in Excelsis.....p. 86

The Blessing

10:30 a.m. BAS Choral Holy Communion Service

Book of Alternative Services (green book)

Hymn Book (common praise)

Celebrant: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Music for Mass: *John Merbecke*

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn: #121 “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

Tune: Forest Green

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Celebrant: Last Sunday, we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God’s promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

The candles for hope, peace, and joy are lighted

Week Four – The Candle of Love

Reader: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (*1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, 13*).



Celebrant: The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. God’s love is a perfect love. It holds nothing back. God, in love, gives us everything we need to live a life of hope and peace. The bible says that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Child, so that whoever believes should not perish, but have eternal life” Jesus shows us God’s perfect love. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends. We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus brings us God’s love and shows us how to love others

The candle for love is lighted

Celebrant: Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

People: Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

We will now sing the first four verses of our Advent Hymn

Hymn: “*The Advent Candle Shines*”

Tune: Maryton

1. The Advent candle shines with hope,
And faith to fuel its timeless flame.
Like the old prophet we declare,
“Immanuel”, our Saviour’s name.

2. The Advent candle shines with peace,
And warmth to care, forgive and thaw,
Like heaven’s angels we announce,
“Peace on the earth, good will to all”.

3. The Advent candle shines with joy,
And strength to make all darkness flee.
Like joyful shepherds we will share,
The good news of the Prince of Peace.

4. The Advent candle shines with love,
And rays of light that reach so far.
Like seeking magi we shall find,
Christ is the bright and morning star.

The Gathering of the Community

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Collect of the Day: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16.....OT p. 636
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19.....BAS p. 812

The Congregation is invited to sing the psalm along with the choir

Refrain: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7.....NT p. 152

Gradual Hymn: #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Tune: Regent Square

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25.....NT p. 1

Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Choir Anthem: “Magnificat”

The People Respond to God’s Word

The Nicene Creed (*Sung*).....p. 234

The Prayers of the People.....p. 235-238

Prayers for Parish Families: We pray today for Gloria Antrobus, Esther Bankay, Joan, Michael, and Jaime Barrow, Christine Beekmeyer, and Lottie and Bob Bowering with grandchildren Stephen, Jacy, and Trisha.

Confession and Absolution.....p. 238-240

The Peace.....p. 240

Song during Peace: *“Let There be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment, with peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Offertory Hymn: #140 *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

Tune: Carol

Prayer over the gifts: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Thanksgiving (Sung): All things come of thee O Lord, and of thy own have we given thee. Amen

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Communion of God’s People

(All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may prefer to come forward to receive a blessing)

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Communion Hymn 1: #117 *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

Tune: Es Ist Ein’ Ros

Communion Hymn 2: #122 *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

Tune: Cranham

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology.....p. 248
Benediction.....p. 248
(Sung): Amen, Amen, Amen
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #148 “*See Amid the Winter’s Snow*”

Tune: *See Amid the Winter’s Snow*

Praise (Sung): May God’s blessing surround you each day, as you trust him and walk in his way. May his presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Organ Postlude

Assisting in Today’s Services:

8:00 a.m.:

Reader, Chalice Bearer: *Lisa Turner*

Server: *Nancy Wilson*

10:30 a.m.:

Readers: *Gloria Ramsay-Hall & Shirley French Lobraico*

Servers: *Lloyd Jamieson & Michael Barrow*

Chalice Bearer: *Doreen Cheong*

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve

Wednesday: CLOSED – Christmas Day

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This Week:

Tues. 7:30 p.m....**Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service**
Wed. 10:30 a.m.....**Christmas Day Holy Communion Service**
Fri. 7:00 p.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Sat. 10:30 a.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
3:00 p.m.....**Immanuel Christian Church (Owen Room)**
Sun. 8:00 a.m.....**BCP Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m.....**BCP Choral Morning Prayer**
2:00 p.m.....**Heaven’s Gate Ministries (Owen Room)**
2:00 p.m.....**Siloam City of God (Main Sanctuary)**

Bible Readings for next Sunday, December 29th, 2019

First Reading: 63: 7-9.....	OT p. 693
Psalm: 148.....	BCP p. 519
Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 10-18.....	NT p. 219
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23.....	NT p. 2

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests and Visitors Thank you for worshipping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service holds meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God’s grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return any Sunday so that we may continue to worship together. As well, please sign our visitor’s book which is located outside of the Owen Room.

The Christmas Newsletter is now available for pick-up in the foyer. You can also read a copy of it on our website: stpetersscarborough.ca.

