

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
*Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action
the Hope in Jesus Christ that is Within Us*

Sunday, November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
Celebrating Holy Eucharist at 10 am



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and in which this diocese serves, is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenasaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral) and Wendat peoples.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to be reconciled to the treatment of this land and to those who have been impacted.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name,
Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Voluntary Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV645 J.S. Bach
(Wake up, there calls to us the voice)

All Stand

Processional Hymn Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus #88

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Advent Wreath Blessing

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Saviour of Creation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Advent Candle is lit.

The Grace

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.
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 for ever.
All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Hilary Bowring
Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

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." JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me
according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

Chris Levett

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand for the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

LUKE 21:25-36

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rev. Paul

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All **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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Marion Bailey

Leader In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer,
 saying, Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all
 things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in
 the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai:
 come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations,
 all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will
 summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

Leader O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

People Lord Jesus, come soon!

We pray for our Bishop, Todd, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, along with all the clergy and people: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you: the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer, especially today: Grace; Michael; Bella; Pat; Jo; Bob; Mary Jane; David & Carol; Marnie; Roy; Marguerite; Bud; Ruth; Elizabeth; Mary Lee.

We pray for those of our loved ones who have recently died: rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for those who mourn, especially those whose loss is recent.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: David & Pamela Humber; Connie Humpartzian; Matilda Humpartzian; Ed Hunter; Annette Hyatt; Charles & Roberta Hyatt; Rev. David & Lisa Hyatt; Rob Hyatt.

The **Flowers** on the **Altar** are to **Glory of God** and in loving memory of her husband, Peter Carroll, parents Norman & Bernice Carroll and Beverly & Claire Martin, given by Pat and family.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you
 from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
 and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death #115

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer # 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things. You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to
care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel and through your servants
Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all
nations.
Through Moses you led your people from bondage into
freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of
salvation.
Therefore, with them and with all your saints who have
served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Celebrant He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts
and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good
news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and when he had given
thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin
and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection and looking
for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread
and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body
and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Communion Hymn Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts #70

All Stand

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.

All Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more**
 than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to
 shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace
 and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the
 Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn People Look East! The Time is Near #91

Voluntary The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19) Benedetto Marcello

If you would like to place flowers or light the Aumbry Candle, in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Sheila Eisler at 519.304.1110, or email her at sheila.eisler@gmail.com.

Alternately, if you would like to make a donation to the Window Restoration project in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please email admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca

PREPARING FOR DECEMBER 5 (ADVENT 2, YEAR C):

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Benedictus; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS-NOVEMBER 28, 2021

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 5	Second Sunday in Advent BCP Holy Communion 10 am
December 12	Third Sunday in Advent Lessons & Carols 10 am
December 19	Fourth Sunday in Advent BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Service BAS Holy Eucharist 4pm & 730pm
December 25	The Birth of the Lord 10 am
December 26	First Sunday After Christmas BAS Holy Eucharist 10 am

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Sanctuary will be decorated with memorial Poinsettias for Christmas.
If you have a loved one whose name you would like on the memorial list, please make your donation in a specially marked envelope, which can be found at the back of the church.

**Envelopes must be returned no later than December 12th,
to be published in the bulletin.**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

The St. Jude's Food Cupboard is looking for men's socks, gloves, deodorant, body wash, etc.
You can bring them in on Sunday's or drop them off at our monthly drive thru food drive.
Talk to Trudy Avey if you have any questions.
Thank you for your support.

GRACE CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who support our food drives! The next Food Drive will be held Saturday, December 18th.
To restock our Food Cupboard, non-perishable items are needed.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

The Church calendars have arrived! Still only \$5!
Please see Dave Johnston or drop by the office
Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12.

THANK YOU!

You have shown through your prayers and actions that you recognize a
need in the community and value those in it.

As you know, there are still many people in our community who
need to hear about and experience God's love for them.

CELEBRITY PRODUCTIONS

The next production will be December 17th with
Christmas Classic Crooners!
Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call Helene at 519.752.6814, x21
Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9-12.

NOVA VITA SPONSOR FAMILY

The wish lists for our sponsor family will be made available between
November 19th and 30th. The items are due to the church by
December 15th. Talk to Chris Levett (226-387-3129)
if you want to contribute or learn more.

