

Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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SERVICE TIMES FOR November 27- December 4		
<i>Today, November 27 Advent 1</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<i>Thursday, December 1</i>	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	9:30 a.m.
<i>Sunday, December 4 Advent 2 Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Sunday School Program Prayer & Healing	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Readers: Bill Melvin

Garry Hayley

Marilyn Hillyard

Welcome. Welcome to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. If this is your first time at Holy Trinity, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy. We do ask that you sign our guest book in the foyer.

Season of Advent Starts Today. The Advent Season lasts a full four weeks. It is a time to set about preparing the way for the coming of the Christ Child - into the world and into our hearts. It is also the start of a new liturgical year—Year A.

Lighting the Advent Candle. If you or your family is interested in participating in the Advent Candle Lighting liturgy, please speak to Rev. Randy. We need volunteers for the next three weeks of Advent and the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. Marilyn Hillyard and family are lighting the candle today.

Keep Christ In Christmas March Today. The March will start at 2:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the Fire Hall, Harris Avenue. All those participating in the March are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

Making an Advent Calendar. The group will meet *today at 2 p.m.* in the E. M. Bishop Hall.

Cancer Survivor Choir. The Choir will be presenting: *Our Christmas Gift to You* at the Salvation Army Citadel, 31 Circular Road tonight at 6:30 p.m. Please come along and enjoy this service of song and readings.

Christmas Program. The Sunday School Christmas program will be held next *Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m.* Any children that don't have parts yet can get them at Sunday school this morning. There will be a **practice this evening at 6:30 p.m., one on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.,** and a full dress rehearsal on **Saturday at 2 p.m.**

Altar Guild Meeting. There will be a meeting Monday, December 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vestry Room. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

Decorating the Church for the Sunday School Program. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Thank You. Special thanks to everyone who supported and took part in our Memorial Hymn Sing. Thank you so much for your continued support of this special service of remembrance. A big thank you to Beverley, Stephanie, and the choir, as well as Freeman, the music group, and the Singing Sidesmen. Thanks to Marilyn for all her work in receiving the names and preparing the program. Marilyn has been collating and printing the program for the past 10 years. Everyone did a tremendous job. It was a wonderful service as we remembered and gave God thanks for the lives of those special ones who have gone before us. We hope it was a blessing to you all. God Bless you.

Advent Cards. There are Advent cards available for anyone who would like to have them. There are Advent envelopes in the envelope boxes. Some people prefer to use the quarter cards. They are at both the side and back entrances.

ACW Fall Sale Yesterday. Thank you to everyone who supported the ACW Fall Sale. The ladies put a tremendous amount of time and energy into the sale, and each year they do a tremendous job with great success. Thank you to the ladies who have been making crafts all year, donated items and food, worked and served the tables, set up and cleaned up the E.M. Bishop Hall, etc. Thank you to all those who supported the sale by coming out and buying the items. We thank the ACW for all that they do in the life of our parish.

Families in Need. This Christmas if you know of individuals and/or families in need, please let Rev. Randy know. It is a time when many families struggle to make ends meet. Perhaps we can help with providing some food and gifts to them as an outreach of our parish ministry this Christmas. It doesn't matter what church they belong to or even if they belong to a church. What's important is being able to help. Confidentiality is always of utmost importance--so what we do is always done quietly.

Singing Sidesmen Christmas Sing-Along. There will be a concert on *Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.* in the E.M. Bishop Hall. Admission is \$5. Refreshments will be served.

Deanery Treasurers' Workshop. There will be a workshop here at Holy Trinity this *Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m.* This will be facilitated by our Synod Office staff, Lori Wheaton, and Rev. Terry Caines. All treasurers are asked to be in attendance, including treasurers of various church organizations. This is for all treasurers in the parishes of Grand Falls, Windsor-Bishop's Falls, Buchans, Botwood and Lewisporte.

Light-Up of Community Christmas Lights. The light-up of the Christmas tree will take place at 6:30 p.m. this *Thursday, December 1*, at the Fire Hall. All are welcome to attend as we begin the countdown to Christmas in our town.

Annual Light-Up Contest. Judging for the Annual Light-Up Contest will take place from *December 12 – 16*. Be sure to have your lights turned on at that time.

Rector's Christmas Discretionary Fund. The fund is a special fund that many contribute to at Christmastime. The monies allow the Rector to help families and individuals who may find it financially difficult during the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to this cause over the holidays, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please use a plain envelope, mark it *Rector's Christmas Discretionary Fund*, and put it in the Offering Plate.

Dr. Wendy Wilmore's Visit. Dr. Wendy will visit us on *December 11*. Dr. Wendy is presently taking a little break from her missionary work in Arusha, Tanzania. She is currently in Canada and will be spending a couple of weeks in Newfoundland filling in at a couple of hospitals. We look forward to hearing more about her work in Africa as a missionary doctor and surgeon and teacher. She will be around for a few days so we hope to have opportunity to spend an evening with her as well. Full details of her schedule will be in next week's bulletin.

Christmas Tree of Memories--*Thursday, December 15*. The tree will be lit at *7 p.m.* The sheets are available for the Tree of Memories. We will gather at the main entrance, read the names of those in whose memory the tree will be lit, prayers will be said, and then the tree will be lit for Christmas. Refreshments and Christmas music will follow in the Olde Parish Hall.

Flowers for Christmas. Anyone wishing to place flowers in the church for Christmas in memory of loved ones may place a donation envelope in the Offertory Plate. Please mark the envelope: **Christmas Flowers**. All names must be received by December 18 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.

Greeters: George & Margaret Thorne, Roy Earle, Vic Whitten, Bill Reid, Phyllis Woolfrey

Items for the Messenger. Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com.

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

First Sunday in Advent - Hope



Reader: *"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... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. This first candle symbolizes the hope we have in the coming of Jesus Christ as the light of the world.

(Light a blue candle.)

Hymn: *A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in December's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*