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Claiming God's Promises

"...prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a
highway for our God. Every
valley shall be lifted up, and
every mountain and hill be made
low; the uneven ground shall
become level, and the rough
places a plain. Then the glory of
the Lord shall be revealed, and
all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has
spoken."
(Isaiah 40:3-5)

A Word of Encouragement

"Once I am truly convinced that
preparing the heart is more
important than preparing the
Christmas tree, I will be a lot less
frustrated at the end of the day."

~ Henri Nouwen



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**The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 9, 2018
10:00 AM**



**"DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?: ADVENT PROPHECIES ~
PREPARE YE THE WAY"**

BISHOP CHARLIE MASTERS

**READING
ISAIAH 40:1-11**

**"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let
the one who believes in me drink. As the
scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.'"
(John 7:37-38)**

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Ministering @ Living Waters Today

Greeters: Barbara Almoner & Narjis Phillips

Reader: Rachael Souch

Prayers of the People: John Telgmann

Chalice Bearers: Ann Edwards & Barb Lutz

Computer: Ron Bettney

Prayer Team: Wayne Catel & Yolande Chan

Puddle Jumpers: Holly Whiteknight & Katie Dove

Wave Riders: Gracie Doering

Teen Café: Jerry Zabel

Fellowship: Margo Hyde

Counters: Barb Lutz & Scott Young

Set Up: Kyle & Adriane Joudry

KIDZ ZONE -- Children & Youth Ministry

All children from infant to grade 12 are welcome to join the **Puddle Jumpers**, **Wave Riders** or **Teen Cafe**--our Sunday morning children and youth program. Young people and crew are dismissed after the reading and return at Communion. Our K-7 class will be studying **The Parables of Jesus** and our teens are using the **Faith Weaver Now** curriculum. For more information about children and youth ministry at LWAF, or how to serve in this important ministry area, speak to **Kathy Doering**. Please keep our children, youth, and leaders in your prayers.

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Kingston Toy Drive

Once again, we are participating in the **Kingston Toy Drive** sponsored by the Salvation Army and Fly FM. This is a huge undertaking and each donation contributes to providing a memorable and joyful Christmas for families in our city who are in need. Last year, the Toy Drive provided toys for over 2800 local children.

There is a table at the back of the gym holding gift tags identifying a child's age and gender. Please take a tag (or 2!) and purchase an age-appropriate gift. **Toys must be new and unwrapped. The value should not exceed \$50.** Popular toys this year are: Lego, Star Wars, Barbie, sports equipment, craft supplies, board games, and remote controlled vehicles. Please avoid toys that promote violence. **Unwrapped gifts must be returned with the tags by next week, December 16.** For ore information, please speak to the Rector.



YOU ALSO MUST BE READY

Advent Mailing & Resources

The Advent Mailing and several Advent resources for individuals and families, are available at the Welcome Table. Please pick up your mailing and help yourself to the resources. They are an excellent way to intentionally prepare for the coming of Jesus this Advent and Christmas Season.

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Reverse Advent Calendar



A typical Advent calendar is used during the Advent season to help count down the days until Christmas. Each day, from December 1-25, a door is opened on the calendar revealing a small toy, chocolate, or bible reading. This year, as part of our Advent preparations, people are invited to share in a new outreach project known as a **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

The *Reverse Advent Calendar* is a different kind of Advent calendar. Based on Acts 20:35; **“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive,’”** the premise of the *Reverse Advent Calendar* is simple: Instead of getting something yourself, you give to someone else. This is a great way too look beyond ourselves this Advent and Christmas season and to help others who might be in need at time of the year when money often runs short.

How Does it Work?

- **Reflect** ~ Think about God’s provision and all of the blessings that you have received by His hand.
- **Give** ~ Every day in Advent put one non-perishable food item into a box or basket.
- **Pray** ~ Offer up a prayer to God for those individuals in our community who are in need, and who will benefit from basket.
- **Return** ~ Bring your filled basket to church in January and it will be delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank for you.

Suggested Food Items

pasta and sauce
canned soups, pasta, beans, meats and fish, fruits and vegetables
dried beans and lentils
rice –brown and white
peanut butter and jam
sugar
Crackers, cookies, and cereal
coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice

For Your Prayers



Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

The World: Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those in slavery, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

The Church: Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate, Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona), Trevor Walters (& Dede); Missionary Bishop, Andy Lines (& Mandy); retired Bishops: Don Harvey, Malcolm Harding and Ron Ferris.
- For ANiC congregations in **Ontario:** for St. George’s, Burlington, the Rev. Canon Ray David Glenn; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston.
- For our parish & the families of Marjorie Swarthout, Kaede Takami, John Telgmann, Ross & Shirley Underhill, Monica Van Order.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news. Pray for Madagascar Mission & Mary Sherwood.
- **Province, and City:** Pray for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth. Pray for Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

The Sick and Suffering: Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Marion, Carol, Rick, Joe.
- Pray for our family & friends: Larry, Carolyn, Lowell, Brenda, Lisa, Shirley, Bill, Ruth, Donald, Cathy, Wally, Phil, Susan, Andrea,
- Pray for the homebound: Shirley Murray, Harry MacDonald, Juliet Cavadias.



This Week @ Living Waters

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

7:00 PM - Young Adult Women's Huddle @ The Doering's

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00 PM - Mixed Life Group @ The Underhill's

7:00 PM - Women's Life Group @ The Walcott's

Thursday, December 13, 2018

7:00 PM - Holy Night Service @ KHOP

Friday, December 14, 2018

7:00 AM - Men's Life Group @ KHOP

10:00 AM - "God with Us: Advent Bible Study @ KHOP

11:30 AM - Soup & Spirituality Christmas Dinner @ KHOP



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"God with Us" ~ Advent Bible Study 2018

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (*which means, God with us*)."

(Matthew 1:23)

After the death of David's son, Solomon, the nation of Israel split into two kingdoms: Israel in the North and Judah in the South. When the Kings of Israel and Syria joined forces against Judah, King Ahaz and the people of Judah were terrified. Their hearts "shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind." (Isaiah 7:2) Although Ahaz refused to ask for a reassuring sign from God, the Lord gave him one anyway. A virgin would give birth to a son and call him Immanuel, which means "God with us." God was with Ahaz and his people, and before too long, the enemy kings would be destroyed and their lands deserted.

The world can be just as terrifying to us as it was for Ahaz. However, the sign he received is for us too. In fact, we have seen the promise fulfilled—the virgin-born son is our Lord Jesus Christ! He is Immanuel, God with us, God born among us. In the words of the Prophet Isaiah, *God with Us* is our Potter, our Shepherd, our Living Branch, and our Guide. He is our Saviour!

This 4-week Advent study, will explore the biblical background of Christ as our Potter, Shepherd, Living Branch, and Guide to help us see that the Immanuel foretold and born so long ago is still present with us today.

Join us Friday mornings in Advent, from **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** at the Kingston House of Prayer (447 Division St.). For more information, please speak to the Rector.

