



ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st. Sunday of Advent, December 1st, 2019 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Brian Frawley

Carols for December –VU#35-Good Christian Friends

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice**

**with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Carols for December -#48 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'**

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! R**

- 3 Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,**

**born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. R**

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE *Paul & Linda Fisker*

(Sung response – VU#1 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Advent journey is underway.

The Trumpets sound. Shouts are heard.

The people are gathered for worship shouting:

Prepare the way for the Lord!

Prophets proclaim God's truth. Angels sing good news.

Herald announce the coming of God's Chosen One.

Let us seek the Christ Child who is ever in our midst.

(Bill Steadman, 1995 – Worship for All Seasons – Year A)

***HYMN:** VU#2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vv. 1, 3-4)

HYFRYDOL

**1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

ADVENT PRAYER OF READINESS

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord's Prayer sung – Traditional): (VU, pg. 960)

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.

SILENCE

WE GROW AS GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN: VU#29 "Hark the Glad Sound"^(vv. 1, 3-4)

RICHMOND

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

**1 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,

**the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.**

**4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**

OFFERING & CARE CARDS

Offering Music: "Gabriel's Oboe" BRIAN FRAWLEY & KERI FORRESTER

*Offering Response: VU#540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"

*Offering Prayer

SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 958 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" CARIBBEAN
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BIBLE READINGS: Matthew 24:36-44 & Luke 2:1-2 Anne Snell

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Creator. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house

be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" CHOIR

SERMON: "Hope – The Road Home" *Hewitt Holmes*

WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN:** VU#7 "Hope Is a Star"^(vv. 1 & 4) MOON BEAMS

**1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
*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.***

**4 Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart. R**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Thanksgiving, Institution, Consecration, Re-Enactment & Distribution

(Communion will be served by Intinction. There will be three stations at the front and one in the balcony. Please walk down

toward each station in the appropriate aisle and return via the side aisles. You are asked to eat as you are served)

Communion Hymn: VU# 595 "We Are Pilgrims" SERVANT SONG

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!**

PASTORAL PRAYERS

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

BLESSING:

The joys and the hard places of this world await us,
But we have been fed with spiritual food.

We have been encouraged as a faith community;

We have been motivated to serve the powerless;

**We have been challenged as those who own the name
of Jesus Christ.**

We leave with Advent hope in our hearts.

In the name of God, Jesus and the Spirit. *(David Sparks – Prayers to Share, Year A)*

***HYMN:** VU#20 "On Jordan's Bank" (vv. 1, 4-5) WINCHESTER NEW

**1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lamb is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of Kings.**

**4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and help us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won;
and praise to God whom we adore,
with Holy Spirit evermore.**

***CLOSING 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: Brian Frawley

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...OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 6 –Nancy Clark, Mabel Peyer, Leona Appleby, Marilyn King, Betty Hunter,
Dan Riordan.*

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!*

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND:

*Collier Street United Church acknowledges that long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here. We know these First Nations peoples were Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek, who made Treaty 16 possible. **Today, as a community of faith, we seek to be good stewards and give thanks for this land and our commitment to live in right relations with all peoples.***

...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. Today, we welcome back Brian Frawley as guest organist and Keri Forrester as our flutist.

MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS – Sharon Moir, Daniel Brown(Dec. 7).

BIRTHDAY SONG: Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing descend upon you!

THANK YOU to Ria Won, Marnie and Phil Neale, Bev and Tom Stockdale, Mary Kay Marshall, Lynn Giller, Marion Tizzard, Linda and Paul Fisker, Linda Dean, Jane Craig , and Bryon McLellan who helped decorate the Church for Christmas. It looks fabulous ! You are an incredible, fun group of people who are a pleasure to work with. Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas! Deb Tyler

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

COLLIER MISSION - In December we will be donating to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. In November, Collier Mission raised \$1221.83 for The Salvation Army.

4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING A LONG - Sunday Dec 8, 2019 at 2:45 pm. If you would like to join the choir for this event the sign-up list is on the bulletin board outside M5. Please bring a neighbour or friend to our concert, the more the merrier. Free will offering towards our local Mission and Service. Musicians will be Mrs. Honey's students, David Lord and Friends on the harmonica, pianists Colleen Dearham, Marg Warnica, Eleanore Honey and more.....followed by refreshments.

JESUS WALK ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - Fri., Dec. 6th at the church hall beginning at 6pm. We are looking for help with serving and preparing our dinner. Please sign up in the foyer or call Sharon at 705-796-2233. Thank you and God bless.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – Wed., Dec. 18th at 12pm. We will be having our annual Christmas luncheon with Fellowship, good food, carol singing, fun table games & entertainment. Tickets are \$13.00 and are on sale Sundays and in the office during the week.

DONATIONS - Collier is collecting new socks, underwear, gloves, mitts and hats for people in need in our Shelters in the City. We have a big red box in the lobby, feel free to bring your items and place in the box. Thanks for being a good steward. Dave Johnston

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoebox campaign was a huge success in Simcoe County with over 7,000 shoeboxes collected. Thank you to all who participated.

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, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Ruby Johnston, Shirley Dunstan & Steve Tilleczek.

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

December: "The Road..."

Dec. 8	Isaiah 9:2-7	The Road of Peace	Hewitt Holmes
Dec. 15	Phil. 4:4-7	The Road of Joy	Hewitt Holmes
Dec. 22	Matt. 2:1-12	Love-The New Road	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. 2 – 1 Jn. 1 Tues., Dec. 3 – 1 Jn. 2 Wed. Dec. 4 – 1 Jn. 3
Thurs., Dec. 5 – 1 Jn. 4 Fri., Dec. 6 – 1 Jn. 5 Sat., Dec. 7 – 2 John

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel will be January 26, 2020, after morning's worship.

...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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".



4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING A LONG – Sunday Dec 8, 2019 at 2:45 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

- 6:30 pm – Pageant for families
- 8:30 pm – Carols, Readings, Candles & Communion



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS WANTED! - Would you

like to participate in our Christmas Eve pageant on Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm? Well, we will be rehearsing on Dec. 21st from 10-12 noon. Feel free to sign up on the bulletin board outside of M5.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettia plants will decorate the Sanctuary **Sunday December 22nd** and then will be distributed by volunteers to the sick & shut in. Anyone wishing to donate towards the purchase of a poinsettia in honour of or in memory of a loved one – please complete form below, tear off and return, with your money, to the office, no later than **Thursday, December 19th**.

Name: _____

Envelope # _____ **Phone:** _____ **Amount:** _____

In Memory of: _____