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## Advent 3



**Sunday, December 16**  
**8:30am**  
**10:30am**

**Advent 3**  
**Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**Morning Prayer, Red Dragon Players; and**  
**“Meet the Stars” Luncheon; Isaiah 25:1-9**

“To know Christ and to make Him known”

## LIFE BETWEEN SUNDAYS

Tuesday	December 18	8:00am – 12:00pm	Office Hours
Wednesday	December 19	8:00am – 12:00pm	Office Hours
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	December 20	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
		8:00am – 12:00pm	Office Hours
		2:00pm	Parish Coffee Time
Sunday	December 23	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10:30am	Morning Prayer, Sunday School, & Coffee; Isaiah 35; Matthew 25:31-46

## WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

**Globally we give thanks for** Thomas, our Lieutenant Governor; Scott, our Premier; and our MLA's Delbert, Joe, Nicole, and Nadine; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saskatchewan, and Sid, their Bishop; the church of Kivu (Rwanda) and Augustin Ahimana, their Bishop and the Council of the North, The Diocese of Athabasca, and Fraser Lawton their Bishop. **We pray for:** Postal Workers and all who work in communications.

**Locally we give thanks for** our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert and Albert, their Bishop; and the Prince Albert Baptist Church and Dave their pastor. Christ Church and Partners in Faith in Spiritwood and Nora Borgeson, their priest.

**This week we give thanks for Michael and Adam, our Bishops; and these parish members** Cliff & Bonnie Boulding, and their children Cara and Chas; Judy Boutros; and Eva Brewster. **We pray for** our Prayer Shawl and Flowers Ministries and their organizer Susan Bain.

**We pray for those in special need:** Ruby Horachek; Andree Martinson; Leah Paluck; and Brent Tysdal.

**We pray for those in particular need:** Eva Brewster; Lorraine; Muriel Sheldon; John Eagle; Joe; Liam Bain; Carole Keays, Keaton, Kyler and Laryn Constant; Grace Couldwell; Heather Gibson; Ralph Harris; Dorothy Revitt; Phil Sampson, and Silas Tysdal.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are offered to the glory of God by Pat Mackie & family in memory of her husband, David Mackie; sister-in-law, Ina Boettcher; brother-in-law, Ken Mackie; and parents, Agnes & George Hood and Edna & Roy Mackie.**

# Welcome to Our Worship Gathering

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## Call To Worship

Lead The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me to bring  
good tidings to the afflicted. ~Isaiah 61.1

## Opening Hymn

### #435 Hark The Glad Sound

1. Hark the glad sound! –  
The Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne  
And every voice a song.
2. He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The wounded soul to cure;  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim;  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With you beloved name.

- Notices of Worship and Ministry Opportunities

## Confession and Absolution

Lead Brothers and Sisters, the Holy Scripture calls us, in various places, to acknowledge and confess our many sins and wickedness; and that we should not try to hide them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; so that we may obtain forgiveness of them by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; we

ought to do so especially when we assemble and come together to give thanks for the great blessings that we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask him to supply our needs of body and soul. So I invite you to approach the throne of heavenly grace with me, humbly and with pure intent, saying,

**All** Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil intentions and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone the things that we ought to have done; and we have done the things that we ought not to have done; and there is no spiritual soundness within us. Have mercy on us, pitiful sinners, O Lord. Spare those who confess their sins. Restore those who truly repent, even as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live from this time forward a godly, righteous and holy life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Lead Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lead Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

**All** Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Lead In the darkness, we long to see the light.

**All** Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Lead In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

**All Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Lead In hardship, we long for an act of love.

**All Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Lead In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

**All Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

*\*Lighting of the first Advent candle\**

Lead Today, we light three candles. The first candle radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The second candle calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The third candle extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us all our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all that is evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and for ever. Amen.**

### Advent Hymn

#### **You Are The Light We See**

**1. You are the Light we see,  
You are the Truth – we know,  
You are the Life – we live.**

**You are the Hope,  
You are the Joy,  
You are the Song we sing.**

**2. Within our hearts – your Light,  
Within our minds – your Truth,  
Within our lives – your Love,  
Living your Hope,  
Spreading your Joy,  
Singing your beautiful Song.  
(Repeat verse 1)**

Lead Open our lips, O Lord.

**Ppl. And we shall declare your praise.**

Lead O God, make speed to save us.

**Ppl. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Lead Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**Ppl. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever; world without end. Amen.**

Lead Let us praise the Lord.

**Ppl. The Lord's Name be praised.**

### Venite:

### Psalm 95:1-7

**O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O COME, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**TODAY, O that ye would hear his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,  
and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;  
When your fathers tempted me,**

**proved me, and saw my works. Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways"; Unto whom I swear in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest. 'GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (BCP)**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**The Reading: *Isaiah 25:1-9***

The reading is written in the twenty fifth chapter of Isaiah, beginning at verse one.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from

all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." (NIV) The word of the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)**

**O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be you sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever; world without end. Amen.**

### **Benedictus: *Luke 1:68-79***

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people; And has raised up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David; As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, from of old; That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; To show the mercy promised to our forebears, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us; That we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him, all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of**

salvation to his people, in the forgiveness of their sins; Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high; To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever; world without end. Amen. (BCP)

### The Apostles' Creed

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 life everlasting. Amen. (BAS)

Lead The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Lead Let us pray. O Lord, show us your mercy.

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Lead Endue your Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Lead O Lord, save your people.

All **And bless your inheritance.**

Lead Give peace in our time, Lord.

All **For you alone rule the world.**

Lead Cleanse our hearts, O Lord.

