St. John's Presbyterian Church 28 Second Street East Cornwall, ON K6H 1Y3

December 17th, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

God's People Are Gathered

Prelude

Call to Worship (on screen)

Prayer of Approach

Hymn # 124 People in darkness

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

Assurance of Pardon Lighting of the Candle

Christmas Pageant

Introduction Narrator

Hymn # 130 To a maid whose name was Mary

Act One Mary & Gabriel Scene

Hymn # 165 O little town of Bethlehem
Act Two Mary & Joseph at the Inn

Hymn # 136 The first nowell

Act Three Angel & Shepherd Scene

Hymn # 147 (Refrain) Angels we have heard on high
Act 4 All-Character Stable Scene

Hymn # 153 Joy to the World

God's People Respond

The Offering

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (debts / debtors)

Hymn # 133

Go tell it on the mountain

Benediction Postlude

Minister: The Rev. Robert L. Adams

Guest Musician: Minna Cornelisse

Techs: Roy Choi, Brian Markell, Alex Plant, Dan Plant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming up at St. John's:

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday @ 7:00 p.m. Community Carol Event Wednesday @ 3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Quiet Christmas

Dec 24th @ 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for a heartwarming Christmas Eve service at 7 PM, filled with joyous music and meaningful worship. This special evening is open to all, so bring your friends and family to share in the festive spirit. As we come together to celebrate the season, we invite you to join us in giving back. All donations made during the service will be generously split between Presbyterian's Sharing and Maison Baldwin House, supporting important causes in our community. Let's come together to embrace the true spirit of Christmas, sharing love, joy, and goodwill with those in need!

Ecumenical Quiet Christmas

Join us for a reflective service as we acknowledge the stress, grief, and difficulties that can be experienced during the holidays. Refreshments to follow. Wednesday, December 20th at 3PM, at Knox-St. Paul's United Church. This is an ecumenical service shared by St. John's Presbyterian Church, Trinity Anglican Church, and Knox-St. Paul's United Church.

Collection Volunteers

Assistance is needed for collection & counting of weekly offerings. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen if you're interest. Speak to Keppel or Michele for more info!

<u>Memorial</u>

A project team of 3-4 people is being formed to plan a memorial for the late Rev. Dr. Fred Rennie. Please speak to Michele if you are interested.

Beginner's Pickleball Class

The Intergenerational Beginner's Pickleball Class will be taking a break for the Christmas and New Year holiday! The last day for this year will be Sunday, Dec 10th. Sessions will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Enjoy this restful time with family and friends and see you in January!