

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Hymn # 89 verse 1

*Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28*

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Receiving Holy Communion: *This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing,*

please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).

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Dismissal	

Our Ministers today:

- Host: Sharon Sparkes
- Greeter: Dale Sparkes
- Readers: Brenda Coopman, Joan Green
- Prayers of the People: Eleanor Blair
- Servers: Bruce Adderley
- Eucharistic Assistants: Ann Osborn-Seyffert, Erminie Reid
- Chancel Guild: Marg Boone, Lois Colpitts
- Coffee Hosts: Mary Ripley, Audrey & Neil Love
- Food Cupboard: Jim Bolt, Shirley, Grace Dawson, Marion & Peter Strawson, Connie Bryson, Marilyn & Al Chisholm.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Kansas, (VII, The Episcopal Church) and the Rt. Rev'd Dean Wolfe.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada; and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Str. Mark's, Heyden and Mr. Henry Gaines – Lay Pastor..

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Lois Colpitts, Maureen & Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Dorothy Cook, Brenda Coopman, and Sharon & Hellen Corston.

A note about hospital visits: When visiting the Regional Hospital, George only has access to a list of patients designated St. Luke's or St. John's Anglican. Unfortunately, despite the ongoing efforts of the Council of Clergy and others, on average, only 40% of the patients have any religion listed. In order to receive a visit when in the hospital, please have a family member or friend notify him (at the numbers on the bulletin) that you are in hospital and would appreciate a visit.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1 – 7, 18 - 19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Parish Statistics (last week)

Sunday 9:30: 37

Parochial: EOP: \$994.04 Givings: \$635.00 Total: \$1629.04

Required to meet our budget: \$1,643.00 per week.

Calendar for the Week

Thurs. Dec. 1 7: 00 pm Choir rehearsal

Fri. Dec. 2 10:15 am Craft Group

Parish News.

Flowers for Christmas: Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas Altar flowers please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 before Dec. 18th. Thank you.

Advent Study: entitled 'The Jesus Fatwah: Love your neighbour (Muslim) as yourself'. Please speak to Gail Clifton (768-9865) if you are interested in attending this study.

Congratulations to Barbara Williams who received the Anglican Church Women's Certificate of Recognition for her faithful service to her church and community on Nov. 20. We at St. John's have been blessed to have Barb leading our Anglican Church Women and thank her for her work on our behalf and on behalf of all Anglican women.

Advent Devotions – You are invited to sign up to receive a daily e-mail including a short meditation to reflect on and pray about this Advent season. The website is www.anglicancommunion.org/adventword

Plans are afoot to send Christmas greetings and cookies & treats out to our shut in parishioners. Volunteers are needed to assist with the delivery. Please speak to Marg Boone if you can help with this.

Our Annual Vestry meeting is fast approaching – If you are responsible for a group, please ensure that Sharon Corston has your report **before January 8, 2017**. Vestry motions are also due at the same time. Thank you.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give it to a warden, or place it on the offering plate. Thank you.

The Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican, St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies in the mail and would like one, please take one.

Neighbourhood News

Mission to Seafarers – A **General Meeting of the Mission to Seafarers** will be held on Wed. Dec. 7 at 11:45 a.m. at the Seafarers' Centre, Keefer Terminal, 100 Main St., Thunder Bay. Following the meeting, there will be a St. Nicholas Day Eucharist and lunch; at 12:10 p.m. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of seafarers. The Mission invites donations of **warm, men's clothing** – all sizes. Many sailors come from warmer countries and our weather can be rather cold. Donations can be put in the drop off box outside the Seafarers' Centre or given to the Mission to Seafarer Rep at each Anglican parish. For further information call (807) 344-8241 or go to www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay. See box at the back of the church.

The **Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group** - is planning a Daylin James concert on Friday, January 20th, 2017 at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$20, available shortly.

Faye Peterson House: is inviting food donations or Christmas gifts (including gift cards) for families they are supporting at this time. They are also looking for financial support for the development of second stage housing where women and children can reside for another year after they have left the shelter and find the support they need to continue their transition to live lives free of violence. Online donations possible at www.fayepeterson.org

Upcoming Events

please see the posters on the bulletin board for details.

- Today** **the Thunder Bay Community Choir** will present An Advent Journey – Choral Music for Advent – 4 p.m. – at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 27 S. Brodie St. Admission is by donation in support of Hospice Northwest and ProKids.
- Nov. 30** the **Gentlemen of Harmony** present *Singing 4 Sharing* along with the Sounds of Superior Chorus in support of George Jeffrey Children’s Centre and Thunder Bay Food Bank. Tickets \$10.00. Donations of canned and non-perishable goods gladly accepted on the evening of the event.
- Dec. 3** **Ladies Gingerbread Wishes** at Knox United Church starting at 8:30am. Cost \$10.00 for breakfast, speaker, craft, games and prizes. Please bring an ornament to share.
- Dec. 4** **Greek Orthodox Ladies’ Philoptochos Society** of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church invites you to their Christmas Café from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$4.00.
- The Sunday Nite** choir is presenting their Annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 289 North Court St. A free will offering will be taken.
- Dec. 20** **The Thunder Bay Community Band** presents A Gift of Music at Hilldale Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.