

FARRINGDON CHURCH



Peace

ADVENT WEEK FOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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.



TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS BRIAN BOYD AND JIM HALYK.

Announcements:

WELCOME BACK!- 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 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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:

I WONDER AS I WANDER #225

- 1 *I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*
- 2 *When Mary birthed Jesus, twas in a cow's stall,
with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
but high from God's heaven a star light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.*
- 3 *If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King.*

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY #189

- 1 *Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

Chorus: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

*2 Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light*

*3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; you have seen the natal star*

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING # 185

*1 Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"*

*2 Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King"*

PRELUDE 1: COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

**PRELUDE 2: TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME
I WONDER AS I WANDER
(PIANIST: SHIRLEY COBURN, ORGANIST: DEREK TILLER)**

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

THE GREETING: Leader: The Lord is with you
People: And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP: (read **bold** section)

Come, young and old to the Ancient of Days
Come, sinner and saint to the Saviour of all
Bring all your burdens to the Prince of peace
We bow in worship to the King of kings
Let us thank God for Jesus
And praise his holy name!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS; BRIAN BOYD AND JIM HALYK. GIVE THEM YOUR PERSONAL WELCOME TODAY!

CHILDREN HYMN: AWAY IN A MANGER #205 (vs. 1&2)

*1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay*

*2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
 And stay by my side until morning is nigh*

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH KATELYN HINES

(Children remain in pews until Katelyn directs them for Sunday school.)



Light Advent Candle #4



Emma Frost and Katelyn Hines

---Children go to Sunday School---

AWAY IN A MANGER #205 (vs. 3)

*3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay
 Close by me forever and love me I pray
 Bless all the dear children Thy tender care
 And fit us for heaven to live with You there.*



LESSONS AND CAROLS

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 10-11

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION # 152

- 1 *Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Chorus: Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*
- 2 *He brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.*

ISAIAH 11:1-5, 10

**THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR
(SOLOIST: BRIAN BOYD, ACCOMPANIST: SHIRLEY COBURN)**

ISAIAH 9:1-7

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES # 177 (2x)

*Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, living Word*

LUKE 1:26-38

THE ANGEL GABRIEL, FROM HEAVEN CAME # 169

1 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary"*

Chorus: Most highly favoured Mary, Gloria!

2 *For know a blessed mother you shall be.
All generations praise continually
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,*

3 *Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."*

LUKE 2:1-7

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

(PIANIST: SHIRLEY COBURN, ORGANIST: DEREK TILLER)

LUKE 2:8-20

NIGHT OF SILENCE, SILENT NIGHT

(DUET: FRAN JACKSON AND LEESA MEIJERINK)

MATTHEW 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS OFFERING (GUITAR GROUP)

JOHN 1:1-5, 10-14

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE! # 198

1 *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say 'Jesus Christ is born today'.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! (X2)*

2 *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! (X2)*

3 *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! (X2)*

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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

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: NOEL PROVENCAEL

by M. Corrette

Thank you to this week's song leaders, David and Cyndy Kirk and all the musicians for their contributions to today's service music.

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!

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 require preregistration for this service so that we can anticipate attendance. Depending on the number of people attending, we will 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 23rd.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC – Many of you have favorite hymns which we would like to include during our Advent & Christmas services. Please contact the office with any favourite hymns and we will do our best to include them!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Farringdon Church Service

Friday December 24th – 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (please preregister)



WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO KATELYN AND ALL OUR YOUTH FAMILIES FOR THEIR WONDERFUL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION HELD DURING LAST WEEK'S SERVICE. EVERYONE DID AN AMAZING JOB. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU ALL IN OUR FARRINGDON FAMILY. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



The Butler family would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Annett for shovelling and salting our sidewalks for us during our recent family illness.

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



FROM THE JANE LAYCOCK LIBRARY

A selection of Christmas items from the library are displayed on the cart in the Narthex and ready to be taken out. When you are ready to return items, please place them in the Return box.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,
Anna Locke, Helen Kennedy and Lisa Onbelet (Rattee)

CHRISTMAS PLANTS AND DECORATIONS



From - Wendy Bethune in Memory of Don Bethune



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.

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 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

Barb & Dave Gilbert, of our Farrington family, tragically experienced a house fire. 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 Farrington 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 FARRINGTON

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



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
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 or 519 759-2495 EXT #4

Website Address and Social Media Check out the Farringdon 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.farringdonchurch.ca



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!



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.



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.



FARRINGDON 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**

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COME AND SEE