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Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend

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Rob Aszmies

Organist:

John Shaw

Celebrant:

The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter:

Mary Ann Millar

Server & Crucifer:

Alfred Butler

Warden on Duty:

Catherine Carlson

Pentecost XXII

November 9, 2025 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP #505 'Be Thou My Vision'

The Gathering of the Community

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

A: **to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no
secrets are hidden.**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people, people of goodwill.

Verse 1:

We praise You, we bless You,

We adore You, we glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain (same as before)

Verse 2:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Refrain (same)

Verse 3:

For You, alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Refrain: (same) add "Amen, amen."

Prayer of Transition

C: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

C: Ever-Living God, splendid and wondrous are your acts!
You give life and breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love. Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care, that our days may be long to bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised!

A: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Job 19:23-27

Mary Lynn Forrest

O: A reading from Job.

²³ 'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 17:1-9

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 17:1-9.

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
4 I give no offence with my mouth as others do; *

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
**O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
who rise up against them.**

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Coralee Little

O: A reading from Paul to the church of Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: 'Ancient Words'

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope
in this world where'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed

they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP #244 'We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight'

Homily – Report from Synod.

Susan Hipperson and Adriana Cronin

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Funke Talabi

O: The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of a kind and loving father and grandfather. It has been many years since you left us, but you are still missed, by Charlotte Cromarty.

God of the Living and the Dead, we are forever living for you. You call us to be the body of the risen Christ, extending eternal comfort and good hope to those all around us.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: We pray for the church universal and for all who bring comfort and hope to others.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: We pray for peace between nations, between religions and denominations, and between families and among all people.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: We pray with thanksgiving for all the guides and mentors who have gone before us and for those who declare your mighty acts from one generation to the next.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: We pray for those who suffer violence and for those who inflict it, that they may hold fast to your paths.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: We pray for those who are nearing death, that they may know their redeemer lives.

A: Lord, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doings.

O: Redeeming God, through Jesus Christ you strengthen us and give us hope. Renew our hearts that we may worship and bless you forever, eternally making joyful noise and singing new songs to proclaim the good news of your grace.

A: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Most merciful God

A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive

us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: In many and various ways, God gives us comfort and hope, even the hope of eternal life. In gratitude, then, let us give generously.

Offering Hymn: CP #434 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Holy One, in gratitude for all that you give us, including those who have gone before us, we offer you these gifts and ask you to bless and multiply them, that they may become the good work and word that comforts and strengthens both our hearts and the hearts of others.

A: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

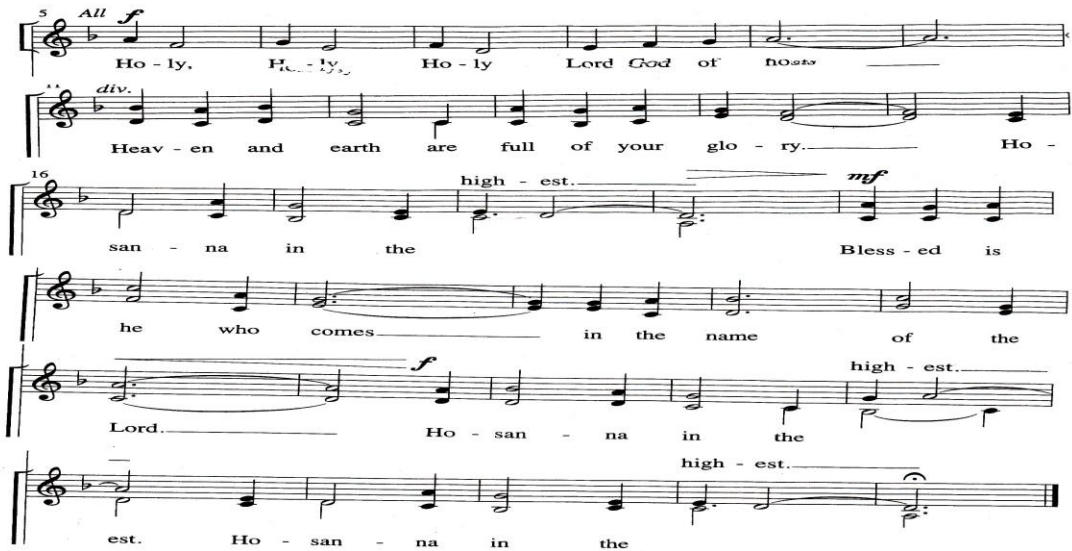
C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

C: Blessed are you, gracious God,
 Creator of heaven and earth;
 You are the source of light and life for all your creation,
 You made us in your own image,
 And call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
 Therefore, we praise you,
 Joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 For the goodness and love
 You have made known to us in creation;
 In calling Israel I to be your people;
 In your Word spoken through the prophets;
 And above all in the Word spoken through the prophets;
 And above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 To be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 To be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have brought us
 Out of error into truth,
 Out of sin into righteousness,
 Out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
To suffering and death,
A death he freely accepted,
Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
And when he had given thanks to you,
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
And said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them,
And said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my blood of the covenant,
Which is shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

