December 1, 2024 10am

First Sunday of Advent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Assisting: The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen Good Morning! We always provide a leaflet to assist people in finding their way through the worship service. This format has some marginal notations to help understand the rhythm of the liturgy. These few moments before our formal worship are times to prepare ourselves for worship.

This service is called a Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek, meaning "thanksgiving". It is the family meal of the church. It is sort of like a family meal in our own homes. The table is set. There will be conversation and food, and we will gather together to receive our Lord's gift of himself. Then we go out to celebrate and make His presence and power known in the world.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Prelude: "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 659 J.S. Bach

Advent Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (89)

(Verses 1, 3 - 7) Tune: Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain (R): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From every foe deliver them That trust your mighty power to save, And give them victory o'er the grave. (*R*)

O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. (*R*)

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our Prince of Peace. (*R*)

The Greeting:

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Reflection:

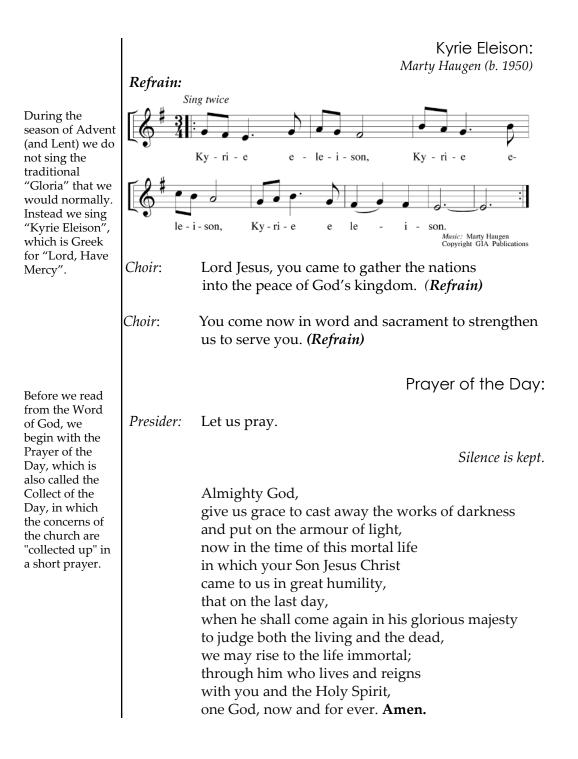
Reader 1: Come, Lord Jesus,

- All: come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Nurture in us expectant hearts. Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you, until that day when you burst through the heavens, and flood our horizons with your glorious splendour.
- *Reader 1*: Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.
- *Reader 2*: We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Light the 1st candle.

All: As we reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world, help us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within us the hope of glory to which you beckon us. Amen. We come to the Eucharist in the name of the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The celebrant greets us. We answer.

For centuries, Christians around the world have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare themselves for celebrating the birth of Jesus and for anticipating his coming again. Each week is dedicated to remembering and pondering a key biblical theme that was fulfilled in the arrival of Jesus: hope, peace, joy, and love.



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Reader: Peace Rukundo

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."

*Reader:*The word of the Lord.*People:*Thanks be to God.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Psalm 25:1-9 Wait for the Lord

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Please remain seated



Do you enjoy picking up your favourite book and reading over your favourite stories? At the Eucharist we read from the Bible. It tells the story of God's love. We know the stories well, and they all lead us to Jesus.

The Psalms are the prayerbook of the Bible; they are the prayers of God's people set to music. St. Augustine said those who sing them "pray twice."



Refrain (R): Wait for the Lord, whose day is near; Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Verses: O Lord, I lift up my soul; My God, I put my trust in you; Let not my enemies triumph · over_me. None who look to you will be put to shame;

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; (R)

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from ever-lasting. Remember not the sins of my youth For the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; He teaches sinners and guides the humble, All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness To those who keep his covenant and_his testimony. (R)

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** *Reader: Bob Cameron*

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul's 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.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding (108) Tune: Merton

Please stand as you are able.

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say. "Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us all, with deep repentance, Pray that we may be forgiven. We sit for a reading from the Bible. This morning, it is a reading from Paul's first letter written to the early Christians in Thessalonica. The highpoint of Proclamation is the Gospel reading. The four gospels in the Bible tell us about the good news of Jesus Christ. It is brought 'low' among the congregation because the Gospels tell us all about Jesus, God who came to dwell among us.

Because it is the good news, we stand as an act of praise and thanksgiving. We turn to face the Deacon to show we are willing to hear and do God's will. The Deacon faces the door in anticipation that, after hearing the good news, the congregation will go out and do the work of the good news they have just heard.

