

# FARRINGDON CHURCH



*Joy*

**ADVENT WEEK THREE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021**

# WELCOME TO FARRINGTON CHURCH!

Thank you for being with us for our Worship Service today!

**We have made some temporary organizational changes to our usual service in order to exercise health and safety protocols during the ongoing pandemic.**

**Pews** are marked off to enable social distancing. Please follow the direction of our deacons as you are seated. If you make use of one of our pew cushions, please leave it on the pew at the end of service so that it can be sanitized before next use.

**Hand sanitizers** are provided throughout the building. Please be sure to sanitize your hands and refrain from hand-shaking or physical contact. **Masks** are mandatory while in the building as per city bylaws at this time.

**Everything you need** for the service can be found in this booklet or on the screen at the front. Hymn books and Bibles have been temporarily removed from the pews for sanitary purposes.

If you are looking for a **spiritual home**, we have a variety of services and programs to meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to the morning greeters or Rev. Mike after the service to learn more about what our church has to offer.

**Washrooms** are located on the lower level, either a barrier-free washroom below the Narthex, or in the Christian Education wing on the lower level – both are accessible via the elevator or stairs. Just ask one of the greeters for directions.

**Children** are a special part of our church family, and we do our best to make them feel at home. We include a Children's time in our Sunday morning service however, children will not be coming forward during the children's hymn.

After the Children's time, Children will then head to the conference room to Sunday School.

**Sunday School** will be available to children ages 5-12 with a capacity of 15 children. Priority will be given to children ages 5-10.

We are not providing nursery care at this time due to health precautions. If your child wishes to remain with you in service that is wonderful, feel free to pick up a copy of the "Sermon Notes" page from the narthex to help your child stay engaged.

All parents must pick up their children from Sunday School.

The **offering** is a member responsibility. You are welcome to make a contribution. However, if you are visiting us for the first time, we don't expect you to donate – we'd rather ask you to pay attention to God's blessings in your life, return next week, and make your gift then if you so choose. The offering plates will not be passed but are located at the front and rear exits for you to leave your donation.

**Corporate communion** is now being held on the second Sunday of each month. This is a change from celebrating on the first Sunday of the month as in the past.

Please exit at the front or rear doors following service and refrain from gathering in the Narthex or aisle at this time. Our usual coffee hour is temporarily suspended.

If you are **visiting for the first time**, please let us know after the service, as we have a **welcome gift** for you.



**WE WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN THE MORNING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19. SPEAK TO REV. MIKE ASAP IF YOU WANT FARRINGDON TO BE YOUR NEW HOME CHURCH. WE'D LOVE FOR YOU JOIN US!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME BACK!! - We are happy to have been able to open our doors for in-person worship at Farrington starting Sunday, September 19. It is so wonderful to be back together as a church family after such uncertain times. Due to the continuing concern regarding Covid cases and variants in the province, we will need to continue with precautions and restrictions in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please be advised of the following as we return to worship.

- Masks will be required at all times in the building, except for those speaking or singing from the chancel area. Disposable masks will be available for anyone who forgets to bring one.
- We will continue to maintain social distancing. Pews will be marked off accordingly. Those from the same households may be seated together. Once we have reached our seating capacity in the sanctuary, seating will be available in the auditorium where you may view the service live on the big screen.
- We will not resume coffee hour after church at this time. Please exit the building after worship without excessive gathering.
- We will continue to record attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- Please make use of hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- We will be recording the live service each week to be posted online for anyone not yet comfortable returning to worship.

We hope that by following these guidelines, we will be able to safely worship together once again. We will keep everyone advised of any changes that may occur.

Stay safe and stay well.

~*Cyndy Kirk* ~ Senior Elder

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## *Advent 3*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**10:30 A.M.**

*“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6*

### **OPENING HYMNS:**

#### **ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

1. *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*
2. *He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of  
all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour  
holy.*
3. *And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming  
love, for that child, so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n  
above, and he leads his children on to the place where he has  
gone.*

### **WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**

1. *What child is this who lay to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?*

*Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary*

2 *So bring him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own him  
The King of Kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
Raise, raise the song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The babe, the son of Mary*

#### OH, HOW JOYFULLY

1 *Oh, how joyfully, oh, how hopefully,  
waits the world on Christmas eve!  
Love comes healing, God revealing.  
Friends, be joyful and believe!*

2 *Oh, how joyfully, oh, how peacefully,  
sleeps the world on Christmas night!  
Sins are covered, grace discovered.  
In our darkness shines the light!*

3 *Oh, how joyfully, oh, how thankfully,  
wakes the world on Christmas morn!  
God has spoken, death is broken.  
Alleluia, Christ is born!*

**PRELUDE #1: A CHRISTMAS COURANTE FROM "TERPSICHORE"**

*by Michael Praetorius*

**PRELUDE #2: HARK THE HERALD ANGEL'S SING** *by Laura Anna Page*

**THE CHIMES SUMMON US TO WORSHIP** (stand, if able)

**THE GREETING:** Leader: The Lord be with you  
People: And also with you

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Read **Bold Section**)

Psalm 84;

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**Our souls long and even faint for You.**

Our hearts and our flesh cry out for the living God.

**Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;**

They will always praise You.

**For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

The Lord God is our sun and shield;

**The Lord gives us grace and glory**

**HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD**

- 1 *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing (X3)*
- 2 *Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy (X3)*
- 3 *He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love (X3)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**"FARRINGDON FAMILY CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION"**  
**(SEE INSERT)**



## LOVE CAME DOWN

1        *Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely, love divine  
Love was born at Christmas time  
Star and angels gave the sign*

2        *Worship we the Godhead  
Love incarnate, love divine  
Worship we our Jesus  
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

3        *Love shall be our token  
Love be yours and love be mine  
Love to God and neighbour  
Love for plea and gift and sign*

SERMON:

## **THE BEST GIFT EVER**

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AS WE ARE NOT DISMISSING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO FILL OUT A "SERMON NOTES" ACTIVITY SHEET. RETURN IT COMPLETED TO KATELYN AT THE END OF THE SERVICE FOR A PRIZE!

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (spoken prayerfully in unison)

Our merciful Father,  
We have sinned against you in what we have done and in what we have left undone.  
We have loved you and our neighbours with half hearts and hard hearts.  
We are sorry and humbly repent of this.  
Because of Jesus, have mercy on us and forgive every sin.  
Empower us to do your will and love you more.  
For the glory of your Name. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **HOLY COMMUNION:**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:  
He descended into hell:  
The third day he rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE INVITATION:**

### **THE PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**The Sanctus & Benedictus (said in unison): Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE CONSECRATION:**

**The Agnus Dei (said in unison): O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us (X2). O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.**

### **THE FRACTION AND DISTRIBUTION:**

**OFFERING:** *Please, place your Tithes and Offerings on the offering plate at the front or back of the church as you exit at the end of service.*

## 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  
forever and ever, Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERING RESPONSE:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

## SPOKEN BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION CLOSING HYMN:

*Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

## THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE:    **HARK THE HERALD ANGEL'S SING**    *by Laura Anna Page*

Thank you to our song leaders, David Dean, Dorothy Calbeck  
and Margie Hunter for their participation in today's service music.



**PLEASE NOTE:** We will have our annual Christmas Eve family service on Friday, December 24th at 7 pm. Due to necessary social distancing restrictions with seating, we will require preregistration for this service so that we can anticipate attendance. Depending on the number of people attending, we will be able to offer additional seating in the auditorium with our projection system. Please preregister with Cindy in the office either by phone **519.759.2495** or by email **secretary@farringdonchurch.com** no later than end of day on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are visiting today,  
welcome and thank you for joining us in worship of God!  
We hope your experience at Farringdon is uplifting and hope to see you again very soon. Please, sign our guest book in the Narthex!

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC** – As we approach the Advent & Christmas season, we know that many of you have favourite hymns at this time of year. We would like to include as many of your favourites as possible during our Advent & Christmas services. Please contact the office or Rev. Mike with any favourite hymns and we will do our best to include them!

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assisting with Worship Service for Sunday, December 12, 2021

Door Greeter: Annette Holyhomes

Deacon: Dave Kennedy

Sunday Dec. 12 - 10:30 a.m. Farringdon Church Service

Monday Dec. 13 - 6:30-8 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study

Tuesday Dec. 14- 6-8 p.m. Children & Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday Dec. 15 - 7 p.m. Joint Board/Elders/Deacons Meeting



Our Midweek Children and Youth **Christmas Party** will be on **Tuesday December 14th from 6-8pm**. We are looking for two adult helpers and pre-wrapped Christmas treats! If you are interested in helping out please connect with Katelyn! And... if you're a child or youth don't forget to register through Eventbrite!

We have made a donation through the Benevolent Fund, on behalf of the Farrington congregation, to the BC Flood Relief, through the Red Cross. Donations are being matched by both the federal and BC governments. Our prayers are with our fellow Canadians in BC during this challenging time.

Midweek programs will be on a break from **December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.  
We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas Break!

## CHRISTMAS PLANTS AND DECORATIONS



*From - Wendy Bethune in Memory of Don Bethune*

Thank you to our Farrington Family

Tom would be so proud that everyone prayed for him. All the telephone calls, so many cards and charity donations in his honour were such a sign of respect! Everyone commented on what a gentle and happy man he was. I would agree as we had a loving 64 years together. A special thank you to Reverend Mike and the staff who were a big help to our family.

