



Presbyterians Sharing

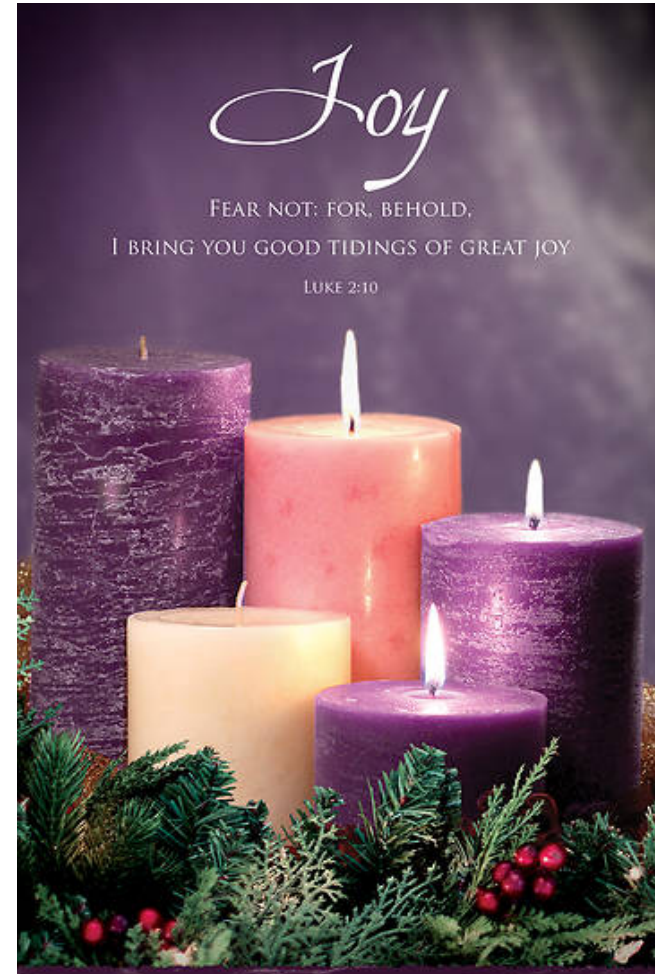
In this time of sharing, we remind you of the option to support Presbyterians Sharing additional to your normal offering. As a congregation we commit to supporting this work. If you want to contribute to our congregation's support of Presbyterians Sharing, please mark an envelope "Presbyterians Sharing" and we will include it in DPC contribution towards this action.

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing:

- help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times
 - equip leaders to serve and lead the church in Canada and around the world
 - work with international partners to share the good news of Christ
 - address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination
 - advocate for and act to protect and restore God's creation
 - provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation
 - share stories and experiences of Presbyterians through the Connection newspaper, presbyterian.ca website, social media and e-newsletters
- ...and so much more!

Anyone who would like offering envelopes can do so by asking Wendy McConnell, our church secretary for some. There are also request cards for them at the back of the church on the table. You can fill out the form and just leave it in the offering plates.

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**Sunday,
December 15, 2024**

Musical Prelude

Words of Welcome, Birthdays or Anniversaries:

Announcements:

Advent Reading: The Candle of Joy

Singing of "Hope is a Star" (DB 119, vs. 3)

Call to Worship:

Blessing:

Praise:

Worship:

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

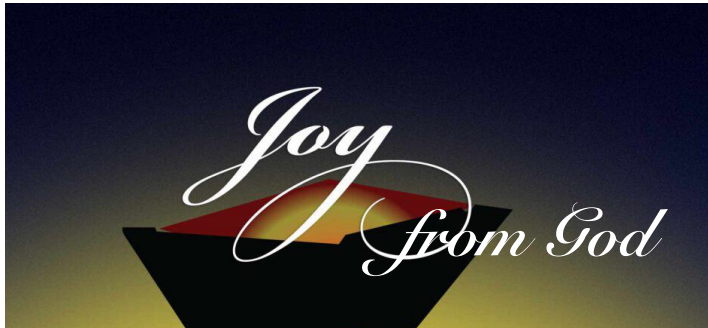
Children's Story: Magi worship Jesus (Matthew 2: 1-12)

Children's Music:

Prayer for Guidance from the Holy Spirit:

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (NIV)

Sermon:



Closing Prayer: "Lord in your mercy ... " & "Hear our prayers"

Offering: "Joyful, joyful" (verse 1)

Dedication: Prayer

Hymn: "Joy to the World" (DB 153)

Benediction and Verbal Amen: "Forward in Faith"

Waiting, preparation, and now joy . . . the third week in Advent.

**Joy not determined by how we feel,
but by who God is and all He does.**

The Announcements

Good morning to everyone! Following the service, you are invited to join us downstairs for a time of refreshment and fellowship

The children of the church will be doing their Christmas presentation as part of next Sunday's church service. This will be followed by a luncheon downstairs provided by the members of the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committee.

A celebration for Doreen Weaver's 95th Birthday will take place on Sunday, **December 29** following the church service. Doreen's family is providing the food for a luncheon after the service and invite everyone to come out to give good wishes to Doreen.

Please remember those who need our prayers as we have the 7 O'Clock Prayer time on Tuesday and the 10 O'Clock Prayer time on Wednesday.

Communicant classes for anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Presbyterian Church are being planned. Please contact Will - 226-974-6265 if interested.

Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7 p.m.

Don't forget there will be a Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at the Durham Community Centre (arena). The doors open at 1 p.m. with the meal being served at 3 p.m. There will be carolling and entertainment. This is a free event.

For the month of November, the givings were \$8,530.91 while the expenses were \$9,431.05 This left a shortfall of \$900.14 for the month. The bank balance at the end of the month was \$64,196.91.

It is that time of the year again! Time to get your group reports and financials together for the annual year book. The deadline to submit reports is Sunday, January 19.

The next Gen Next Service is set for Sunday, January 19. Please take note of this.

We are always looking for people willing to be readers during our church service. If interested in this ministry, please speak to Wendy.