

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd. Sunday of Advent – December 9th, 2018 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print
PREPARATION & PRAYER**

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CHRIS NESS

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Manuel's

(Sung response – "Hope is a Star" – VU# 7, v. 2)

**2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.**

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

**The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

In this advent season, as we wait, we share the peace with each other. The peace of the coming Christ be with you. **And with you also!**

GATHERING WORDS:

Christmas is coming! The Promised One is near;

The One who is peace and makes us peace-keepers is near.

Christmas is coming! Christ, the Peace-bringer, is near;

The One who makes become friends to the stranger.

Christmas is coming!

We wait in HOPE!

***HYMN:** VU#228 "Sing Praises to God"

LAUDATE DOMINUM

- 1 Sing praises to God! Sing praise in the height;
rejoice in God's word, blest angels of light;
high heavens, recalling by whom you were made,
come, offer your worship in brightness arrayed.**
- 2 Sing praises to God! Sing praise upon earth,
in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth;
praise God, who has brought you rich grace from above,
and showered your life with abundance of love.**
- 3 Sing praises to God, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, your glory tell out in deep tone,
and trumpets, the story of what God has done.**
- 4 Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured, all ages along:
for love in creation, for hope spread abroad,
for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Hewitt Holmes

We come before you, Living God, as travelers on the Advent journey.

Give us a song in our hearts; Words on our lips; joy in our steps so that we may be encouraged on this advent journey to be peacemakers and peace-keepers.

We come before you, Living God, as travelers on the Advent journey.

Give peace to our homes, in this faith community, in troubled countries and our wherever in our world there is conflict and war, in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE: #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

CARIBBEAN

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

SILENCE

HYMN: VU#299 "Teach Me, God to Wonder"

MCNAUGHT

Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

**1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.**

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

**2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R**

**3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R**

**4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

PROCLAMATION

BIBLE READING: Luke 1:68-79

Mark Tims

68 "Blessed are you, the Most High God of Israel – for you have visited and redeemed your people.

69 You have raised up a mighty savior for us of the house of David,

70 as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones, the prophets of ancient times:

71salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes.

72 You have shown mercy to our ancestors by remembering the holy Covenant you made with them,

73 the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham,
74 granting that we, delivered from the hands of our enemies, might
serve you without fear,
75 in holiness and justice, in your presence all our days.
76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for
you'll go on before our God to prepare the way for the Promised One,
77 giving the people the knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of
their sins.
78 Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring
the Rising Sun to visit us,
79 to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY: *"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly"* THE CHOIR

SERMON: "Peace in a World of Turmoil" *Hewitt Holmes*

PEOPLE OF FAITH

***HYMN:** VU#684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" CHANNEL OF PEACE

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:**

- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

WE GIVE AND CARE

Offering Music:

CHRIS NESS

*Offering Response: MV#191 "What Can I do?" WHAT CAN I DO?

What Can I do? What Can I bring? What Can I say?

What Can I Sing?

I'll Sing with Joy. I'll Say a Prayer. I'll Bring my Love.

I'll Do My Share.

*Offering Prayer

Hewitt Holmes

***HYMN:** MV#221 "I Am Walking a Path of Peace" JANET BAUMAN TISSANDIER

**1.I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
Lead me home, lead me home**

**2.I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
lead me home, lead me home.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer – Traditional): (VU, pg. 914)

Our Father (Creator), 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***HYMN:** VU#577 "I've Got Peace like a River" PEACE LIKE A RIVER

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.**
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.**
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.**

COMMISSIONING:

Go from here as God's Advent people, ready to be prophets for your time and generation.

We are prepared to take part in God's saving work.

Go from this place, ready to speak out against oppression and injustice.

We are prepared to go against selfishness and fear.

Go from here ready to be a voice for the voiceless.

We are prepared to be advocate for those who are at risk.
Go from this place, ready to speak of Jesus Christ in an unbelieving world.

We are prepared to live out our belief in action.
God goes with us – Christ is our companion and the Spirit will lead as we go.

SENDING SONG: “Go Now in Peace” N. Price/D. Besig

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. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE

CHRIS NESS

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

December 23-31, 2018

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: Team 4 - Derryl Johnston, Ruth & Dave Wainwright, Laurie Crosson, Tom & Bev Stockdale, Ria Won, Peter Eddy, Cathy & Reg Battaglia & **WELCOMING ELDER:** Joan Harris

HEARING ASSISTS are available from an Usher.

