St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall December 02. 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo - J.S.Bach Yuletide Joyeux - Craig Penfield

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Call to Worship (Responsive)</u>

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

The First Candle of Advent Liturgy – The Candle of Hope

Read by:

Seonghyun Choi, Kyungmi Park, Julie Choi, and Roy Choi

<u>Opening Hymn</u> Come, Thou long-expected Jesus 110

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Debts)

*Praise Song Christ for the world we sing 772

Prayer of Illumination

We Hear the Word of God

The Scriptures

Read by Carole Libbey

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10 (On Screen)
Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT Pg. 757
Gospel: Matthew 18:19-22 NT Pg 19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Sermon "In the Presence of Christ" (Matthew 18:20)

We Respond in Faith and Service

Offertory including Doxology

Invitation to the Table

<u>Communion Hymn</u> I hunger and I thirst 198

The Apostle's Creed 539

The Words of Institution

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Short Order)

(Please partake of the elements in unison) *The wafers are Gluten Free

<u>Closing Hymn</u> Sent forth by your blessing 775

Commissioning (Unison)

Benediction

Sung Benediction

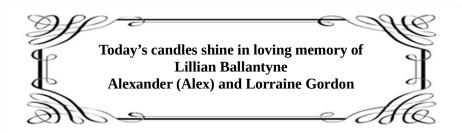
Following our worship today, EVERYONE is invited to the MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.

Coffee Hour is courtesy of Keppel Bharath

Minster: Rev. Ian K. Johnston Organist: Gary Postma

Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



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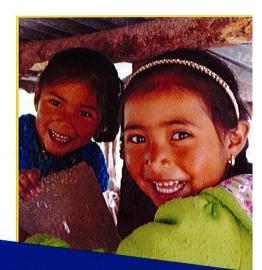
First Sunday in Advent: **Hope**Jeremiah 33:14



Written by the Rev. Robert J. Murray (Pinawa Christian Fellowship, Manitoba)

(Light the candle of hope)

- L: People of hope,
 God desires people to remember the ancient promises
 and hold fast to the vision of heaven and earth made new.
- P: Make us those hopeful people!
- L: God longs for people who will not let discouragement be the last word;
 but who wait for God's Word.
- P: Make us those hopeful people!
- L: God yearns for people who push back against the dark lie of hopelessness. God's call to hope transforms the world.
- P: Make us those hopeful people!
- L: Let's pray together...
- P: God of yesterday, today
 and tomorrow,
 in this season of Advent,
 we hold fast to your promises
 and live in hope.
 Give us courage to resist
 the world's anxiety.
 Bring light to our path as we await
 the bright dawn of your presence.
 Amen.





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Taking the First Steps to Combat Oppression

Inequalities faced by women and girls can begin at birth and follow them all their lives.

Beatriz Miranda knows this all too well.

In her Guatemalan village, the shadow of oppression excludes indigenous women like her from pursuing careers outside of the home and becoming leaders in their communities.

PWS&D is combatting this injustice by teaching women about their rights and helping them build their self-esteem and leadership skills. With this support, women are strengthening their voices in society and creating positive change in their communities.

Beatriz, burdened by self-doubt, struggled in her role as president of a group helping to improve agricultural practices and combat hunger in her village.

But with support from PWS&D, she is flourishing as a skilled, motivated leader, confidently assisting vulnerable families as they plant vegetables, care for livestock and improve livelihoods.

"I have begun the first steps that will demonstrate to other women that we can play important roles within organizations," shares Beatriz.

This Advent season, help lift the veil of oppression and grow more just and prosperous communities.







For over 70 years,

members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada have been actively supporting people in need through PWS&D.

Announcements

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Envelope Boxes

The 2019 envelope boxes are ready to be picked-up. They are on the table at the north west door.

If you don't see a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact Susan MacDonald 613-931-2565, Susan.macdonald5@sympatico.ca or in person and a box will be on the table for you next Sunday. Thank you.

From the Library

We invite you to come in and see some very nice Christmas books, mostly for children and youth. We are displaying them on the table in the library during December.

Prayer Requests

We welcome your prayer requests.

Please contact Grace Lattimer @ 613-933-4616 with details.

Thought for Today

Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Helen Steiner Rice

Seaway Winds Concert

This afternoon @ 2:30 p.m.
St. John's Presbyterian Church
General Admission \$ 15.00 - Children under 10- Free

Night Train Big Band

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 9th @ 2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church-Ingleside
Admission: Freewill Offering





At Christmas we rejoice over the amazing gift God gave us-Jesus! This gift changed the world, and so can we.

Do Advent differently—take the Advent Challenge!

For each week of Advent, read the story on the back of the PWS&D Advent liturgy, complete the Advent Challenge and share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love that enable abundant life.

Gift of Hope: Grow more prosperous communities by helping to lift the veil of oppression preventing women and girls from becoming leaders.

Gift of Peace: Ease the precariousness of life in makeshift border camps and refugee settlements by providing reliable food rations and other emergency support.

Gift of Joy: Build support for maternal and child health care among families and communities so that moms and babies have the best chance for a healthy future.

Gift of Love: Help families learn to fuel their bodies and minds with nutritious food needed for healthy, vibrant futures.

Gifts of Christmas: Hold a special offering for PWS&D.

We want to know how you're doing Advent differently!

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and tag @pwsd_canada in your Advent Challenge posts and photos.





