

Worship in the Coming Week

No scheduled daily worship or mid-week
Wednesday worship this week.

Thurs, Dec 21 st	11:00am	SunRise Living Service
Sun, Dec 24 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer [BCP]
	4:00pm	Family Christmas Worship
	8:00pm	Christmas Candlelight Worship

Note change in time!

Coming Parish Events and Meetings this Week

Sun, Dec 17 th	6:00pm	Advent Bible Study
Wed, Dec 20 th	Noon	Advent Bible Study
	5:30pm	Parish Council
Thurs, Dec 21 st	8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sat, Dec 23 rd	9:30am	Church decorating

Our Lectionary Readings for next Week

Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:46b-55
Luke 1:26-38

Our Prayer "Starters" for this Week

Almighty God, today I pray for ...

Monday: those who are far from home at this time of year, especially those who have had to flee for safety

Tuesday: Your peace and love to be within and around us as we do our Christmas shopping. May we be reminded of the greatest gift of all

Wednesday: Your gift of a loving spirit and forgiving heart. May we always pray with thanksgiving for your blessings

Thursday: that we may reach out to others during this Christmas season and forever confirm our faith by our actions towards others

Friday: Peace and Harmony ... teach us to love each other the way You love us as we gather with family and friends to celebrate Your birth

Saturday: those persons who are battling colds or Christmas anxieties. Thank you God for the many blessings we receive daily

... in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

St Augustine's Parish Prayer Cycle:

Bob & Ann Archer;
Lorna Collacott;
Brian Fields;
Beryl Humphries;
Harold & Vesta Marshall;
Cecil Southward.

Diocese of Huron Prayer Cycle:

St. John's St. Thomas & Trinity Church St. Thomas;
St. Peter's Tyrconnell, Grace Church West Lorne, St.
Stephen's Burwell Park & Rev. Nick Wells.

Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada:

ACC:

General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada.

ELCIC:

Director Trina Gallop and staff of Communications & Stewardship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Director Kyle Giesbrecht and staff of Finance & Administration.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... *John's ministry and mission was to point to "one more powerful". How do we, as good stewards, allow our lives to point to this same One?*

Rev'd Paul's Office Hours for the Coming Week

This week's office hours are by appointment only. Please contact Rev'd Paul at revpoolton@gmail.com or by phone at 519-560-7171 to set up appointments as necessary.

ADVENT 3

DECEMBER 17th, 2017

8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

The service of Holy Communion begins on pg 67 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

1st Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Psalm 126(said by alternative verse)

BCP pg500

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

10 A.M. ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Carols are from the blue "Common Praise" (CP) found in the pews.

♪Worship Prelude

♪Processional Hymn:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v1-4) CP#89

Lighting of the Advent Candles

♪"A Candle is Burning" Words on back of bulletin

The Invocation to the Readings for Advent

♪Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v5-7)

First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

Prayer

♪Carol: "Let All Things Now Living" CP#403

Second Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Prayer

♪Carol: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" CP#106

Third Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9a

Prayer

♪Carol: "When the King Shall Come Again" CP#109

Fourth Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Prayer

♪Carol: "Once to Every Man and Nation" CP#587

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Prayer

♪Carol: "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" CP#88

Sixth Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Prayer

♪Carol: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" CP#117

Seventh Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Prayer

♪Advent Litany (Bernadette Farrell)

Collect for the Day

♪The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

♪Recessional Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" CP#101

Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us this morning. If this is your first time with us, we wish you a warm welcome and hope that you will feel part of our parish family.

“THE GIVING TREE” – thank you to everyone who has so generously decorated our giving tree with hats, gloves, scarves and socks! All items will be taken to “Roots 2 Wings” following the today’s services for distribution to others in our community.

ADVENT OUTREACH ... *Reverse Advent Calendars* were distributed earlier – if you missed getting one, extras are available on the counter in the lobby. The idea behind this is simple. Pick out a sturdy basket, box or bag and each day, fill it the corresponding food item (or item of your choice) from the calendar you received. Then, on Dec 24th, bring the filled box to church and place it under the tree.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ... this morning is the deadline to order poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. An order form is included with today’s bulletin or speak with Jane. We are invited to help the Altar Guild **DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS** on Sat, Dec 24th at 9:30am.

SOCIAL EVENT ... join fellow parishioners as we view the Christmas light display in Jackson Park ... Saturday, Dec 30th weather permitting. Meet at the church for 5pm and car pool to the park. Following the walk we’ll stop at Franco’s for pizza and “pop”, then back to church.

NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN ... please, please when putting away kitchen utensils put them in the appropriate drawers as labelled. We recently had two people cut by knives which were in the wrong drawer. Thank you.

DEANERY YOUTH FAMILY BOWLING PARTY ... this annual event will be held on Sunday, Jan 7th, 2pm at Rose Bowl Lanes (2482 Dougall Ave). Pizza, pop, shoes and bowling are included. Please RSVP to Cynthia by Dec 28th so lanes may be booked. A poster with details is posted on the bulletin board.

“A Candle is Burning”

Words Sandra Dean

Tune of “Away in a Manger”

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.

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Sunday, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve

9am ~ Said Morning Prayer [BCP]

4pm ~ Family Christmas Worship

8pm ~ Christmas Candlelight Worship

Monday, Dec 25th, Christmas Day

10am ~ Holy Communion (spoken)

Sunday, Dec 31st

8am ~ Morning Prayer [BCP]

10am ~ Lessons & Carols for Christmas



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