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Greeter:	Linda Dancey
Warden on Duty:	Nelson Cuthbert

Pentecost 25th – November 15, 2026
Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) – 10:00 am

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - CP #551 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

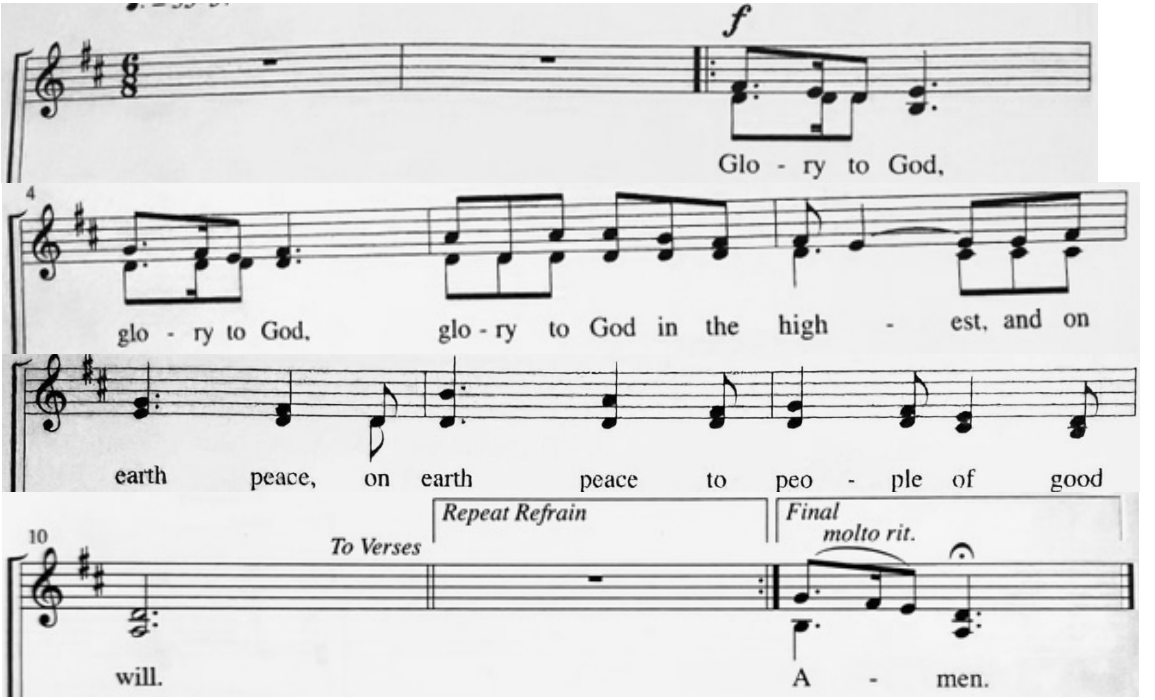
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

People: **To you all hearts are open, all desires 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 worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORY to GOD

Refrain



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: JUDGES 4:1-7 Valerie Cuthbert

Reader: A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

PSALM 123 Cantor: Rob Aszmies



THE SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 Nelson Cuthbert

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'Thy Word'
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14:30 The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made

five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: 'Lord, Have Mercy'

VERSE ONE
Jesus, I've forgotten
the words that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart
have now grown dim;
With a doubting heart I follow
the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief,
renew the fire again.

CHORUS
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on me;
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on me.

VERSE TWO
I have built an altar
where I worship things of man;
I have taken journeys
that have drawn me far from You;
So now I am returning
to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions,
help me love You again.

CHORUS

VERSE THREE
I have longed to know You
And all Your tender mercies.
Like a river of forgiveness
ever flowing without end;
So I bow my heart before You
In the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining
like a beacon in the night.

