

## Announcements

Wed, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 6:30  
KD Lunch

The choir invites all to "Journey to Bethlehem", an evening of music and readings for the Advent/Christmas season, this evening at 7:00 p.m. Beginning with Old Testament prophecy delivered to a people who waited for centuries for the promised Messiah, to the Saviour's birth in Bethlehem, the story is told through choral music, Scripture readings, narration and organ selections. The congregation is invited to join in the singing of carols and hymns of the season.

A freewill offering will go to support the work of our PEI Cancer Centre. It promises to be a memorable evening.

Please join us, and bring a friend.

Hi, folks; while we prepare the November statement we just wanted to remind you of where we were at the end of October. Our total income to Oct.31st. was \$121,792.50 while expenses for the same period stood at \$150,296.77 It's encouraging to see our pledge tree start to "bloom" and we would like to mention again the box of small wooden stars on the table next to the tree. Please use the stars to remember someone special by writing their name on one and hang it on the tree. If you wish, you may also include anyone you feel would appreciate a silent prayer this time of year.

Thank you, - F&P Committee.

Over the next couple weeks **the children will be selling paper goats for \$5.00** each. It is our goal to purchase real goats for others through our PWS&D project found in the Gifts of Change booklet. We are excited to be helping others with your assistance.

The **Huntington Society's amaryllis fundraising campaign is underway.** Selling at \$17 each, make great gifts at Christmas time, especially for those hard-to-buy for people on your list. See Lauren McBeath or Morgan Gallupe-Paton after church today (or call 613-806-1734) to buy one today!

### **Mission Moment**

Shaibu Mohammed, a 7-year-old boy from Gbanterago in northern Ghana, was born with a disability caused by prolonged labour, and has never walked. Due to a lack of transportation, his parents were unable to enroll him in school. One day, Shaibu's mother walked to the PWS&D-supported Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR) office to report her son's situation and seek help. After a home visit and assessment, the CBR team provided Shaibu with a tricycle. Additionally, the Inclusive Education Officer coordinated with Gbanterago Primary School for his enrollment. Grateful, his mother said, "My child can now go to school like other kids in our community. What a great relief! Thank you so much for this kind gesture."

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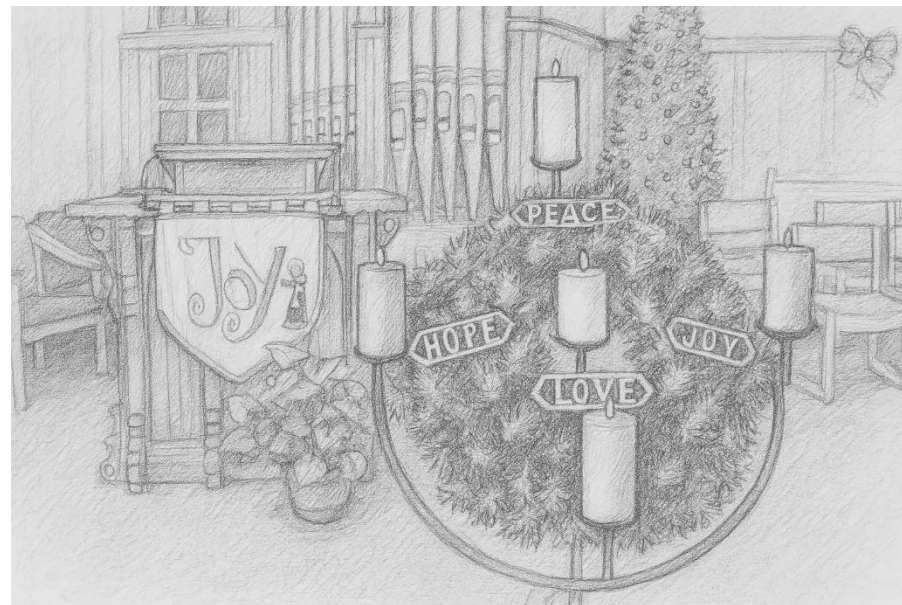
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~ Third Sunday of Advent ~

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Our Approach to God

Call to Worship: *"If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing"* (Mark Sirrett)

Hymn **#118 Hark the glad sound**

Advent Litany & Candle Lighting

Hymn **#119 Hope is a Star** (verse 3)

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

### Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-56

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.  
The Word of God within us.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music: *"Mary Did You Know?"* (Lowry & Greene, arr. Hayden)

*"Emmanuel! God With Us!"* (Mary McDonald)

Message

Hymn **Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

### Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.*** ♪  
***Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

Hymn **#147 Angels We Have Heard on High**

Benediction & Dismissal: ***Joy is Shining***

Postlude: *"Somebody Build a Manger"* (Joel Raney)

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



*"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded  
gold,  
it would be a merrier world."  
~ J.R.R. Tolkien*

*How would you define authentic joy?  
How is it different than happiness?  
Can you recall a time when you were joyful,  
even though you weren't all that happy?*

### **Things to pray for this week...**

Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.

We pray for military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families. May their presence be a constant reminder of God's presence, especially at those times when people feel estranged from home and family.

We pray for all who are travelling during Christmas holidays, that they remain safe and enjoy their respite time.