You may see some making the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips and heart to ask God to bless our thinking, speaking and living. Holy Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36 Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Gospeller:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: 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."

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(*Sung*) Honour, glory, might, and blessing To the Father and the Son, With the everlasting Spirit, While eternal ages run.

Please be seated.

Sermon: *The Rev'd Dr. Patrick McManus*

The Nicene Creed: *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the words of The Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

The Gospel is usually followed by the sermon during which the preacher speaks about the readings and helps us to understand God's word. The sermon is followed by a period of silent reflection to let the words which have been spoken sink in.

Now we stand to affirm our faith by saying the Nicene Creed. We remember that we were given the new life of Jesus at baptism. We remember all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is customary in many churches to make the sign of the cross at the end of the Creed. We do that by touching our forehead, then the centre of our chest. our left shoulder and right shoulder and then return to the centre of our chest.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins.

Intercessor: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

This is the part in our worship where the concerns we hold as the people of God are brought to God in prayer by one intercessor. We are all praying as we respond to each petition. You may have things on your heart and mind you wish to silently name as the intercessor prays.

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith. ~ cf. Romans 8.22,23

Please kneel as you are able.

Presider:Almighty God,All:long-suffering and of great goodness:I confess to you,I confess with my whole heartmy neglect and forgetfulness of yourcommandments,my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;the hurts I have done to others,and the good I have left undone.O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;and raise me to newness of life;through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A big part of being a Christian is being honest with ourselves and, more importantly, honest with God about our failings, our faults, and our brokenness.

As we come before God, we come to the One, "whose property is always to have mercy" as the prayer book says. God is love. God is mercy. God has forgiven you of whatever sin might cling to you. You have freedom from all of that in Jesus Christ, and this is where we speak that out for each and every one so that we can go to the table of Jesus with a clean heart, at peace with God and with one another.

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt
repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace: Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another from where we are standing and online in the 'live chat'.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider:In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness (106) Tune: Ascension

This is a joyful moment in the liturgy. Our primary purpose in the Peace is to give and receive the greeting of the Risen Lord who brought, and still brings, the blessing of His peace to His followers. The greeting "Peace be with you" is exchanged throughout the congregation.

Communion, or the Eucharist, we give offerings of money as a way of acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and so we honour God, and say thank you, by

As we prepare for

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, A call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the desert a highway, A highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, The lofty hills brought low; Make straight all the crooked places, Where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings, Ascend to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people The coming of their king. The works of pride all perish, Like flowers they shall decay, The power and pomp of nations Shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful, Your arm, O Lord, is strong; You stand in the midst of nations, And you will right the wrong. You will feed your flock like a shepherd, And fold the lambs to your breast; In pastures of peace you'll lead them, And give to the weary rest.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: 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. Amen. giving God back a portion of what He has given us. We also offer the simple vessels of bread and wine for God to use to show us Jesus. Ultimately the offering God wants is you, "your soul and body" as the prayer book says.

We bring not what is ours, but what is God's own back to God when we bring the gifts of our labour forward in the offering.

The Great Thanksgiving:

We express our joy, our love and gratitude in the Great Thanksgiving. The priest invites us to give thanks.

We all join in the sanctus (holy, holy, holy) with the gathered faithful here but also with saints before us and indeed

his friends.

Presider: People: Presider: People: Presider: People:	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	
Presider:	And now we give you thanks because you sent Jesus to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:	
	Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (722) <i>Tune: Picardy</i>	
Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full, Full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes,		

with the whole host of heaven. Then we remember what Jesus said and did during who comes in the name of the Lord his last supper with Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The priest asks God to make our gifts of bread and wine holy through the power of the Spirit and says the words that Jesus said. We offer our life with Jesus for others. The priest says words such as these: "Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever." And we all respond with the Great "Amen".

Presider: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

> Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

We end this great prayer of Thanksgiving by joining together and praying the prayer that Jesus taught us. We pray that the needs of all people will be satisfied. We pray to be forgiven. We pray to be forgiving. We pray for strength when life is hard and for protection from evil that can hurt us.	Presider: All:	As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
We share the Bread of Life. The priest breaks the bread to remind us that we all have a share in the new life of Christ. The bread we use is not like the bread you have at home. It is unleavened. Some people like to call it a wafer. The priest invites us to share in Communion.	Presider: People: Presider: People:	now and forever. Amen. Breaking of Bread: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom. Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. The gifts of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

Song for the Breaking of Bread: Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist (57)

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist did pray That all thy Church might be forever one, Grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; Draw us the nearer each, to each we plead, By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace; Thus may we all one bread, one body be, Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

The Communion:

As we come to communion, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

> Communion Anthem: "Wake, O Wake! With Tidings Thrilling" J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: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.
Amen.

Doxology:

Presider:Glory to GodAll: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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrations: Polychronia (Many Years) Tune: Tallis' Canon (#14)

As part of our blessing and dismissal, we acknowledge anyone who has a thanksgiving, birthday, anniversary etc. this month – any good news!

Leader: Let us call down God's blessing!

People:God give you many, many years
to thank him for his blessings here;
And many, many, many more
To pray God still his grace to pour.

Announcements:

At the end of the Eucharist, the priest finishes up the bread and wine. The Deacon helps to clean up after the meal. At home the dishes would have to be done and put away. At church the same thing must happen. Then the priest invites us to pray. We stand in silence. The priest says a prayer.

Presider: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

> Closing Hymn: On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry (103) Tune: Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; Make straight the way for God within; Prepare we in our hearts a home Where such a mighty guest may come.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth and let thy light restore Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free, Whom, with the Father, we adore, And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

The Dismissal:

Leader:

As we await our coming Saviour, go forth in the hope of Christ. People: Thanks be to God.

Now we are at the end of our worship service, and we sing our final hymn.

After the hymn, the Deacon dismisses us, sending us out into the world to embody and share the love of Christ. Our hearts are full of joy. We know Jesus is alive. We know he is with us. So, we will answer joyfully, saying "Thanks be to God."

Postlude: Variation on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Tune: Hyfrydol) *Arr. H. Willan*

We give thanks to God for all who give back to God out of what God has given you in support of the ministry at All Saints Kingsway! If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways.



1.Use an offering envelope and

put it in the offering plate

2. PAR - Pre Authorized Remittance (automatic monthly withdrawal) The form to enroll or make changes can be found at www.allsaintskingsway.ca/give

 E-transfer - send to etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca and include any special designation necessary

4. Give online through Canada Helps https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give All are welcome to join these upcoming services & events!

Mark Your Calendars

December 12, 11am, Seniors Lunch December 17, 7pm, Out of the Cold Concert at Our Lady of Sorrows December 18, 5:30 pm, Neighbourhood Carolling



Christmas Eve at 4pm

This family-friendly service will include our Christmas Pageant, Holy Communion, and candlelight singing. Our nursery will be staffed for those ages 3 and under.

Christmas Eve at 7 & 11pm

These services will include Holy Communion and candlelight singing.

Christmas Day at 10am This a service of Holy Communion

All are welcome

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Christmas Gift Giving

DEC. 1 TO 17

Each year, the <u>Christie Welcome Refugee Centre</u> at Bloor and Christie St. welcomes around 200 new, homeless refugee claimants through their doors. Many end up staying for several weeks or months until they get settled. CWRC is a Christian organization serving and advocating for refugee families by providing safe, temporary housing, initial settlement services, and follow-up support.

This Christmas season, we are inviting our ASK family to come alongside CWRC by supporting some of these families with a special Christmas gift.

Between now and Dec. 17, we are collecting the following items which will become part of a Christmas package for 8 refugee families in need:

- New children's clothing Ages 0 to 9 years
- New children's games and toys Age 0 9 years
- Pre-paid Visa cards (any amount from \$25 to \$100)
- Gift cards for President's Choice and Shoppers (same amounts)
- Women's hygiene / care packages

A box will be placed at the front of the sanctuary (next to the piano) where you can drop off your gifts.

The deadline is Dec. 17 for delivery by Dec. 20.

Call Terry Smith if you have any questions. 647-688-3533 PS: Need more ideas? Check out their wishlist at

https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/37YMTBNJX9373?ref_=wl_share

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory

of Al and Ruth Huggins, given by Mary Anne, David, Colleen and Sarah,

and

of Ross Elver, given by Ruth Cairns and family,

and

of Heather Little, given by the Isbister-Layton family.

Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy, as they endeavour to minister to parishioners. Readers: Peace Rukundo and Bob CameronChalice: Donna Quance and Dave CostenGospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer CameronIntercessor: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer CameronProduction: ASK Tech TeamIncumbent: The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManusDeacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer CameronDeacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer CameronDeacon Associate: The Reverend Deacon Natania FriesenDirector of Music/Organist: Gerald LooOffice Administrator: Kerisha Barnes DrummondCommunications Assistant: Jacob AndrewsSextons: Phuntsok Rabten and William CuaresmaChurchwardens: Sharon Conway, Beena Kuriakose, Mary Anne Huggins, and TerrySmith

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