

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ANGLICAN CHURCH

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.



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Open minds and loving hearts All are Welcome

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:30 am - HOLY EUCHARIST
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. *All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.*

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Lay Minister: Sherry Smith, Ted Johnson

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in the north end of Halifax. We are blessed as we gather together in community for worship.

Processional Hymn: CP 97

- Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Lighting The Fourth Advent Candle (See bulletin insert)

Common Praise #89 (vv. 1-7) O Come O Come Emanuel

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Gloria (Sung)

Collect

PROCLAMATION

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a *Donna Strong*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Canticle 18 *Bob Blunden* (see bulletin insert)

Response: **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 *Krista Clark*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

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The Prayers of the People *Naniya Trevors*

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The Peace

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: CP #122 - In the Bleak Midwinter

Book of Remembrance & Memorials

For those who have gone before us and noted in our Book of Remembrance we give you thanks.

Debbie Isaacs (November 18), Kim Isaacs (December 19), Marjorie Boston, Roderick Smith (December 20), Mildred Kettle (December 21), Joyce Collier (December 24), Wendell MacNeil (December 25).

For the financial offering of your people for the work of your church, we give you thanks.

For the service of your people in workplaces, community organizations and our faith community, we give you thanks. For all your gifts O Lord, we give you thanks.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God (Sung)

The Communion

Communion Hymn: CP #132 - Of Eternal Love Begotten

SENDING

Prayer after Communion (see bulletin insert)

Doxology

Glory to God,

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.

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn: CP #114 - Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Dismissal

Postlude

Pastoral Care

The Cycle of Prayer for the North End Churches, we pray for:
Hope United, Rev. Sean Handcock

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

We pray for our primate Right Rev. Linda Nicholls; our Bishop Sandra Fyfe and for And for the Chignecto Region; Northumberland, The Reverend John Morrell, Priest-in-Charge, and Kathy, The Reverend Kathryn Cook, Deacon Truro, The Reverend Lori Ramsay and Robert Cullen The Reverend Dorothy Tay, Associate Parish Priest, and Warren

World

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:
The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Spiritual Development

Readings for next week: The First Sunday after Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

Choir rehearsals take place Fridays at 3:45pm in the church. If you would like to join, contact Music Director Rebecca Fairless after the service or email rebecca.fairless@gmail.com

Server training will commence at St Margaret of Scotland church each Thursdays from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Sherry Smith at 902-445-2161 or by email: sherry0408smith@gmail.com

The Mission to Seafarers Thank you to everyone who contributed to our November Outreach.

The Cheer Tree Thank you to everyone who gave gift cards for the Cheery Tree.

Christmas Services

Friday, December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Eucharist BCP (Said) - 8:30 am

Eucharist BAS (Sung) - 10:30 am

Outreach Missional Initiatives

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Calling all knitters and crocheters! Although the Prayer Shawl group has not met lately because of COVID restrictions, we are looking ahead to the time when we can gather again to pray, chat, share ideas and enjoy a cup of tea. That is not to say that the group hasn't been busy at home knitting or crocheting shawls. We would love to have new members join our group in this contemplative and prayerful ministry of serving others who are in need of comfort for whatever the reason and would benefit by the warmth and peace that come from the prayers that are knit into each shawl. If you are interested in serving God through this ministry, please contact Dale Moffat at 902-835-6948 or daleamoffat@gmail.com (make sure to include the "a" in my email).

The Missional Initiatives Committee has been providing Welcome Bags to neighbours new to our North End neighbourhood. They are filled with many informative materials (bus schedules, garbage collection calendar, etc.) as well as some fun things (painted rock, lexicon book, etc.); information about St. Margaret of Scotland and the other churches in the area is also included. If you have something you think would be welcoming that you would like to include in the bags (e.g. handmade ornament, dish cloths, etc.) please let Ted Johnson, Victor Day, Frank Riggs or Margery Cotterell know. Many thanks!