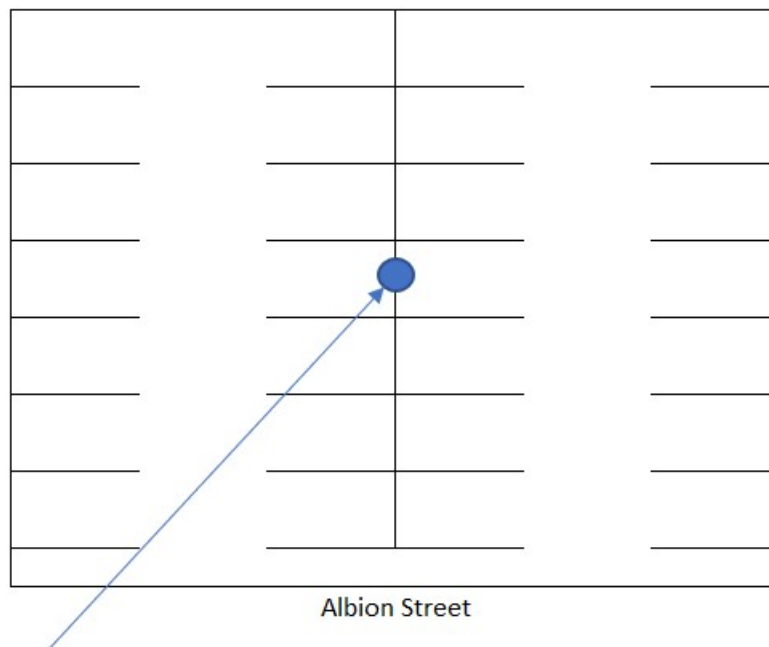
GOT SOME TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

Our Daily Bread Program needs some help on the 3rd Tuesday of each
month in the mornings to pick up donations from the food bank
warehouse for re-distribution at Grace.

Heavy lifting is involved and a van or truck is required.
Contact Maureen Brook (mjbrook11@gmail.com) if you are interested.

PARKING LOT

Thank you for your patience as we work out parking arrangements for Sunday services. Here is what we are working on. It will take a couple of weeks for this to settle in and we will review again. We have asked the Meeting House to use the Thorpe Brothers parking lot as well as anyone else who can walk the short distance to the church. This gives the ability for those who need to park close to the church to do so. Please consider the Pearl Street lot Special Needs accessible. People are using this lot to drop off those who use wheelchairs, scooters, strollers, etc. In order to fully utilize the Albion Street lot, please refer to the diagram below. As you can see, there is capacity for 4 rows of parking.



The light pole is in the center of the lot.
Park on one side or the other to fully utilize the capacity of the lot.

BUDGET UPDATE

Thank you for your ongoing donations and support.

As of the end of October, our offerings were short \$7,500.

Please keep this in your prayers as we hope to make up this deficit by the end of the year. We all must live within a budget, including the church.

As you go through your budget for next year, please consider making a pledge to your home church.

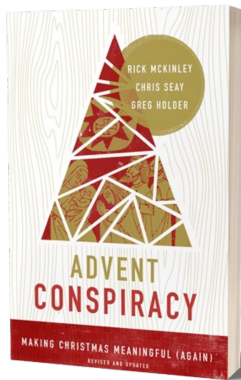
Completing a pre-authorized giving form or making a private pledge to the wardens helps us plan.

ARE YOU MISSING ANYONE TODAY?

For some, Covid is a lonely time. There are still members of our community that need our love, support, and contact.

We don't see them on Sundays as often anymore.

Why not reach out to them? Talk to Chris Levett (226-387-3129) if you need help or ideas. Thank you to Marion and Dave for working together to distribute newsletters to our members in long term care homes.



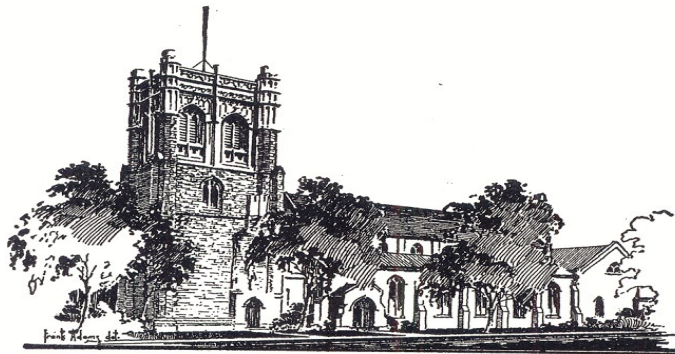
Join us on Mondays in Advent starting November 29th in the upper parish hall. Covid screening (masks and proof of double vaccination) will be in effect.

Sessions will include a video presentation and discussion.

Talk to Chris Levett (226-387-3129) if you want to learn more.

You can order your books from Amazon.

*Welcome to historic Grace Church. Greetings in the name of Christ!
We are a fully accessible, child friendly community.*



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