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## St. James Anglican Church

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn O Come, O Come Emanuel RB- 390

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle – Hope

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

### The Grace

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

People: **And also with you.**

### The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### The Collect for the Day

*(Together)* 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

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

### **Psalm 122**

1 I was glad when they said to me, \* "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 **Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself.

**4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgement, \* the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \* "May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* I will seek to do you good."

**( Together) Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

**Second Reading Romans 13 11-14**

**Gradual Hymn: Lo He Comes RB- 393**

**Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44**

**Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**People: 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.**

## Church News

**Thank you to Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks for leading us in worship this morning.**

**Gospel-based discipleship Bible Study Nov, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7**

**St George's have been using this approach with good results. Leadership will be provided by Father Chris VanBuskirk.**

**We are Invited to Holy Eucharist - St Alban's, Riverside Albert - 2 pm Wed, Dec 7** - Reception following at the Rec Centre with St Nicholas. dress warmly! Please let Loretta or Donna know if you need a ride.

**1<sup>st</sup> Moncton-St. George's Scouting** will be hosting their annual Dessert Party on Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-4:00pm, come have a bowl of chicken fricot or corn chowder and all the sweets you can eat. Cost \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under.

**Prayer Shawls Available** – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Please ask Loretta.

**Communitiy Breakfast** – We need socks, men's underwear, jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Dec. 17. Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

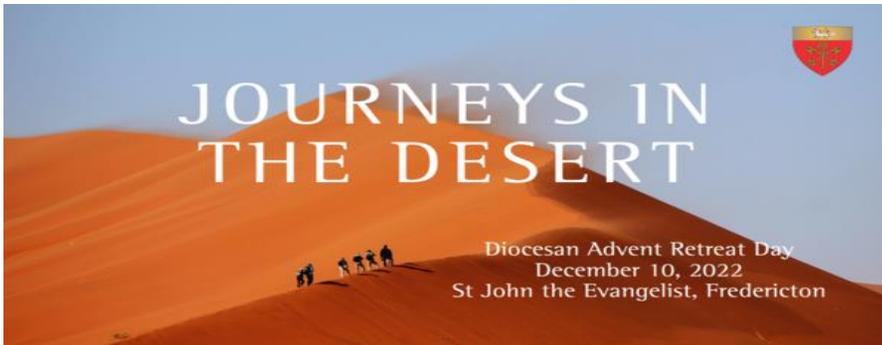
**St George's Breakfast'**.

Anyone wishing to donate to the St George's Breakfast/Shower program can place their donation (cash or cheque) on the plate marked 'St George's Breakfast'.

**1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday.** We take our offerings to the food bank after the first Sunday of the month. Our support to the Moncton Food Bank is so greatly appreciated. Current Food Bank Needs are - Canned vegetables, Peanut butter, Cheese Whiz. Thanks!

**Holy Communion** – for now, we will continue with 'bread only', abiding by the recommendation of our Bishop.

## Church News



### **Diocesan Advent Retreat**

Saturday, December 10, 2022 , 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Fredericton  
We will gather for a "reflection day" in Fredericton, led by the Rev Paul Ranson. Pre-registration is required, and lunch will be provided. If the \$20/person is prohibitive, please let Shawn Branch or Cheryl know.

**St James Christmas Bazaar: We want to thank all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Bazaar a great success.**

**Advent Lessons & Carols Service TODAY – 4 p.m. St George's with Archbishop David. Reception to follow and crafts.**

**Rev Chris Van Buskirk - calls for gloves.** Over 1000 prs were given out from St George's last winter. They are a 'staple'. So if we can collect gloves, to donate to St George's, that would be a help.

We are invited! **Wed, Dec 7 – 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St Alban's, Riverside Albert.** Reception at Rec Centre to follow. We hear St Nicholas may appear. Drives can be arranged if you wish to go.

## *Prayers of the People 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022*

**Priest:** In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray. Saying, Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**Reader 1:** Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. . Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together but encouraging one another in Christ. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**Reader 2.** Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**Reader 3.** In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your Son, to be born of Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**Reader 4.** In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**Reader 5.** In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially for those on our parish prayer list.....(add names known) ; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

**(Together): Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### Musical Selection

#### Prayer Over the Gifts:

**(Together) 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. Amen**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer #2**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,..... / .....to proclaim the glory of your name.

**People: 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.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Prayer after Communion:

**(Together ) 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. Amen**

#### Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

**People: 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

#### Announcements

#### Closing Hymn

Come Thou Long Expexted

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**Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell , Joan Dennison, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer. Susan Goguen, Barbara Tait, Sydney, Jeff Lewis,**