All **And revive us by your Holy Spirit.**

### The Collect for Advent 3

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Collect for Peace

Lord God, the author of peace and lover of harmony, whom to know is eternal life and to serve is perfect freedom: Defend us your humble servants against all assaults of our enemies, that trusting in your defense, we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Collect for Grace

Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day; defend us, your humble servants, with your mighty power, and grant that we neither fall into sin, nor run into any kind of danger; also grant that, being guided and governed by you, we may do what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Presentation by Red Dragon Players

### Offertory Salutation

Not every one who says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.

## Offertory Hymn

### #339 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and listen, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Let every heart be cleansed from sin:  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And so prepare to be the home,  
Where such a mighty Guest may come.
3. For you are our Salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward.  
Without your grace we waste away  
Like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,  
And make the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine out, and let your light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. To you, O Christ, all praises be,  
whose advent sets your people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

## Prayer Over The Gifts

Lead Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

## A Prayer For All In Civil Authority

Lord God, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we commend this nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant *Thomas; Scott, Delbert, Joe, Nicole, Nadine* and all others in authority, the wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them always mindful of their calling to serve this nation and people in reverence before you; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## A Prayer For The Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon Michael and Adam, our Bishops, and *Justin, Mark, Sid, Augustin, Fraser, Dave, Nora*, and on the congregations which they serve, your life-giving Spirit of grace; and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continuing refreshment of your blessing. Grant this, we pray, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all the world, we humbly pray that you will reveal your ways to people of every kind and type, and your saving power to all nations.

We pray for your holy, catholic Church that it may be guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life, especially *Cliff, Bonnie, Cara, Chas, Judy, Eva, and Susan*.

Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, personal welfare or material circumstances especially *Ruby, Andree, Leah, Brent, Eva, Lorraine, Muriel, John, Joe, Liam, Carole, Keaton, Kyler, Laryn, Grace, Heather, Ralph, Dorothy, Phil, Silas*. Be pleased, Holy Father, to comfort and relieve them according to their various needs; give them patience under their suffering, and a happy deliverance out of their afflictions; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

## A General Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the**

splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death, for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

### A Prayer Of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, you who have given us grace at this time to bring before you with one mind our common petitions, and have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will grant their requests: We humbly ask you to fulfill now the desires and petitions of your servants, in ways that are most suitable for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Grace: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

#### #340 Joy To The World

1. Joy to the world – the Lord has come!  
Let earth receive her king,  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!
2. Joy to the earth – the saviour reigns!  
Let songs be heard on high,  
While fields and streams and hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
The wonders of his love,  
The wonders of his love,  
The wonders, wonders of his love.

### Dismissal

Lead Almighty God, grant, we pray, that the words, which we have heard with our ears, may through your grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may cause to grow within us the fruit of good works, to the honor and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lead Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



## Christmas Family Hampers

needed for two families:

**Family #1 - Boy 8 years old, Mom and Dad**

**Family #2 - Boy 11 years old, Girl 12 years old  
and Mom**

For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board

### **A note from the office:**

- If you would like information in the booklet, please let the office know by Thursday at 9:00am at the latest to ensure there is time to add it to the booklet.
- If you are still using old address labels, please contact the office for an updated list to limit the amount of returned mail.
- When handing in receipts, please remember to write your name and what it is for.
- The office will be closed for the Christmas season starting on December 24<sup>th</sup> and will open again January 8<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## WORSHIP / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- A letter/update from Donna and Mont St. Joseph's Home has been posted on the bulletin board.
- A new letter and update has been received from our sponsor child Arinanye Faith. Check it out!
- Window Replacement Fundraiser. Consider making a donation for the full amount of \$200 or pitching in a smaller amount to help reach our goal.
- Donations of non-perishable food items for the Prince Albert Food Bank may be left in the drop off box at the church.
- We encourage you to remember St. David's in your Will.

## UPCOMING EVENTS \* See the bulletin board for more details regarding events.

- **December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Service, at 8:00pm
- **December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day Service, held at St. Albans, 9:30am
- **December 30<sup>th</sup>** – HC (BAS) City Wide Diocesan Service, held at St. George's at 8:00 & 10:30am. Breakfast will be served between the services. \*There will be no services at St. David's this Sunday. Regular services will resume at St. David's on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 8:30am & 10:30am.

## A MATTER OF STEWARDSHIP

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ~Galatians 4:4-5

## BY THE NUMBERS \*Info for the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> and Lessons and Carols Service

Budgeted Offering: Weekly	\$ 2,950.00	Budgeted Offering: January – date	\$ 135,705.00
Offering Received: Today	\$ 2,633.00	Offering Received: January – date	\$ 109,815.45
Attendance at Worship Gatherings	60		(shortfall of \$ 25,969.55)
Offering Received: L&C	\$ 1,168.10	Offering Received: January – date	\$ 110,983.55
Attendance at Worship Gatherings	80		(shortfall of \$ 24,721.45)

## Scripture Readings for December 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup>, 2018

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Sunday	Isa. 25:1-9	Mt. 25:1-30	Isa. 26:1-13	1 Tim. 1:12-2:8
Monday	Isa. 42:1-17	Mk. 7:1-23	Isa. 42:18-43:13	Rev 18
Tuesday	Isa. 43:14-44:5	Mk. 7:24-8:10	Isa. 44:6-23	Rev. 19
Wednesday	Isa. 44:24-45:13	Mk. 8:11-9:1	Isa. 45:14-25	Rev. 20
Thursday	Isa. 46	Mk. 9:2-32	Isa. 47	Rev. 21:1-14
Friday	Isa. 48	Mk. 9:33-50	Isa. 49:1-13	Rev. 21:15-22:5
Saturday	Isa. 49:14-26	Mk. 10:1-31	Isa. 50:4-10	Rev. 22:6-21