CHORUS.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please kneel, or sit, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Coralee Little

Intercessor: The flowers on the altar today, are given to the glory of God by Terry McCoy with thanks, to the Lord for his blessings of our loving family, friends, and in loving memory of loved ones with the Lord, and in celebration of the November birthdays of our two oldest granddaughters.

The day of the Lord is soon upon us, a day not of wrath but of salvation. as children of the light and of the day, let us await the coming of the Lord in prayer on behalf of the human family around the world, responding to "O God, for the sake of Christ" with "have mercy on us."

Let us pray for the Church, that in our time of waiting for Christ's return we might use all that God has given us to start the building of God's Kingdom. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for our bishops, who guide, oversee, and shepherd the Church, here and around the world. Let us pray for: Bishop Todd, our diocesan bishop, Archbishop Anne, our Metropolitan who now prepares to retire, Archbishop Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop, Archbishop Shane, our Primate, and Archbishop Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray also for Fr. Brendon, our priest and rector, and for all the clergy and people of Christ's Church. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those who use their lips and lives to proclaim the good news of Christ's return, that they may persist in their zeal, empowered and emboldened through the gifts of your Spirit. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those who, with joy and longing, await the return of the Messiah, that they may not grow weary in well-doing, but witness to the immediate and everlasting promise of our holy Redeemer. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those whose lives are marked by hunger and need, grief and loneliness, anger and strife, discord and uncertainty, and those who suffer affliction of any kind, (especially...) that each may be assured of the healing, grace, and mercy of God. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those who govern and wield earthly power. We especially pray for Charles, our King, Mark, our Prime Minister, Doug, our Premier, Berry, Mayor of Kitchener, for the parliament, the legislature, and municipal councils, and all the leaders of the nations, that they would make good and just decisions for the benefit of all and that peace might be their goal. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for those who are prevented from praying with the Church, the persecuted and their persecutors, that each may be convinced of the good news of Jesus Christ and respond with faith and commitment. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Let us pray for the dying and the recently departed, (especially...) that the Spirit will ready them for the return of our Saviour and King, and the promise of a new resurrected life. O God, for the sake of Christ,

have mercy on us.

Presider: Because you are God, you hear our prayers. Because you are merciful, you promise to answer. We commend to you, merciful God, ourselves and those for whom we pray, through the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Please remain kneeling, or sitting, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

A moment of silence is held as any sins of thought, word, deed, or omission are recalled.

Presider: Most merciful God,

People: 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.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

Presider: Come, everyone whose heart is stirred and everyone whose spirit is willing, and bring the Lord's offering.

OFFERTORY: CP #601 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic *Prayer 3*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people

in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (Holy)

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your 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 delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. 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 for the 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 new 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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 new 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rob Aszmies



THE FRACTION RITE
THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

Administrants: Roberta Butler, Cameron Crassweller

COMMUNION: music by John Shaw and Rob Aszmies

CHOIR ANTHEM

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Presider: Glory to God,
All: **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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL: CP #342 'We Praise You, O God'

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Readings for Next Sunday	
EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24	PSALM 100
EPHESIANS 1:15-23	MATTHEW 25:31-46

Last Week's Sunday Attendance: 8:15 (30); 10:00 (60)

Givings: On the plate: $ 5,210 Auto Debit: $2,078

Sunday Smile: Get off the fence and under The Cross, it's much safer.

Bible Study

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

Weekly Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. If it is a Pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Brendon at 226-898-2884.

For appointments with Fr. Brendon, please feel free to email him (brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or contact the Church Office.

Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service:

We now have 5 teams signed up to go on a schedule for the 10 a.m. coffee hour. It would be ideal to have at least 3 more teams. If you have been considering this, please put your name on the list in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak to Valerie Cuthbert (519-578-8671). Thank you

Upcoming Events – Fr. Brendon

- Monday, November 16 - Decorating Our Christmas Tree
- Tuesday, November 17 - Book Club
- Saturday November 21 - Men's Breakfast
- Friday, November 27 – Ladies Lunch
- Wednesday, December 9 – Soul Sauce Christmas Concert - St. George
- Wednesday, December 16 - Soul Sauce Christmas Concert - Huether Hotel
- Saturday, December 19 - Soul Sauce Christmas Concert - Avenue Road Baptist Church

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorating Our Christmas Tree

Mark Monday afternoon on November 16th on your calendar! We will be decorating our Christmas Tree starting at 2.00 pm. There will be Christmas refreshments and Carol singing courtesy of John Shaw. Please join us if you are able.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday November 17th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book 'The Chambermaid's Key' by Genevieve Graham. Everyone is welcome.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, November 21

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday November 21 at 9 am at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St W, Kitchener. Our final breakfast of the year will be on Saturday December 5. We will continue into 2027 on the third Thursday of the month – dates to follow. Traffic Notice: Lancaster is currently closed for construction, but you can access Kypreos from behind the mall off Bond Street. If you are coming along the expressway, the eastbound exit to Lancaster is also

closed. Check a map and allow a few extra minutes. Need a ride? Let me know and I'm sure we can find a driver for you. All are welcome! Invite the guy sitting next to you in the pew or at the coffee table to join us. Let's keep this St. George's tradition of fellowship and fun going! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tim Taylor 519-807-1498

Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch will Friday, November 27 at 12.30. We will meet at the Concordia Club. Please let Sue know if you plan to join us. NOTE the change of email address.ladieslunch.sgfh@outlook.com

Upcoming Soul Sauce Christmas Concerts

Soul Sauce (the 16-member jazz ensemble singing group that practises in our church) is putting on a number of Christmas concerts in December. Hope you can make one!

- **Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm** – St. George's Church. No cost (free-will offerings accepted).
- **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm** – The Jazz Room, lower floor of Huether Hotel, Waterloo. Admission: $20. Doors open at 6:00 pm.
- **Saturday, December 19 at 2:00 pm** – Avenue Road Baptist Church, 465 Avenue Road, Cambridge. Sounds of Christmas-Requested cash donation at the door. Soul Sauce + the Galt Kiltie Concert Band

LiveStream Operators Needed

We have a number of worshippers who join us every Sunday on LiveStream. The numbers vary somewhat with monthly averages between 40 and 81 this calendar year with the last two months significantly higher than in the first half of this year - great! We have three Operators now (Noah Cronin, John Dale, and Nelson Cuthbert, the Coordinator). It would be good to have a couple more to volunteer for this opportunity. Training will be provided. Please speak to Nelson if you are interested. Thanks!

Envelope Secretary - Position Filled

We are pleased to announce that at our last Parish Council meeting, your Executive brought the name of John Dale forward as our new Envelope Secretary to replace Valerie Clarke who retired from the position earlier this year. John is a long-standing parishioner here at St. George's and held the

position of Warden several years ago. He will begin right away. We thank John for his continued service to our Parish.

E-transfer Donation

Support St. George's Church by sending your donation via e-transfer to stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com. Please include a comment indicating the purpose of your donation. Thank you for your generous support!

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

THANK-YOU all so much for your generous donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard last week My car was full again! Every week it is amazing how you support so many others ❤️ They appreciate everything you donate but a few things mentioned this week were: rice (most needed); peanut butter and pasta sauce! They are always in need of cleaning supplies as well 👍
THANK-YOU for your caring and sharing with so many less fortunate ❤️

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

VOLUNTEER FOR CHRISTMAS KETTLES

Share the joy of giving this Christmas! Just ONE 2-hour volunteer shift can make a big difference in supporting individuals and families in our community. Your time helps provide meals, children's programs, and family support. Together, we can bring hope and make Christmas brighter!
To volunteer, contact Hannah: hannah.aszmies@salvationarmy.ca

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

Candle in Narthex

The candle in the narthex is in loving memory of Estelle Waterman's mother, who passed away in the United Kingdom. May she rest in peace.

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