~Carol and Tom's Family~



We are once again asking for donations to our Mitten Tree. Please bring your donations of mittens, hats or scarves to the Mitten Tree in the narthex. Donations will be taken to Children's Aid to be distributed to needy families.

Barb & Dave Gilbert, of our Farringdon family, tragically experienced a house fire this week. They have lost everything. Barb is currently in hospital.

We will reach out in all possible ways as a church family to assist them at this time. A financial donation will be made through the Farringdon Benevolent Fund. In addition, a GoFundMe page has been set up by a neighbour to support the family. If you wish to make an online donation, the website is: <https://gofund.me/3a25e4d9>

If you prefer to make a private donation, you may mail or bring a cheque **Payable to Dave Gilbert** to the church, marked for this purpose, and we will be sure all donations reach the family. We will update the congregation with the family's future needs as we can. Please keep the Gilbert family in your prayers at this time. Anyone wishing to send a card or note to the Gilberts can drop off at the church also and the family will pick up from there.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FARRINGDON

Sunday, Dec. 12 - Worship at 10:30 am with special Family Christmas Presentation

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Worship at 10:30 am with Festival of Lessons and Carols

Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - No worship service

Sunday, Dec. 26 - Boxing Day - Church closed but online service available on our YouTube page

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Regular Worship at 10:30 am



Farringdon Children's Ministries Is Collecting...

# Juice Box Donations



Orange • Apple • Grape • Peach • Fruit Punch • Mixed  
Berry • Strawberry Kiwi • Mango • Kool Aid Jammers

The Options are Endless. And we are not Picky.

Any kind of juice box will do.

Drop of to Katelyn, or her Office.

THANK YOU

## Birthdays and Anniversaries - Do we Have Yours?

If your birthday, family members' birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in our newsletters or bulletin and you would like them to be, please make sure we have them. We know from the list we have that some are missing. We don't print the year 😊 Please provide the dates to Cindy in the Church Office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Celebrating Birthdays in December  
15-Sarah McGoldrick, 19-Mason Dumais,  
24-Carole Scordino



Celebrating Anniversaries in December  
24-Derek & Claudette Tiller

For any Bulletin News or Announcements please contact Cindy Hossack at the Church Office by Thursday mornings at: [secretary@farringdonchurch.com](mailto:secretary@farringdonchurch.com) or 519 759-2495 EXT #4

## Dimes For Ethan



We are resuming our dime drive for Ethan as he continues to raise money for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Please view the display in the Narthex. One water bottle= \$100. Do you think we can collect five by January 2022? Let's give it a shot!



**LAY READERS NEEDED** - With our reopening, we are inviting members of the congregation to participate in the service as lay readers. You would be scheduled approximately once every 2-3 months to read one of the scriptures during the service. Rev. Mike will provide you with the reading in advance. You will also receive a readers' schedule so that you can trade dates with someone if you know you will be away on a given Sunday. If you would like to be added to the lay readers' list, or if you are currently on the list and are unable to continue, please contact Cyndy Kirk.



**SINGERS NEEDED!** - Although we have reopened for worship, due to pandemic precautions we will not yet be resuming our choir or congregational singing. Therefore, we would like to have two or three volunteer singers each week to lead the hymns from the chancel area. You would only need to volunteer occasionally depending on the number of volunteers we have. You do not need to be a choir member. Derek will arrange a time to rehearse the hymns with you prior to the service. If you would like to volunteer for this music ministry, please contact Derek.

**Website Address and Social Media** Check out the Farrington website and Facebook page for all updates and information. To access Member's content, you need to register on the website. You will receive a temporary password via email which can be changed when you log in. Our website address is [www.farringtonchurch.ca](http://www.farringtonchurch.ca)

If you would like to use the church hall for an event, please complete a "Building Use Request Form" and forward it to the Board of Deacons c/o, Chair ~ Wyatt Thompson for approval at 226-922-1927. You can get this form on the CE wing bulletin board or in the Church Office during office hours.

## FARRINGTON NEXT WEEK

Assisting with Worship Service for Sunday, December 19, 2021

Door Greeters: Susan Daniels & Rebecca Culverhouse

Deacon: Dave Kennedy

Sunday Dec. 19 - 10:30 a.m. Farrington Church Service

Friday Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service



## **FARRINGTON CHURCH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY, DEC. 27 - CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 28 - CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 - CLOSED**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 30 - CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 31 - CLOSED**

**Office: 519 759-2495 EXT. #4**

**If calling after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.**

**Rev. Mike can be contacted on his cell phone when the office is closed at 1-226-339-4340**

## **FARRINGTON CHURCH**



**COME AND SEE**