

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 03, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Instrumental Prelude

Fantasia #20 – John Ward

Follow That Star – Brian Lewis

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming-Traditional German Carol

arr: Russell Robinson

Entry of the Bible

Announcements

Introit: *"Nativity Carol"* –John Rutter

Call to Worship

L: The heavens are trembling with anticipation

P: We wait for Jesus.

L: The nights are long and the days are short

P: We wait for Jesus.

L: Our redemption is drawing near, let us hope in God.

P: We wait for Jesus.

L: Let us worship as people who are ready to see the salvation of our God.

P: Let us worship God

Hymn of Praise: **#110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

We confess that waiting is difficult. We close our eyes to the suffering of others, and we ignore the pain in our own hearts. We are afraid of the dark. Forgive us for closing our eyes to that which we do not want to see. Forgive us for seeking our own comfort at the cost of others. Forgive us for hurting each other. Give us eyes that can perceive the great need within our community. Give us eyes to see the deep need in our own souls, so that we may turn to you again and again. O God of Hope, restore us.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: *"How Great Our Joy!"* Craig Courtney

Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; (Page 1696)

Isaiah 64:1-9; (Page 1119-1120)

Responsive Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; (Page 879-880)

Mark 13:24-37 (Pages 1513-1514)

Hymn: **#637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated**

Sermon: "Hopeful Anticipation"

Responding to the Word

Offering, Offertory Prayer of Dedication, Doxology Hymn **#79**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: **#153 Joy to the world**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude – **Advent Jubilate!** Parker/Shackley

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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Announcements December 03,2017

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

KIDS CHRISTMAS EVENT: St David's will be hosting a free children's event December 2, from 2-5pm filled with carols, crafts, games and more! Please contact Diana Wamstecker to register your child(ren) or volunteer. Volunteers are needed for the event, and to prepare craft materials in advance. Thanks!

AMS: The AMS will be having an evening Advent service on **12 December at 7:30pm**. All are welcome. Please mark the date in your calendar. Tea and treats will be served after the service.

Reverse Advent- Again this year St. David's is doing "Reverse Advent." Instead of getting a daily treat from an advent calendar, you are encouraged to put something into a box to give to someone else. These boxes will be collected on 10 December and distributed with our hampers. The boxes can include non-perishable food, special Christmas treats, gifts or anything else that would make someone's Christmas special. Hope you have fun with this project.

Christmas Hampers- We hope to distribute 40 or more hampers this year! We need your support for this project. If you're interested in delivering hampers or packing hampers please contact Kathy McKay at 579-0721. The Hampers will be packed and delivered on December 16. Thanks for considering helping with this project.

White Gift Sunday-The White Gift Sunday will take place over two Sundays, this week Dec 3rd and next Sunday Dec 10th. We would appreciate receiving donations for the hampers and unwrapped gifts either week. Hamper donations will be accepted right up to Christmas. The hampers will be prepared and distributed on Saturday Dec 16th. It is a bit early, but with the following Saturday being Dec 23rd, if someone was not home that day or we were not able to locate them, they may not get their hamper before Christmas.

Christmas activities at St.David's

Dec 02 Kids Christmas Event
Dec 10th White Gift Sunday
Dec 12 AMS evening Advent service 7:30 pm
Dec 16th Hamper preparation and distribution, Sunday School pageant rehearsal
Dec 17th Sunday School Pageant
Dec 24th 11 am Communion
Dec 24 th 11:30 pm Midnight Candlelight Service

GIRL GUIDE CHRISTMAS SALE: Jellybean Row Girl Guides will hold their annual Morning Coffee and Christmas Sale at St David's Parish Hall on Elizabeth Ave on Saturday Dec 9th from 10 –noon. Baked goods, crafts and morning coffee with treats will be available.

Topsail United Church Men's Club Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday December 9, from 8 Until 11 A.M., Usual Great Menu. Cost \$8- Adults, Children under 12- \$4, Face Painting, coloring and Pictures with Santa. All are Welcome.

The Prayer shawl Ministry- will be holding it's monthly meeting on Tuesday December 05'17 at 10:00 am in the Armour Room.

Tenacious String Orchestra – St.David's Church would like to extend gratitude to the Tenacious String Orchestra under the direction of Nathan Cook for participating in the service today.

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