



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*



18 December 2016

Advent 4

Love All

It all boils down to love. Love from a savior. Love to a neighbor in need. By spending just a little less on gifts we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help.

9:00 am HC – BAS

Layreader: Heather

(Isa. 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

Reader: Pat (*Romans 1:1-7*)

Greeters: Pat & Peggy

Chancel: Pat / Barb

Counters: Pat / Clarence

Collect - Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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The Advent Wreath

Reader - Last Sunday we lit the candle of Joy. We light it again, together with the candles of Hope and Peace, in the hope that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

On this, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the true gift of Love. "In this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to free us from all our sins."

We light this fourth candle –the candle of love- and declare that "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

All - Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 7: 10-16 - *The kings of Syria and Israel are bent on conquering Jerusalem and installing a puppet king on Judah's throne – one not descended from David. Speaking through Isaiah, God has told Ahaz, King of Judah, to trust in God rather than in human counsel. If Ahaz stands firm in faith, the conquest will fail.*

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 - *This is a prayer for deliverance from Israel's enemies, calling on God to "shine forth" (smile), be favourably disposed towards his people.*

Romans 1: 1-7 – *The Church at Rome was one Paul had neither founded nor visited, although he hopes to meet the members of this community soon, to share spiritual gifts with them, and for the encouragement of their faith and his.*

Matthew 1:18-25 - *Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from David, through Joseph. A marriage contract has been signed by*

Joseph (or his parents) and by Mary's parents. Certainly in earlier times if a bride was found by her husband to be already pregnant, she could be stoned to death. But Mary is with child through divine intervention.

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Mission of the Month: **Hampton Food Basket**

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias
Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Gondola Point – Rev. Robert Langmaid & Retired Clergy-Rev. Dr. Lee Whitney

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

5:30 pm HC – BAS

Layreader: Rod (*Isaiah 9: 2-6*)

Greeters: Janice / Liam

Chancel: Shirley / Betty

Counters: Pat / Clarence

10:00 pm HC – BAS

Layreader: Rod

(*Isaiah 52: 7-10, Psalm 98*)

Reader: Lorraine

(*Hebrews 1:1-4*)

Greeters: Kevin & Nicky

Counters: Pat / Clarence

Christmas Day 10:00 am

Layreader: Betty (*Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148*)

Greeters: ---

Chancel: Shirley

Counters: Pat / Clarence

Worship Fully – Spend Less – Give More – Love All