A: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming;

C: and we offer our sacrifice
Of praise and thanksgiving
To you, Lord of all;

Presenting to you, from your creation,
This bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
To send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
That they may be the sacrament
Of the body of Christ
And his blood of the covenant.
Unite us to your son in his sacrifice,
That we, made acceptable in him,
May be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

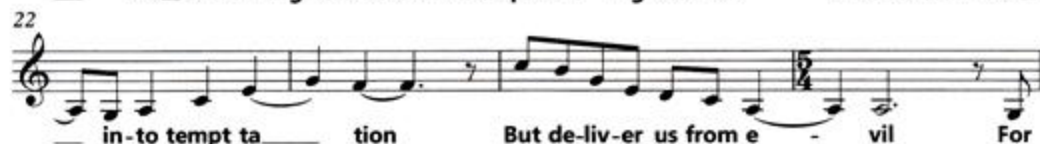
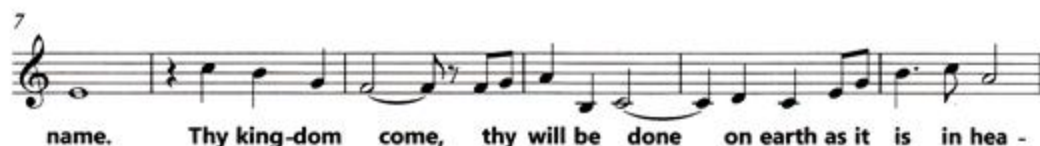
In the fullness of time,
Reconcile all things in Christ,
And make them new,
And bring us to that city of light
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
The firstborn of all creation,
The head of the Church,
And the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
Now and for ever.

A: Amen

An Anglican Lord's Prayer

John Ryrie



The Breaking of the Bread

C: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

A: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

musical score for 'The Breaking of the Bread'. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Repeat'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *All*, and a section marked '3rd time S. A or Cantor'. The music is a simple, melodic setting of the Agnus Dei.

The Communion

Administrants: Roberta Butler, Lilian Cressman

Communion Music: 'Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer'

VERSE 1

Jesus, draw me ever nearer
as I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

CHORUS

May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

VERSE 2

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,
keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
let me love You even more.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Let the treasures of the trial
form with in me as I go;
And at the end of this long passage,
let me leave them at Your throne.

CHORUS

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

C: Glory to God,

**A: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing

C: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our parent, who loves us and, through grace, gives us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word and May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give you peace.

A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #384 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

Dismissal

C: Stand firm and hold fast to the grace you have received and Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Readings for Next Week

Malachi 4:1-2

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Psalms 98

Luke 21:5-19

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 10:00

Givings

On the plate \$3,627 Auto Debit: \$2,093

INTERIM DONATION REPORT

In the Narthex you will find a donations report for each of you summarizing your donations from January 1, 2025 until mid-October. This is an interim report only. Please reconcile this report with your records of donations to St. George's and report any discrepancies to Pierrette in the Office at 519-744-4751 for follow-up. Thanks very much!

Valerie Clarke, Envelope Secretary

Chris Wagner, Treasurer

Sunday Smile

When Jesus saw you – it was love at first sight.

Special Book Study – The Advent Conspiracy

We will begin a new book study the week after Thanksgiving! To prepare, please order your copy of *The Advent Conspiracy* and let Rev. Sharla know your preference for either a hybrid study on Sundays over lunch or a weeknight Zoom study. Here's our reading schedule:

Week One – October 19: Chapters 1 & 2 -

Week Two – October 26: Chapter 3 – *Worship Fully*

Week Three – November 2: Chapter 4 – *Spend Less*

Week Four – November 9: Chapter 5 – *Give More*

Week Five – November 16: Chapter 6 – *Love All*

Optional Week Six – Wrap-Up: Chapter 7 – *Reclaim Christmas*

We're looking forward to diving into this meaningful study together!

Office Hours

Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:30 – 1:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 pm

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

SHARE THE WARMTH

We are collecting good used OUTERWEAR to be taken to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need.

What we are collecting is: Winter Coats, Winter Boots, Snowpants, Mitts, Hats, Gloves and scarves....both children's and adults.

We will be collecting these items starting Oct.26, Nov.2, Nov.9 and any last minute items on Nov.16.

You can leave your items in the Chapel on the pews and we will take them to Salvation Army.

Many thanks for helping others to stay warm during the cold winter months.

Please WINTER OUTERWEAR ONLY!

Your Outreach Committee.

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00

Monday, November 17

Originally scheduled for April 2025, we are so pleased that Bishop Rachel Parker from the Diocese of Brandon is able to join us this Fall. We have asked Bishop Rachel to speak to us about her experiences of “Life in all its fullness” as it relates to the realities of some of our smaller parishes. Come and be inspired.

Christmas Market – November 15, 2025

The market is only 1 week away.....

There are boxes in the Narthex to receive your donations/contributions to the Bottle Pull, the Christmas Treasures Room, and the Book Room.

Bottle Pull: bottle of anything with or without the wine bag/wrapping.

Book Room: recent books 5 years or less (no textbooks please), current magazines and intact games.

