

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd. Sunday of Advent – December 16th, 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: “Medley of Christmas Music” COLLEEN DEARHAM

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY *Mabel Peyer, Kellie & Scott Newhook*
(Sung response – “Hope is a Star” – VU# 7, v. 3)

GATHERING WORDS:

Come to this service with joy.

We rejoice in this time of prayer, music, silence, reflection, and commitment.

We come to worship, the One who brings joy.

We rejoice in that we can learn and grow in the ways of God in this faith community of friends.

Come to this service with joy.

Don't you hear us, Yes! We have come to worship – to rejoice that the coming Christ changes our ways and blesses us to serve others together.

***HYMN:** VU#30 “Hail to God's Own Anointed” CRUGER

A PRAYER INVITING CHANGE *Hewitt Holmes*

SILENCE

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.

SUNG RESPONSE: #958 “Halle, Halle, Halle” CARIBBEAN

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!**

HYMN: J.O.Y. in the Holy Ghost (insert)

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

PROCLAMATION

BIBLE READING: Philippians 4:4-9 Derryl Johnson

4 Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice!

5 Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near.

6 Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances.

7 Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus

8 Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise.

9 Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Lo' The Rose"

THE CHOIR

SERMON: "Joy in the World – Rejoice!"

Hewitt Holmes

PEOPLE OF FAITH

SILENCE

***HYMN:** VU#328 "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" JESU, JOY (WERDE MUNTER)

WE GIVE AND CARE

Offering Music: "Exceeding Joy"

HILLSONG UNITED

*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

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O God, sometimes the choices you offer are hard choices:

**to share rather than to take for ourselves,
to befriend rather than to ignore,
to tell the truth rather than evade,
to stay faithful, rather than stay with the crowd.**

May these offerings, gladly given, enable your Church

to support women and men, boys and girls,
in making faithful choices,

**which will bring glory to you, O God,
and bring closer your**

Realm of Peace, compassion and JOY. Amen

***HYMN:** MV#40 "Never Ending Joy"

DANIEL CHARLES DAMON

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Hewitt Holmes

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***HYMN:** VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

HYMN TO JOY

COMMISSIONING:

Christ is coming, rejoice.

Yea, to bring joy to you and me!

Joy is coming, rejoice.

Yea, to make us more than happy.

The Joy of Christ is coming, rejoice.

Yea, to change our world forever for the better!

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: "Rigaudon"

ANDRE CAMPRA

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The Week of Sunday, December 16th, 2018

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

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

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

DECEMBER:		"Hope, Peace, Joy & Love"	
Dec 23 rd	1 John 4:7-11	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>	Hewitt Holmes
Dec 30 th	Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52	<i>Yalad-Bring Forth</i>	Hewitt Holmes

...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. 17 – Rev. 8

Tues., Dec. 18 – Rev. 9

Wed. Dec. 19 – Rev. 10

Thurs., Dec. 20 – Rev. 11

Fri., Dec. 21 – Rev. 12

Sat., Dec. 22 – Rev. 13

FUNDSCRIP – Gift card order forms are on the reception desk. Our last order for the season will be **tomorrow, Dec. 17th**. Orders must be into Vickie by 9am Monday morning.

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".

THANK YOU – to everyone who made the **SING-A-LONG** last Sunday afternoon such a beautiful and blessed experience of carols and food.

THANK YOU from **Jesus Walk** to all those who came out on Friday, December 7 to help make our Christmas Dinner a big success. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS - Both fall programs end Dec. 23rd. In January we begin on the 6th for Collier's kids and the 12th for the 10+ Hang Out.

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

UNITY UCW – Will have our meeting tomorrow, **Mon., Dec. 17th @11:30am**. It will be at Mom's Restaurant and all friends and family are welcome

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – **Wed., Dec. 19th at 12pm**. We will be having our annual Christmas luncheon with Fellowship, good food, carol singing, fun table games & entertainment. Tickets on sale today.

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

2019 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**. Please join us for lunch immediately following the service. The cost of lunch is \$9.00 and watch for some new items on our menu... yum! Our Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets will be posted early in the New Year. Coordinators for the 2019 lunch are Joyce Moore, Lianne Patterson and Linda Wallis Dean. We look forward to your support as we work together to make the Lenten series meaningful for Collier and the community!

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 6:30pm – Pageant for families – Dec. 15&22 rehearsal – 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.

...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

December 23-31, 2018

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: Team 5 - Lynn Dolmage, Jane Craig, Sandra Roush, Larry & Sally Murray, Andrew Domashus, Murray & Carol Minshall, Barb Bassett, Nancy Clark. **WELCOMING ELDER:** Derryl Johnson

HEARING ASSISTS are available from an Usher.