

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



Welcome to Christ Church

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Diocese of Ontario

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8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist - Book of Alternative Services

Gathering of the Community

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Collect

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 forever. Amen

Advent Litany:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

Today, we light the candle of Hope.

Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

Announcements

Scripture

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Barbara Akey

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm

25: 1-9

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Jim Bailey

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sermon

The Reverend Jeff O'Hare

The Creed

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

If you wish to receive Communion at your pew, please inform a sidesperson.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

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Sanctus

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Agnus Dei

Prayer after Communion

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.

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Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and The Right Reverend Carlos Lozano.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Alban's, Stella, and The Rev. Don Bailey.

In our *Parish Cycle of Prayer:* Please pray for Melissa & Jeff Akey, Barbara & Ron Akey, Heather & Doug Allan, and their families.

Please pray for: Jeanie Oulton, Dorothy & Orval Thornton, Gwenda McBayne, Brenda Ryan, Marie, Ethan Tucker, Dawn Gill, Leonard McGuinness, Joy Sills, Doug Osborne, Ruth Ann Thomlinson, Gaylle, Barbara Burnett, Mickey Lake and Kathleen Gardiner.

We celebrate with Betty Reid on her birthday this coming Saturday.

The flowers on our altar are in loving memory of Herb Ford.

Announcements

Proper for next week: The Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3: 1-4; Canticle 19: Luke 1: 68-79; Philippians 1: 3-11;
Luke 3: 1-6a

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist with the Salvation Army kettle campaign. We have filled all of the time slots. Marlene Goodfellow, Rosalie Spargo, Shirley Dewey.

Soup's on, December 5th at noon. There is a list at the back of the church if you would like to donate any ingredients.

If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive communion between now and Christmas, please let the office know.

Please join us for our annual **Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon** hosted by our **Anglican Church Workers**, on Tuesday December 11th, at 12:30. All are welcome, bring a friend, your favourite dish, your own utensils and dishes.

If you would like **Christmas Memorial Flowers** please contact the church office before December 15.

Parish Meetings

Worship Committee, Wednesday Dec. 5th 11:15
(please note earlier in month than normal)

ACW, Christmas pot luck, Dec. 11th at 12:30 p.m.

Parish Council, Wednesday, December 19th at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, December 5 – 10:15 a.m. (BCP)

Sunday, December 9 – The Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 am & 10:30 am (BCP)

Wednesday, December 12 – 10:15 a.m. (BCP)

Sunday, December 16 – The Third Sunday of Advent
8 & 10:30 am (BAS)

Wednesday December 19 – 10:15 a.m.

Sunday December 23 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent
8 a.m. BCP Communion
10:30 a.m. **Christmas Lessons & Carols**

Monday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**
4:30 & 10:00 p.m. BAS

Tuesday, December 25th – Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 30 – First Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer BCP

Retirement & Nursing Home Services

Tuesday	Dec. 4 - 2:00 p.m.	Richmond Retirement
Thursday	Dec. 6 - 10:30 a.m.	Belmont
Friday	Dec. 14 - 10:30 a.m.	Quinte Gardens
Thursday	Dec. 20 - 2:00 p.m.	Bayview Retirement
Monday	Dec. 24 - 2:00 p.m.	Eden Place