



## Parish of the Ascension Chimes



**Sunday, December 10, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Lections:** Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8;  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, **Refrain: Show us your  
mercy, O Lord.**

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Presider/Homilist: Rev'd Lynn Courage

**9:15 a.m. Ascension Café**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**  
Presider: Rev. John Courage  
Homilist: Rev'd Lynn Courage  
Reader: Phyllis Forward, Vicki Larkin  
Gift Bearers: Stewart & Cindy Button  
Hymns (CP): 101; 106; 114; 116 & 103; 111

**6:30 p.m. IONA Quiet Liturgy**  
Presider/Homilist: Rev'd Canon David Burrows  
Hymns (CP): 103; 108; 116

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see  
the salvation of God." Luke 3.4,6*

**Food Bank:** There has been an increase in people coming to the parish in need of food. When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are **tea bags, sugar & peanut butter**. If you wish, you may also donate to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**ACW Members** are reminded of their Christmas pot luck social on Monday Dec 11 at 5:30 PM.

**Donations/Offerings** In order to have donations/offerings included on your income tax receipt for 2017, they must be received at The Ascension Business Office by Sunday December 31, 2017.

**Office Closure:** During the Christmas season the office will be closed from Monday December 25, 2017 to Monday January 1, 2018 and will reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2017.

**Thank You:** A sincere thank you is given to all those who helped make this year's Senior's Christmas Eucharist, Supper and Fellowship a wonderful success. We give thanks to the following groups and persons offering their gifts, talents and service. All of you helped make the seniors of the parish have a joyful and festive evening. Thank you to: The 2018 Confirmation Class and parents; the Junior Choir and parents; the Godly Play children, leaders and parents; CLB members, leaders and parents; Baptism Preparation team; the Servers Guild; ACW & MSC; people who donated soups, desserts and rolls; people who donated gifts and wrapping; the Christmas Mummer and Santa & Mrs. Claus; Roger Learning & Florence Simms for assisting in the kitchen; the parents and leaders who guided our youth with serving the meal; the Church Wardens, vestry members, Wayne Courage & Maurice Baker for helping with serving the food and kitchen clean-up; and all others who helped make this event such a wonderful success.

**The Music Ministry Board** is the process of having the name plaques put in place. We hope to have this project completed for dedication next Sunday, December 17, 2017. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

**Advent Packages:** Please pick up your Advent packages that have been organized alphabetically (at the back of the church and in the porch) to avoid having others brave the cold weather to deliver them to your door. Thank you!

**Duty Teams next week:** Sidespersons # 5; Counting # 7

**The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group** is holding their monthly "Caregivers Education and Support Program" on Tuesday, December 19th, at Park Place Community Centre from 1:30-3:00p.m. If you are a primary caregiver and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

**Christmas Hamper Program:** Please visit our Advent Tree located in the Church. Again, this year we have our Advent Tree decorated with tree ornament tags. Each tag holds the name of a food item needed for our Christmas Hamper Program. If you would like to participate by providing a food item for a Christmas dinner, please take a tag and return your donation to the Church Office. We will gladly accept these donations from Thursday, December 14 to Sunday, December 17 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please note: Food items cannot be accepted after Sunday, December 17. If you or someone you know, would like to be a mentor (to assist in the coordination) with the Christmas Hamper Program, please let us know. For more information please contact Georgina Short at email: [ggshort@yahoo.ca](mailto:ggshort@yahoo.ca) or 682-7928.

**St. Margaret's Advent Outreach:** This year our outreach is in aid of Brighter Futures Healthy Baby Club who meet in our parish hall on Thursday mornings. They provide pre and post-natal guidance and support to pregnant mothers. We invite you to pick a tag or two from our Advent tree, purchase the item, and return it to the church placing it in our play yard located in the side vestibule. Thank you for your support.

**Flowers/Memorials at Christmas:** Anyone wishing to give a Christmas Memorial is asked to call the Church Office at 368-5693 or place a plain envelope with the appropriate information and contribution in the collection plate the next two Sundays. **The deadline to submit names for inclusion in our Christmas bulletin insert will be Monday, December 11.**

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Following our Lessons and Carol Service next Sunday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. there is going to be a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carol Sing. The Event will include the lighting of a bulb in memory of a loved one or in honour of a special occasion (minimum donation \$5). Please submit names and donations by December 7.

**Godly Play:** This year's Christmas pageant will be taking place at the 11 a.m. service on December 17. All children are welcome to participate. Practice and role assignments began on December 3. For further information or questions please call **Doreen at 364-1454.**

**Ascension Prayer Circle:**

Please pray for these individuals this week: Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Fred, Gwen, Harold, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jeff, Jennifer, Jerome, Jessie, Jill, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Shirley, Stan, Stephen, Todd, Terry and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died, especially those murdered in the Montreal Massacre and all victims who have died as a result of violence. Rest eternal grant to them, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter. Amen.

<b>Services During the Week:</b>	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
<b>Wednesday December 13, 2017</b>	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	10 a.m. – Noon	Bible Study
	Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Stations of the Crib
<b>Sunday Dec. 17, 2017 Advent III</b>	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Welsh Eucharist & Godly Play Pageant
	6:30 p.m.	Lessons & Carols followed by Tree Lighting

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**OPENING RESPONSES**

High on the mountains  
Someone is shouting  
**Here comes God**

Justice is marching  
Peace is following  
**Here comes God**

Help is near  
Shout for glory  
**Here comes God**

**CLOSING RESPONSES**

Through the years and millennia  
Through days and moments  
**We are travelling home**

Trusting in promises  
Covered in mercy  
**We are travelling home**

Growing in holiness  
Heading for glory  
**We are travelling home**

**Blessing**

We travel in time;  
May God walk with us into eternity.

We travel in hope;  
May God sing with us through the darkness.

We travel in wonder;  
May God dance with us in holy joy.

So may the blessing of the God of glory,  
Traveler, Storyteller, Dancer,  
Be in us today and every day. AMEN

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Loving God, help us prepare for your coming, getting ourselves ready and looking for you to appear. Amen

**ADVENT SONG - People Look East vs 2**

Furrows, be glad; though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength, the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.