



**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

**Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.**

**Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day**

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalm  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13  
Mark 1: 1-8

**A PCC Mission Moment  
for December 10th**

**World AIDS Day**

Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence. While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover.

Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment.

***PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women!***

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall  
**December 10, 2017**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Organ Prelude**

As with Gladness Men of Old - Kocher/Leavitt  
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came - Robert Lau

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

The Second Candle of Advent Liturgy – The Candle of **Peace**  
Kerry Adams & Family

**Opening Hymn**

Praise ye the Lord

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**Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer**

Shepherding God, as lambs of your flock,  
we long to lie down in green pastures.

Lift us into your lap,  
and comfort our troubled minds.

Give us your rest,  
and strengthen our weary bodies.

Guide us through this season  
of anticipation and hope,  
that we might lift our voices  
in laughter and song.

Make our paths straight,  
that we might move boldly forward,  
as we prepare for your arrival.

**This we pray through Christ and in His name, we now pray as  
we have learned, Our Father (debts) Amen.**

**\*Praise Song**

Jesus loves the little children

(Insert)

**Children come forward after the singing of the last verse.**

**Hymn of the Month**

The angel Gabriel from heaven

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# Confirmation of Baptism and Welcome into Full Communion

## Prayer of Illumination

### The Scriptures

Read by: **Laurel Adams**

Responsive Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13	OT pg. 552
Isaiah 40: 3-5	OT pg. 682
Matthew 25: 1-13	NT pg. 26

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

<u>Carol</u>	Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel	122
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### Sermon

“Prepare Ye the Way”

## Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

### Offertory Piano Solo

Go Tell it on the Mountain

### Pastoral Prayer

<u>Closing Hymn</u>	Hark the glad sound	118
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### Commissioning (Unison)

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.

### Benediction

## Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

**We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.  
Give us peace, perfect peace,**

patience and hope everlasting.  
Send us to serve in our Master's name,  
and to glorify Him.  
Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever.

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**The Candidates Confirmation of Baptism and  
Welcome into Full Communion:**

Ellie Adams  
Innes Adams  
Deanna Gill  
Ariel Thomas

Everyone is invited to the MacLellan room  
after service today for a time of fellowship.  
Coffee hour is courtesy of **Brenda Aikman.**

**News for the Pews**

**Merry Christmas**

Please take the time to sign the cards on the table outside the library.  
They will be delivered to our refugee families by Rev. Johnston. This is  
our way of wishing them a very Merry Christmas from all of us at  
St. John's. Thank you.

**Presbyterians Sharing**

With one month left in the year, we are only \$326.00 away from making  
our \$16,500.00 commitment to Presbyterians Sharing. The wonderful  
people of St. John's continue to demonstrate their dedication to the  
work of the church through this important Ministry. Thank you.

### **Archives**

St. John's Archives welcomes contributions of materials such as news clippings, bulletins or anything basically historical relating to the life and work of our congregation.

These items can be dropped off at the church office where Dr. Rennie will pick them up on his weekly day in the Archives. We may have duplicates, or you may think some things are not worth keeping, but please let your Archivist decide.

***Many thanks for your support of our Archives!***

### **Fundscrip Orders**

There are only two Sundays left before Christmas Eve. This is just a reminder that if you want any cards ordered, please see us today. There is still time to pick up an order sheet and call us with your order. Our last order before Christmas will be submitted on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone that has supported Fundscrip.

Gail MacDougall & Connie Gaucher  
Fundscrip Convenors

### **Donations for 2017**

We are approaching year end for 2017. If you will be donating gifts to St. John's and you would like them to count for this year, please ensure they are received at the Church office no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017.

### **Religious Stamps**

Religious stamps are available at the post office for your Christmas cards.

**CORRECTION**

**Re: December 16<sup>TH</sup>—Pageant Dress Rehearsal**

Please be advised that an error occurred on the December calendar of events.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The pageant dress rehearsal will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

***We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.***

**Alone Christmas Day?**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.**

**Agora Hall (Nativity Hall)**

**301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall**

**No Charge**

**(donations will gladly be accepted for next year)**

**Need Transportation?**

**Call Alison @ 613-622-4719**

**to make arrangements**

**Inspirational Quote**

God of life, soften our hearts to your way, that our lives may be a witness to a world longing for your love.

May we have courage to walk with open hands and hearts to the places where we would rather not go. Amen.

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