Christmas Treasures: Christmassy items in good condition that can be loved by others (table or tree decorations, candle holders, plates, tablecloths, etc.)

Additionally for the Craft Table: Deb Chine or Barb would appreciate having items ahead of time with a suggested price.

Questions??? Contact Susan Hipperson -519-654-7023, susanhipp@gmail.com or Cora Lee Little – 519-504-0860, coralee.little4@gmail.com.

Ten Thousand Villages Christmas Markets

Ten Thousand Villages and Friends are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (Nov 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (Nov 27-29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster.

Upcoming Festive Soul Sauce Christmas Concerts

TWO (!)

1 – at St. George’s, Wed. December 10 - 7 pm

No cost – goodwill offerings gratefully accepted.

2 – The Jazz Room, Waterloo Wed. December 17 - 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6. Admission - \$20 at the door.

Lots of great Christmas carols and festive songs!

Attention Lesson Readers

As the winter months approach and the days grow dull and weary, the lighting at the Lectern at times makes it more difficult to see the lesson material clearly. Thanks to Nelson a small LED light has been installed and can provide the option of more illumination if needed. The light has a switch at the top which, when toggled through, controls 3-4 degrees of intensity. If you are the first reader feel free to leave it on for others. Also, a Reader's schedule for December will be in mail folders in 2-3 weeks and a plan created for the Readers necessary for special Advent and Christmas services. Questions or issues call Cheryl Fox 519-579-0684. Thank you for sharing your time and talent in this important ministry.

ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Over the last 18 months, fundraising (\$100,000 goal) has occurred within our Parish to accomplish the following:

- * 2024: widening our main driveway; installation of a new driveway; installation of new concrete curbing; removal and installation of a new front garden-sidewalk boundary wall (\$35,000)

- * 2025: removal and installation of new entrance doors and automatic door openers at the Main Entrance door and the rear of Thompson Hall in the basement; installation of automatic door openers on the inner set of doors near the Main Entrance and near the rear of Thompson Hall. (\$45,000)

- * 2026: We are planning for more concrete threshold work to the same outside doors as well as a refurbishment of the concrete stairs at the rear of the building next Spring.

With your help we have fully paid for the above 2024 and 2025 work and have about \$10,000 remaining in the Accessibility Project Fund within Capital Repairs for 2026. **Thanks so much for your assistance in this fundraiser as it continues.** The work accomplished in 2024 and now in 2025 is quite impressive!

Nelson Cuthbert for the Property Committee

CHRISTMAS TREASURES

Please look through your Christmas decorations and if you are downsizing or not using some decorations, we could help them find a new and loving home through our Christmas Treasures at our Christmas Market on Nov.15.

There is a container under the coat racks for these lovely items to be in.

They could be Christmas tree decorations, table ornaments, any item that you have loved and wish to let someone else love the, too. Many thanks.

Any questions please speak to Marg Wheeler or MaryLynn Forrest.

Deanery Refugee Committee Update

We met as a committee on Nov 19th. We are close to choosing a new family of four – likely within the next month or so. When we have secured a necessary apartment, we will put out a call for furniture, housewares, bedding, etc. One of our churches recently came forward with a contribution of \$5000 (!) – terrific news. We ourselves here at St. George's are presently in a position to contribute \$800 to the committee's fund, accumulated over a number of months. Our committee will shortly have \$19,850. With expected additional Diocesan funds, we will then have approximately \$26,350, which will go a long way to funding the family. My estimate is that we will need roughly \$35,000 to get through a full year, perhaps more, as rent is likely to be roughly \$2100 per month.

To that end, I have put a one-page flyer in the narthex that outlines a **Wine Survivor** series of draws being sponsored by St. James (Cambridge) as a fund raiser for our refugee committee and St. James's church expenses. If you enjoy wine, you may very well enjoy entering the draw; the deadline is Nov. 16th. If you can't drop off a bottle at St. James during their office hours (9 am to 1 pm), you can provide \$15 for a bottle (that they will select) and a \$10 entry fee – via e-transfer: donations@stjamesang.ca. If unsure about the process, you can call Mike Johnson at 519 841-4338 or send him a message – mikeysjo@gmail.com. Best of luck! John Ryrie

“CELTIC CHRISTMAS” CONCERTS

The Addison Women's Choir, directed by Dr. Laura Curtis, and the Cambridge Male Chorus, directed by Brenda Uchimaru, will present their annual Christmas Concerts on Sat. Dec. 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Avenue Road Baptist Church, Cambridge, and on Sun. Dec. 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church, Kitchener. These are wheelchair accessible venues. Advance tickets are available from choir members for \$15 each and \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free. Donations (non-perishable food and/or cash) are also welcome. Come out and hear some great Christmas music! See Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672)(cuthben@gmail.com) for tickets. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS TREE SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yes, it is time to set-up the large Christmas tree in our Sanctuary again! Volunteers are needed. Please contact Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672)(cuthben@gmail.com) if you can help --- about 3-4 people are required. A separate team will attend to decorating the tree sometime after this setup. Thanks very much!

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee.