

Worship Service Today – December 17, 2017

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

ON DUTY	Today December 17		Next Sunday Christmas Eve, Dec. 24		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sides-Persons	R. Gregory S. Bishop	B. Lee B. Lee G. Bonnell M. Bonnell	S. Morgan, S. Parsons G. Morgan K. Morgan G. Coates G. Taylor	D. Morgan A. LeMoine D. Pretty N. Andrews G. Halley M. Anthony C. Button	D. Bishop W. Bishop K. Pack G. Pack K. Scott B. Scott A. Spracklin D. Scott
Eucharistic Assistants	D. Morgan	M. Young	Annette Stone	Kelly Scott	Keith Pack
Servers		M. Greenslade	Darcy Scott	Annie Scott	Emily Pretty
Altar Guild	Margaret S, Joyce M, Amy A, Ruth C, Ruby T.		Barbara E, Carmel H, Karen W, Betty M, Elaine M.		

Spousal Grief and Bereavement Support.

Are you experiencing grief due to the death of your spouse? Please join us on Tuesday nights, 7:00–8:30 pm at St. Pieter's Parish Hall. For more information, please call **631-9539** or 777-8972.

Holy Baptism

Two dates have been set for Holy Baptism - **10:30 on December 31st** and **January 14th**. Anyone desiring to have a child baptised at that service should contact the church office as soon as possible. It has been the practice at St. Peter's to a Baptism Service on the third Sunday of each month when there are children to be baptized.

You are invited to host the 'Holy Family'

A box containing a Nativity Set and stories about Christmas and a 'Token' for each family is available at the church. Families are encouraged to sign up to host the 'Holy Family.' You get to take the travelling box home during the advent season at a time that's convenient for you to spend with your children and to make it a learning experience which will help them better understand the Christmas story.

A signup sheet is available for each family to let us know the date of pick up and the date of return. The amount of interest will determine the amount of time you will be able to keep the 'Holy Family' at your home. This is the perfect opportunity for Dad's and Mom's to share "the greatest story ever told" with their children!! The last family to host the 'Holy Family' is asked to return it to the Church on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Memorials

Christmas memorials are now being accepted at the Church office with the deadline being TOMORROW, December 18th @ 4:00 PM.

2018 Church Envelopes

St. Peter's 2018 Church Envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of the Church. We have endeavoured to place the envelopes in alphabetical order. If you know someone who would like a box of envelopes, please contact the Church office at 744-2648.

Christmas Home Communions

Rev. Letto will be visiting members of the congregation who would like to receive Communion at home. If you know of someone who used to regularly attend church, but has recently not been able to, please contact Rev. Letto or suggest to them that they could do this. Church office number: 744-2648.

CBS/Paradise Interfaith Food Bank Sharing Tree

As in the past, we have set up our Food Bank Sharing Tree at the back of the church. Last year our parishioners donated about \$1600.00 through this special project which helps provide special Christmas hampers for those in need. Let's hope that we can match this amount this year. **Please take an envelope and make a monetary donation to support this special Christmas program for those in need. No gift is too big or too small.** Please ensure your donation is payable to St. Peter's Church and that you include your name and envelope number or address on the envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the collection plate or returned to the parish office. Your donation will be included on your official income tax receipt that will be issued by the church in late January. In the past few months the Food Bank has experienced a substantial increase in the number of people coming for food hampers. It's expected that more people will be needing a Christmas hamper this year as well. Our Food Bank representatives are Jim and Betty Howell - 834-9673. Thank you for your continued support.

TONIGHT - December 17: Fellowship Band at 7pm: The Fellowship Band is preparing a special Concert of Christmas Music. It will be held in the church hall with refreshments to follow. There will be special guests. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Your attendance is the best way to show the Fellowship Band how much we appreciate their music and thank them for their important ministry. Come and bring a friend.

December 24: Christmas Eve: Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, Vestry has decided, after listening to the opinions expressed by many members of our parish, to **NOT** hold our regular 8:30 and 10:30 services on this day, but focus on our traditional Christmas Eve schedule. **Thus, on Christmas Eve, there will be a 4pm, 7pm and 10pm service as in past years.**

Third Sunday in Advent, December 17, 2017

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Week 3

(Scott, Tara and Grace DeHann)

The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: On the first Sunday of Advent we lit the **Candle of Hope**. We light it again today to remind us to be hope-filled people. (*Light the first candle.*)

Reader 2: Last Sunday we lit the **Candle of Peace**. It reminds us to pray for peace in the world and for peace within ourselves. (*Light the second candle.*)



Reader 1: A long, long time ago, the prophet Zephaniah taught that God's salvation would come when the oppressors are gone. The shame of the outcasts will turn into joy.

Reader 2: Jesus was friendly to the outcasts. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. Today we light the **Candle of Joy** to celebrate the Good News that Jesus brings for all people. (*Light the pink candle.*)

All: O God of joy, help us delight in your vision for the world. Help us be a community where the lame dance and shame is a stranger. Amen

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 boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.