

FARRINGDON CHURCH



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022
JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

FARRINGDON CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

10:30 A.M.

*"Let every created thing praise the Lord, for he commanded it
and they came into being". Psalm 148:5*

PRELUDE 1: ANGEL'S DESCENDING

by Johann Strasburg

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)

I was glad when they said to me
'Let us go to the house of the Lord'
We listen to the Word of Life
Who is revelation for the Gentiles
We worship God's Messiah
Who is the glory of Israel
Visit us and our families, dear Lord
And we will declare your praise.

OPENING HYMN: AS WITH GLADNESS (236)

*1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore our splendour see*

- 2 *As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before him, whom heav'n and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.*
- 3 *As they offered gifts most rare at that manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.*
- 4 *Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 148:1-6 13-14 by Helen Kennedy

(After lesson) Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 2:21-35 by Rev. Mike

(After lesson) Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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.**

CHILDRENS HYMN: EMMANUEL (178) TWICE

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel*

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH KATELYN HINES

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

---Children go to Sunday School---

HYMN: WHILE BY THE SHEEP (200)

1 *While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.*

*Chorus: How great our joy, great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy (X2)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (X2)*

2 *There shall the child lie in a stall,
this child who shall redeem us all.*

3 *This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill.*

Unfortunately, Reverend Mike and Katelyn were unable to attend the service on January 2nd due to illness. Fortunately, both are well and returning for the January 9th service. Cyndy kirk led the service with the following reflection piece:

PONDERING IN OUR HEARTS – A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION

Early on in his Gospel, Luke twice mentions Mary doing something extraordinary, namely, pondering something "in her heart." The first occasion is after the departure of the shepherds at the Nativity; the second is when she and Joseph discover the child Jesus speaking with the Temple elders. Luke's phrase is telling. For Mary to "ponder" something "in her heart," is not simply for her to remember the details or get her facts straight. Rather, it seems more a way to take in something in its totality and to let it sink down deep, into the heart, the place where it can change you.

Were we to be like Mary, how might we ponder in our hearts what we ourselves have seen and heard this past Christmas season so that, before it closes, we might learn something more from it than we did the first time through?

Something which might just sink down deep and somehow change us.
Perhaps these questions might be of some help.

What was the best, the greatest, gift you received this year - not the brightest gift or the shiniest or the fastest or the most expensive gift, but the best gift, the greatest gift? Who gave it to you? And do they even know they did?

What was the best gift you gave this year, one that may have cost you a little or one which may have cost you a lot. And the little or a lot that it might have cost you might not have been money at all.

If there was something you did in the last several weeks which was just what someone else needed, just when they needed it, just what was it?

If there was one time when all your troubles, your cares and worries, seemed to you far, far away - what was that time? And what chased your troubles away?

If there was one glance you had of someone else that allowed you to see them fresh, as if for the very first time, yet see them as well radiant with all that they mean to you - what was that time? And who was that person?

Was there ever a time - perhaps in a crowd and surrounded with people or perhaps by yourself - that it struck you that you are a lucky, lucky person? What was that time? Who were those people around you, if people there were? And what seems to have brought that feeling on?

If you said one thing exactly right, exactly true and straight from your heart, just what exactly did you say? And to whom did you say it? And why?

If within the last few weeks you brushed a tear from your eye secretly so that no one else could see it, why did that tear come? And what did that tear mean?

When do you feel the proudest? The happiest? The most content? Indeed, the most yourself?

If you could look back over the many, many moments of this tender season now ending and pick out one moment from among them all - just one -pick the one where somehow you knew in your heart that it was all true: the angels indeed did sing, the shepherds indeed did worship, the kings indeed did bring their gifts and bow low - and all of this because at that one moment you felt almost held aloft by kind and mighty hands; and if you could take that one moment and hold it in your heart forever, take it out and gaze upon it from time to time as if to look upon a kind of snow globe, just what would that one moment be?

- Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.

VIDEO HYMN: SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART

*1 What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
 Since Jesus came into my heart;
 I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
 Since Jesus came into my heart.*

*Chorus: Since Jesus came into my heart (X2)
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart*

*2 I have ceased from my wand'rings and going astray,
 Since Jesus came into my heart;
 And my sins which were many are all washed away,
 Since Jesus came into my heart.*

*3 I shall go there to dwell in that city I know,
 Since Jesus came into my heart;
 And I'm happy, so happy as onward I go,
 Since Jesus came into my heart.*

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

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: HALLELUJAH CHORUS

G. F. Handel

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S SONG LEADERS, LEESA AND HANNAH MEIJERINK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION 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!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assisting with Worship Service for Sunday, January 2, 2022

Door Greeter: Leesa Meijerink

Deacon: Dave Kennedy

Sunday, Jan. 2 - 10:30 a.m. Farringdon Church Service

Monday Jan. 3 - 6:30-8 p.m. Jr. High Bible Study

Tuesday Jan. 4 – 6-7:30 p.m. Kids Club

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.

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

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.

CELEBRATING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

3-Scott Sangster, 4-Angela Stubbart-Beaton, 5-Pat Trevor, 9-John Rattee, 13-Peter Wright & Derek Tiller, 15-Michelle Petrella, 16-Richard Carter, 19-Nathan Spragg, 23-James Locke, 29-Khloe Jackson, 31-Karen Thompson

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY IN JANUARY

23 - Rebecca & John Dumais



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.



CHURCH ENVELOPES - Offering Envelopes for 2021 have arrived and are in the Narthex to be picked up. Your name is on your box of envelopes. If you are not attending Church services currently, please come to the Church during office hours [after Jan. 4th, 2022](#) to pick up your offering envelopes. If you have not had offering envelopes before but would like to be assigned a box for the 2022 year, please contact Cindy at the church office [ASAP](#) so your name can be put on the list. If you have been thinking about providing your Church offering by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) but would like more information about how it works, please pick up a PAR brochure in the Narthex. Let Cindy in the Church office know if you would like to provide your offering in this convenient way.

NOTE!!!!: All committee chairs are asked to submit their annual reports to Cindy in the office no later than February 25, 2022 in order to have them included in the Annual Report. Reports should be submitted via email if possible. If submitting a written copy please submit early so that it can be printed.

Barb & Dave Gilbert, of our Farringdon 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 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.



FARRINGDON CHURCH REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 – 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 - 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 - 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 – 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

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

COME AND SEE

