

**Christmas Eve Family Service will be lead by Father Gordon Hamilton from the BAS on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00pm in the Church (Note: A Morning Prayer will be lead by Alex Pitt from the BCP on Christmas, December 25th at 10:00am in the Church)**

Christmas Service Hymns

**118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses1-5)**

**140 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

**126 Away in a Manager**

**119 Silent Night**

**Christmas Eve Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**The four Advent candles are lit before the service begins.**

**Speaker 1:** The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

**The Christ candle is lit.**

**Speaker 2:** “O sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. “Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples”.

**Speaker 3:** “Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; Bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; Tremble before him, all the earth”.

**Speaker 4:** “Say among the nations, ‘The Lord is King!’ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. He will judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with his truth”.

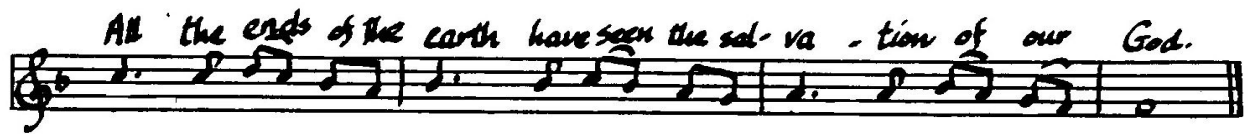
**Collect:** Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 9: Verses 2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince

of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 96



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. **R**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary! Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. **R**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth. **R**

### A Reading from the letter of Paul to Titus 2: Verses 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2: 1-14 & 15-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to

be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen**

**Prayer after Communion:** Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Prayer for Ukraine:** Lord, protect the Ukraine. Give strength, courage, faith, hope. **Amen**

**Christmas Services:** - Saturday, December 24 at 4:00pm Family Eucharist in the Church  
- Sunday, December 25 at 10:00am Morning Prayer in the Church

**First Communion Class:** Pray for our students, families & their teachers, Julie & Chelle

**Yarmouth Food Bank and/or Yarmouth Fuel Bank Donations:** Many people are struggling to feed their families; we hope that you will help by bringing donations to fill the Food Bank Cart each week.

You can also make donations to the Yarmouth Food Bank and Yarmouth Fuel Bank by cheque. We will forward it to the organization for you. The Wardens

### **Christmas Memorial Flowers in the Church (The Altar Guild)**

For donations for Memorial Flowers, please mark '**Flowers**' on your cheque. Thank You

### **Opportunities to Serve Your Parish**

**Parish Council positions** for Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Synod Reps and Members-at-Large.

Parish Council are elected annually at the AGM in February. Please contact a Warden or the Office and let others know of this opportunity.

**We need volunteers** for Office Help, Communications, Maintenance, Cleaning, Mission, Pastoral Care, Prayer Ministry, Altar Guild, Outreach, Christian Education & Fundraising. Use your talent & time to support work of the Parish by contacting a Warden or the Office.

### **Donation Options**

**Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR):** A diocesan direct debit program of automatic monthly bank withdrawals. To apply, go to <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/resources/pages/par-program>. Ask the Treasurer for details. We have forms in the office for this program.

**Electronic Transfer:** We accept e-transfers directly into the Parish bank account at BMO. Please use the office e-mail [yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca). **(This is an opportunity to complete your annual donations to the Parish before the end of the year, i.e. December 31, 2022).**

**Sunday School Advent Project:** As in past years, we are encouraging our students to do chores during Advent to earn money to buy farm animals and support other PWRDF projects. We want to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. Parishioners are also welcome to donate. Julie Chandler

**VON Frozen Meals on Wheels:** As part of their in-home support services, the VON delivers single serving meals to client's homes to help elders supplement their current meal preparation or as their primary daily meal. The poster in the Church Hall has more information. Please share with others you know that may benefit from this program.

**PWRDF Opportunities to support the World:** Your gift keeps on giving! When you give from World of Gifts in honour of a loved one, you receive a special gift tag as a token of our thanks. This year's gifts support our partners working to accompany refugees, improve food security and livelihoods, provide clean water, empower women and support Indigenous programs. Learn more at [pwrdf.org/worldofgifts](http://pwrdf.org/worldofgifts) and order from our online store!

**The flowers and plants throughout the Church & Hall are given  
to the Glory of God  
In loving memory of the following family and friends.**

**In memory of the Dearly Departed in 2022**

February: Hazel Iris Martell-Richards

April: Mary Kathryn Jarvis

June: Georgie Geraldine "Gerry" Britain

September: Elizabeth "Betty" Maude Stoddard, and David Brian Hatfield

December: Robert Lewis Chipman

Inez and John Derevjanik, Anthony Carpentieri and Maria & Enrico Mangiarotti in loving memory by Ms. Joanne Derevjanik.

In loving memory of Ena, Reginald Miller, Althea, Jennette, Hubert, Loretta and Dean by Sandra and Charles Blake.

In memory of my-in-laws - Bradshaw Family - Rev. Canon A.G. Bradshaw and wife Margaret, and six children - including my husband, Malcolm - and my family - parents J. Eldon Ford and Helen, and brothers Henry, and St. Clair by Shirley I. (Ford) Bradshaw.

In loving memory of Elizabeth and Paul Mazier by Dave & Chelle Warner.

Charlie and Gerry Brittain in loving memory by Ellen and family.

Gordon Kendell in memory by Phyllis, Brett, Tina, and Patricia and all the Family.

Captain Reginald Collier and Florence Collier in loving memory from the Collier Family.

Leonard Robicheau in loving memory by Maude, daughters Michelle & Wendy, son in law and grandchildren.

Ardith & Clar Patten and Carole & Peter Koopmans in loving memory by Roanne Collier and family.

Walton and Josina Warner, F. Maxwell and Edith Rowe & Cheryl Elaine Hardy in loving memory by David and Chelle Warner.

Wesley and Maggie Hillyard and Amber, nephew Zachary Langille and Earl Douglas Boutilier in loving memory by the Hillyard family.

In loving memory of Evon Wood and Helen & William Cain by Charlotte Wood.

In loving memory of Isaac Sheppard, Cameron Forbes & Sheldon Chapman by Joan and Mike Fields.

In loving memory of Lois J. Smith by sons Chuck & Calvin, daughters Donna, Carolyn and Shelly.

In memory of Harold and Ethel Cox.

In loving memory of my Emin Family by Georgina Bent.

In loving memory of Edith Burns, Grace Hamilton, Dora Flynn, Estee Lanier, Robert Hamilton, Fred Flynn, Charles Lanier and Merv Parsons given by Gordon and Carol-Lynn Hamilton.

Given in memory of previous Altar Guild Members of Yarmouth and Tusket Parishes who have passed on to their eternal home by the Altar Guild.