The Fundraising & Planning Committee will be meeting today following the 10:30 a.m. service in the upper hall. If you are part of the committee, we ask that you please be in attendance. Thank you.

A Christmas Concert “*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*”: In total, we raised \$525. Thank you to those who attended the concert once again.

Vestry Reports 2019: As the year draws to a close, all parochial groups are requested to start thinking about their annual vestry reports. Please email all reports to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 19th, 2020** to assist in the timely preparation of the Vestry Reports for circulation.

Annual Vestry Meeting 2020: Our annual vestry meeting is being called for **Sunday, February 16th, 2020** after the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

Visionary Meeting: The Visionary Meeting, “Recreating God’s Church” will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at St. John the

Divine located at 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. This will be an open meeting with all the congregations of St. Peter's, St. Ninian's, and St. John the Divine parishes to discuss the following six (6) topics:

1. Worship & Music
2. Children & Family
3. Youth
4. Outreach
5. Pastoral Care
6. Senior Ministry

The Steering committee will each chair one of the six topics. Please sign up for **two of the topics only** at the back of the church for this Visionary Meeting. The results of the visionary meeting will be communicated to each parish by the end of January 2020. A reminder to all that St. John the Divine is inaccessible. Therefore, if anyone would like to submit in writing their views and opinions please give Jane Lawrence a hard copy or send a digital copy to the church office.

The “Mitten Tree” is up and all it needs is mittens! Please consider placing a new pair of any type of mittens/gloves on a branch! Also, the white collection box beside the tree is for new socks, undershirts and long johns that will be gifted to the men and women who reside in the Homes First shelter at Danforth Road and St. Clair. Last day for donations is January 5th, 2020.

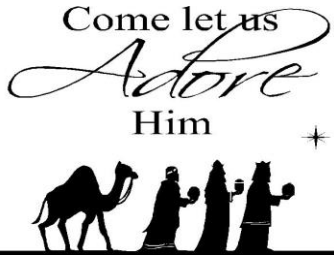
PWRDF: We are very excited to announce that this year we will be partnering with PWRDF in order to raise funds over the Christmas season. As many may know-PWRDF is an Anglican-led initiative which is active in virtually every continent across the globe and it aims to not only raise monetary funds but to better equip communities for being self-sustaining. Their annual ‘World of Gifts’ initiative aims to raise money that can be in turn used to purchase livestock for farms (i.e. goats, pigs, cows etc.) along with money that can be used for nutrition awareness, clean water, emergency food supplies when a crisis hits; and investing in safer more environmentally friendly farming. PWRDF also has a ‘Children’s Corner’ so to speak-online-

and they are committed to highlighting the great fundraising efforts of young people within the greater church community and will feature individual church groups and their efforts on their website! Please consider donating to PWRDF this Advent Season and donations can be earmarked on your offering envelope.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
BAS Choral Holy Communion Service at 7:30 pm.

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th
BAS Holy Communion Service at 10:30 am.



And now these
three remain:

*faith, hope,
and love.*

But the greatest
of these is
love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	8:00 a.m. every Sunday
Choral Communion	10:30 a.m. except the last Sunday
Morning Prayer	10:30 a.m. last Sunday
Sunday School	10:30 a.m. every Sunday

Adv. Board Chair	Ian Physick
Adv. Board Member at large	Barbara Cadore-Charles Lionel Surujbally
Altar Guild	Lisa Turner
Coffee Hour Coord.	Sharon Lovell
Envelope Sec.	Madge Latchana
Fundraising/Planning Committee	Bob Bowering Charles Sargeant
Outreach Coordinator	Gail Thompson
Parish Administrator	Martha Baquero
Prayer Chain	Aileen Brown
Sides-person	Don Smith
Stewardship	Charles Sargeant
Sunday School	Youvi Youvarajah
Sunshine Group	Lisa Turner
Synod Delegate	Bob Bowering
Synod Alt. Delegate	Lisa Turner
Treasurer	Caroline Hartley
Verger	Michael Barrow
Youth Group Leader	Ian Physick

STANDING NOTICES

The Church depends on your free-will offerings. Our financial program is based on weekly or monthly giving through the envelope system. Sundays in the year are open for anyone to sponsor altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in celebration of an occasion. Please see the Flower Calendar by the office door. Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to contact the Priest. Visitors are always welcome.

Information for the Priest: Please mark X in required section and tear off.

Give to one of the sidespersons or place on the offertory plate.

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