

The Anglican Church of Canada
Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

"We are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation."

A Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 12, 2021; 4:00pm

Celebrant: The Venerable Canon Judy Walton, The Reverend Gilles Haché, Deacon,
Organist: Charles Strimas.



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC

Christ Church Anglican
519-538-1330

34 Boucher St. E.
www.christchurchanglican.ca

Meaford, ON N4L 1B9
office@christchurchanglican.ca



The Ven. Canon Judy Walton (Priest in chg.) 705-444-0233 (home)
705-607-0870 (mobile)

revjudy@rogers.com

The Rev'd Gilles Haché, (Deacon)
Church Warden, Truda Howard
Church Warden, Donna Thompson
Deputy Warden, Norma McCauley
Deputy Warden, John Watchurst

519-505-6965
519-538-9032
289-259-0558
519-538-2991
519-538-2894

gilleshache@diohuron.org
trudahoward@gmail.com
dthompsonca@yahoo.com
sugarface65@hotmail.com
watchurst@hotmail.com

The Service of Light

Deacon Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn O Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation #18

O laughing Light, O
First-born of creation,
Radiance of glory,
Light from light begotten,
God self revealing,
Holy, bright, and blessed:
You shine upon us.

Day's light is fragile;
your light is eternal.
We look to you,
our light within the shadow.

We sing to you,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit;
You shine before us.

Light of the world, O
Jesus, you are worthy!
Giver of life and
Child of God,
we praise you!
Hear as the universe
proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
ruler of the universe,
creator of light and darkness.
In this holy season,
when the sun's light is swallowed up
by the growing darkness of the
night,
you renew your promise to reveal
among us the splendour of your
glory, enfleshed and visible to us in
Jesus Christ your Son.
Through the prophets

you teach us to hope for his reign of
peace.
Through the outpouring of his Spirit,
you open our blindness to the glory
of his presence.
Strengthen us in our weakness.
Support us in our stumbling efforts
to do your will and free our tongues
to sing your praise.
For to you all honour and blessing
are due, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
In this season when we celebrate
the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty
and delight to hear once more the
message of the angels and go in
heart and mind to Bethlehem to see
the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we mark once more the mystery
of the Word made flesh, let us join
with the song of angels and saints
and make this place ring with our
carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the

anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

Silence may be kept before the first reading.

The Readings

First Reading read by Linda Emptage
Hymn # 118, O Come, All Ye Faithful
Isaiah 40:3-11

Prayer:
God of freedom, give the strength of hope to those who suffer oppression in body, mind, or human dignity. Let them hear the vanguard of your coming grace, and give them the wholeness you intend for all your children.

We ask this in the name of your Servant, Jesus Christ, the sign of your presence and the pioneer of our salvation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Reading read by Shari Kartechner
Hymn # 109, When the King Shall Come Again
Isaiah 35:1-10

Prayer:

Hope of the desperate and strength of the weak, you give streams in the desert of wasted lives, and abundant future to cities made desolate. Hear our prayer for the exiles of our time, the prisoners of poverty and

tyranny, the victims of illness, waste, and hunger. Come among us as new life for all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Word made flesh and hope revealed. **Amen.**

Third Reading
Hymn #106,
Luke 1:5-25

read by Barb Horne
There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Prayer:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to

be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fourth Reading
Hymn # 362 =
Luke 1:39-56

read by Norma McCauley
Tell Out, My Soul

Prayer:

Almighty God, who looked with favour on your servant Mary, and called her to be the mother of your Son, nurture in us the humility and gentleness that found favour in your sight, that with her we may proclaim

the greatness of your name and find the mercy you show to those who fear you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Fifth Reading
Hymn #138,
Luke 2:11-20

read by Francis Richardson
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer:

O God, our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our

words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sixth Reading
Hymn #154,
John 1:1-18

read by The Venerable Judy Walton
Joy to the World

Prayer:

Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ. Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our will, that by your power

and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself

to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #119

Silent Night

The Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Celebrate the Joy of Christmas With Us

You are invited to join us for our

CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday, December 24th @ 6:00pm

(no service on Christmas Day)

Sunday, December 26th @ 10:30am, Morning Prayer