

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Instrumental Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Announcements

Introit "Lo! Christ comes with clouds"

Call to Worship

L: Have you heard the Good News? God comes to us as a little child!

P: Let every heart prepare.

L: God comes to us at a time we did not expect and in a place we could not have imagined.

P: Let every heart prepare.

L: God comes to us to live by our side.

P: Let every heart prepare to receive the Christ.

L: Let us worship the God who has come, is with us now, and will come again.

P: Let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise: **#159 Oh come, all ye faithful**

Lighting of the Advent Candle -Marcella MacDonell, Lorna and Leslie Stuckless

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

Dear God of Love,

you came to be with us, you trusted us to care for you to love you, feed you, and clothe you. We confess that was a risk, and would still be a risk today. Each of us has ignored the vulnerable: the poor in the world and the needy in our own lives.

We have worked much harder to indulge ourselves than to care for others. Forgive us for ignoring your children in our lives.

Teach us how to love, and fill our empty hearts.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "Silent is the Night" - Jay Althouse

Childrens' Hymn : **#147 Angels we have heard on high**
Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: **Leslie Stuckless**

Luke 1:26-38 (page 1522)

Responsive Psalm 12 (Page 811)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (pages 455-456,471-472)

Luke 2:1-20 Pages (1524-1525)

Hymn: **# 149 Away in a Manger**

Sermon: "What, here?"

Responding to the Word

Offertory: "in the Bleak Mid-Winter" - Holst

Offering, Offertory Prayer, Doxology Hymn #79

Sacrament of Holy Communion The Apostles' Creed **# 539**
Communion Hymn **# 534 All who hunger, gather gladly**
Communion Service Liturgy **#564**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: **# 141 Good Christians, all rejoice**

Benediction Choral Amen Postlude

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Anne Calver

Elder on Duty: Lori-Kim den Otter and Andy Versteeg

Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

In case of emergency, St. David's has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)! It is located on the wall just outside the Church Office

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Coffee Time Volunteers Needed: Thank - you to all who hosted coffee hour during the fall . All supplies for coffee hour are in the kitchen----coffee, tea, milk, juice & cookies.

Christmas Hampers- A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the Christmas Hamper campaign this year by purchasing or donating items for the hampers as well as the packing and delivering.

White Gift Sunday- Financial donations can still be made using the “White Gift Sunday” offering envelopes in the pews. These donations will go towards the cost of the Christmas Hampers.

Christmas activities at St. David’s

Dec 24th 11 am Communion

Dec 24th 11:30 pm Midnight Candlelight Service

Offering Envelopes – The offering envelopes for 2018 are now available for pick up. They are located on the two tables in the Narthex. Please remember to pick up your box on Sunday.

PASTORAL CARE: For Pastoral care, please call Rev. Sturtevant at 722-2382 or 699-3661.

Memorial Donation- A donation has been made towards furniture or equipment for the refurbished Creche by Elizabeth Thistle in loving memory of her husband David and her daughter and son-in-law Gail and Donald Whitten.

Poinsettia Donation- The Poinsettia in the Sanctuary was donated by the Emberley Family in memory of Blanche and Roy Chancey, Rita and Fred Stevens and Bob Chancey.

The Creche at the front of the church-was built many years ago by two members of this congregation, Lew Pike and Harold Hammond. Many you may recognize “slabs”, the cuttings off logs when those logs are milled. Lew and Harold got the slabs from the local sawmill in Cupids, owned by father Henry and son Willian (Bill)Taylor of Cupids. Bill was Sylvia Hudson’s brother-in-law.The Pikes and the Hammonds had cabins on the old Goulds Road in nearby Mackinsons. David Hudson advised that the Creche was built at one of their cabins. John Hammond thinks that depending on the time of year it was built; construction may have taken place in town at Lew’s shed or in Harold ‘s basement. It was built in either 1967 or 1968 .For the first couple of years the crèche was surrounded by snow, cotton batting. John Hammond can remember being in the Christmas pageant in 1969 soon after the crèche was newly built. The kindergarten children were dressed in pyjamas and robes and sat around being read the Christmas story while the older grade children acted out the scenes. As the little ones moved from grade to grade the boys moved from shepherds to wise men to King Herod or Joseph. The girls graduated to Angels, the innkeeper’s wife or Mary. Last week’s pageant continued the legacy telling of Christ’s birth with the 50 year old crèche watching it unfold.