SCRIPTURE READERS needed for worship? Contact Hewitt or Joyce Moore.

PARKING is available in the underground building next to the Lawyers office, on the streets and in the Church parking lot. WE kindly ask you **NOT TO PARK** your vehicle in the marked pathway between designated accessibility parking spots. Thank you!

STAY CONNECTED...TODAY

WELCOME to worship at Collier. We are happy to have you with us. We ask our visitors to sign the book at the front main entrance. Feel free to worship the Holy One in Spirit and Truth. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Hall after the service. If you would like to help with purchasing supplies and serving Tea/Coffee, please speak with Joyce Moore.

INTERIM – Organist is Chris Ness & Choir Director Sharon Saint.

SING-A-LONG Join the choir **today at 3pm** for their 3rd Annual Christmas sing-a-long. Come and sing with the choir, bring a friend or family member(s). Freewill offering, proceeds towards our music community outreach, followed by refreshments.

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

DECEMBER: "Hope, Peace, Joy & Love"

Dec. 16th Philippians 4:4-9 *Joy in the World - Rejoice*
Hewitt Holmes

Dec 23rd Hebrews 10:5-10 *Love Lifted Me*
Hewitt Holmes

Dec 30th Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52 *Yalad-Bring Forth*
Hewitt Holmes

FUNDSCRIP – Gift card order forms are on the reception desk. We will be submitting 2 orders on Dec. 10th and Dec 17th. Orders must be into Vickie by 9am Monday mornings.

COLLIER'S EMAIL NEWSLETTER - We are now sending occasional newsletter emails to congregants (weekly or bi-weekly) with Collier news, events and updates. We encourage you to sign up to receive these emails. You can either call the office to give them your email address, or go to the website - you can sign up right on the homepage under "Subscribe to our newsletter".

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS - Both fall programs continue. Feel free to volunteer to help. Speak to Hewitt soon.

...AS WE LEARN & GROW IN FAITH

DAILY READING - *Physical Exercise is good but of limited value, Godliness is very dear, a pledge of life, both there and here. (1 Timothy 4:8).* So we spend some time with God and the Scriptures each day this week:

Mon., Dec. 10 – Rev. 1	Tues., Dec. 11 – Rev. 2
Wed. Dec. 12 – Rev. 3	Thurs., Dec. 13 – Rev. 4
Fri., Dec. 14 – Rev. 5	Sat., Dec. 15 – Rev. 6

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

POTLUCK – Congregation and friends on **January 12th at 6pm**, we will be having a great meal and fellowship in the gym. All are welcome, please bring a dish/dessert. For more information contact Leona 705-726-1884

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation.

PRAYER REQUESTS - *write on a care card and place in the offering plate.* Please hold in your prayers the following (at their request):

Melanie Moffat, Rid & Agnes Groves, Jim Lamont, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Albert & Joyce Naylor, Ruby Johnston & Shirley Dunstan.

FACILITY RENTALS - We have the following facilities available for rent to support the needs of the community:-Church Hall, -Sanctuary, Meeting Rooms, Office Space. Available hourly, daily, weekly or monthly. Contact Vickie as indicated above.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDS – In January 2019, we will be placing birthdays and anniversaries in our bulletin. That is, the name and date for each week in the month. If you believe we don't have your dates, please speak to Vickie to update our records. We will also be acknowledging that Collier is on traditional lands. These will be done early in the service.

STEEPLE REPAIR –Last week work was started on repairing the Steeple. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to the walkways into the building. We thank the Property Committee and the Contractor for their efforts in restoring the Steeple.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

6:30pm – Pageant for families - *Dec. 15 & 22 rehearsals 10-12 noon.*

8:30pm – Carols, Readings, Candles & Communion.

We are encouraging worshippers to bring a 'Blessing Bag' for those in our community who would love to receive such a gift. 'Blessing Bag' may include: warm socks, toothbrush and paste, facecloth, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, refillable water bottle, travel mug, gift card for Tim Horton's etc.

LENTEN LUNCHESES - Mark your calendars for the **2019** Lenten Services; **Tuesday March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16!** Services are from **12:00 noon to 12:30 pm.**