

## Upcoming Events:

**Shared Lunch:** There will be a shared meal following today's 10:30 service. All are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Memorials:** If you want to include your loved ones on the Memorial list in the Christmas Bulletins, please take a Memorial Envelope from the back table, print the information needed on the slip enclosed and check off either funds going for flowers or the General fund. Place the envelope with the slip & money on the plate no later than Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank You

**Cathedral Outreach:** St. Margaret's will be participating this month this Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Your donations of fruit, muffins, sandwiches, drink boxes & yoghurt should be at the church today. For those who were asked to make cookies, please have them at the church today & we will need help to bag the cookies following the shared lunch. Thank You

**Blue Christmas Service:** This Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, we will be having a Blue Christmas Service. When Christmas Hurts Service. The idea behind the service is to provide a quiet, contemplative service for those who find the Christmas season hard because of grief, loneliness or any other reason. We invite you to join us if you feel this service could be a comfort to you.

## Special Ministries Next Sunday December 22, 2019

8:30 AM  
Layreader: Faith Cormier  
10:30 AM  
First Lesson: Betty Ann Sparks  
Second Lesson: Carolyn Pellow  
Layreaders: Bob Boucher  
Jim Sparks  
Prayer Desk: Volunteer  
Sidespersons: Mary Louise Luck  
Christine Trimble  
Counters: Dawna O'Hara  
Wayne O'hara  
Chancel Guild: Peggy Boucher  
Sunday School: Martika Boucher  
Sun Sch. Assistant: Volunteer

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Parish Treasurer: Jeffrey Mills

### Services and Readings for Next Sunday: December 22, 2019 4<sup>th</sup> of Advent (Year A)

8:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist

Isaiah 7: 10-16 OT Page 636  
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 BAS Pages 812-813  
Romans 1:1-7 NT Page 152  
Matthew 1: 18-25 NT Page 1



# Third Sunday In Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2019

**St. Margaret's Anglican Church Welcomes You**

*Let peace surround you as you sit or kneel quietly. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away from you. You are God's child. He loves and cares for you. He is here with you –and always. Give yourself time for Him. Have a happy day and may God bless you*

### SUNDAY SERVICE

8:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 230  
10:30am: Holy Eucharist: BAS Page 185

### Special Ministries Today December 15, 2019

8:30 AM  
Layreader: Faith Cormier  
10:30 AM  
First Lesson: Peggy Boucher  
Second Lesson: Sharon Ainsworth  
Layreaders: Nancy Wiggins  
Jeffery Mills  
Prayer Desk: Volunteer  
Sidespersons: Wendy Chase  
Volunteer  
Counters: Andrew Gunter  
Ken Brien  
Chancel Guild: Wendy Smith  
Sunday School: Martika Boucher  
Sun Sch. Assistant: Volunteer

### The Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

♪ Hymn HB 145

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Greeting

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♪ "As We Are Gathered"

### Advent Candle Lighting Prayers (JOY)

(see overhead)

♪ Advent Song "Light a Candle Bright and Tall"

Collect for Purity (*All*) Page 185

Collect: *All together, please*

**God of power and mercy,  
you call us once again  
to celebrate the coming of your Son.  
Remove those things which hinder love of  
you, that when he comes,  
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder  
for him who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

📖 **1st Lesson:** Isaiah 35: 1-10

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Following the reading of each lesson:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 146: 4-9**

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📖 **2nd Lesson:** James 5: 7-10

NT Page 231

♪ Gradual Hymn HB 395  
“Hark the Glad Sound”

📖 **Holy Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11  
NT Page 11

Reader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.  
All stand for the reading of the Gospel  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says:  
The Gospel of Christ.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Children’s Story– Peggy Boucher

♪ **Children’s Hymn**  
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Children can leave with Martika for Sunday school.

Sermon

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving and gracious God, in Christ you have promised to heal the world: Strengthen our hearts and grant us patience to wait expectantly, that we may rejoice to see your work among us, as we say: They shall see the glory of the Divine, the majesty of our God.

Grant to your Church, O God, faithful prophets and messengers who will strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees and say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear!’

They shall see the glory of the Divine,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Fountain of Wisdom and Mercy, give vision to our nation and to all in authority throughout the world, that all may share in your work to

bring justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger.

They shall see the glory of the Divine,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Compassionate One, send forth your Spirit into the world, bring sight to the blind, strength to the lame, cleansing to the unclean, hearing to the deaf, resurrection to the dead, and good news to the poor, that all the earth may obtain joy and gladness.

They shall see the glory of the Divine,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Loving One, let your waters break forth as streams in the desert in our community; make a safe highway for the return of your people to you with singing and everlasting joy.

They shall see the glory of the Divine,  
**the majesty of our God.**

Healing One, let sorrow and sickness flee away, as we bring our prayers to you for all who suffer, especially\_\_\_.

Hear our praise for your care and love; accept our attitude for our manifold blessings, especially\_\_\_.

Raise to your eternal light those who have died, especially\_\_\_.

They shall see the glory of the Divine,  
**the majesty of our God.**

*Everlasting Light, visit us in the darkness of our prisons and comfort us with a vision of your coming kingdom, that we may rejoice with hopeful patience and walk safely upon your Holy Way, in the power of your Spirit given to us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen*

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Announcements

*Those who prefer to not drink from the chalice (common cup) are asked to indicate that to the administrator of the host. The host will be intincted (dipped) for you*

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**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*

#### ♪ OFFERTORY HYMN

“Here at Your Feet Lord”

#### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

**God of hope,  
renew in us the joy of your salvation  
and make us a living sacrifice to you,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3 Pages 198-200

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The Lord’s Prayer Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5 Page 212

#### ♪ COMMUNION HYMNS HB 397

“The Advent of our God”

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Merciful God,  
may this eucharist free us from our sins,  
fill us with unending joy,  
and prepare us for the birthday of our  
Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

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#### THE BLESSING

♪ **FINAL HYMN** HB 274  
“Let There Be Light”

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DISMISSAL SONG “Send Us Out”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

√ We welcome all visiting with us today, and invite you to join us at the shared lunch.

#### This Week

√ Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – **Coffee Club:** Cards, crafts and conversation. Come and bring friends. All welcome.

12:00p.m. – **Bible Study: Book of Ecclesiastes**

√ Wednesday

7:00-8:00 a.m.– **Morning Bible Study at Cora’s**

9:00-11:30a.m. – **Parents & Tots (Postponed until January 8<sup>th</sup>)**

√ Thursday

9:30 -11:30 a.m. – **Capital City Singers**

### **Christmas Season Dates & Times to Remember**

#### December 19:

7:00pm-Blue Christmas Service

#### December 21:

1:00pm-3:00pm-Rob & Monica’s Open House

#### December 24:

5:00pm- Family-focused Christmas Eve Service

9:00pm-Christmas Eve Service

#### December 25:

9:30am-Christmas Day Service

#### December 29:

8:30am & 10:30am-First Sunday of Christmas

#### December 31

6:00pm-New Year’s Eve Shared Supper

7:00pm-New Year’s Eve Service

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