



**From the Book of Remembrance**  
Today we remember on their Year's Mind

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Winnifred Dixon - December 15  
Ronald Sheaves - December 15  
Faye Cameron - December 16  
Sarah Messervey - December 17  
Adele Simmonds - December 18  
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*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

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**Open minds and loving hearts**  
**All are Welcome**

The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020

9:30 am – MORNING PRAYER  
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES



A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us.

**St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:**

*To be a Christ-centred, mission minded community, embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.*

## BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

### MORNING PRAYER

9:30 am

#### OUR GATHERING PRAYERS

National Anthem and Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: CP #155

– From East to West, from Shore to Shore

Opening sentences for Advent page 96

Invitatory Antiphon - The kingdom of God is at hand:

O come, let us worship.

- Psalm 23: The kingdom of God is at hand

**O come, let us worship.**

Collect for the Day

Advent Wreath hymn - Third Candle is lit, Candle of Joy

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gradual Hymn: CP #101 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

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#### INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Offertory Hymn: CP #96 - Creator of the Stars of Night

The Prayers from our Book of Remembrance

Intercessions - Advent

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The Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

Announcements

Sending Hymn: CP# 95 - O Come, Divine Messiah

Postlude and Royal Anthem

Dismissal

#### The Advent Candles

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;

A candle of **Hope** in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky

Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;

A candle to signal that conflict must cease.

For Jesus is coming to show us the way;

A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.

Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow

As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

#### Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us.

So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing, mercy, and grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Cheer Tree** –Thank you for your ongoing support of this outreach program.

**The Wednesday Morning Service of Holy Communion BCP** is cancelled for the time being.

Bell Aliant has contributed \$1 million dollars to the **Bell Let's Talk program** for those seeking support for mild to moderate mental health challenges. The BounceBack program is a free, guided self-help program for those over 15 years of age who are living with depression, anxiety, stress and worry. The program is now available in Atlantic Canada and can help people develop new skills. For more information, go to [cmha.ca/BounceBack](http://cmha.ca/BounceBack).

**Readings for next week:** Advent 4 - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; (canticle 18) Luke 1:47-55; or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.