

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church
Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES



Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1725. 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.

Readings: <https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2024-12-01>

HOLY EUCHARIST
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GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn 107 Prepare the Way

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
Lighting The First Advent Candle

Common Praise #113 (v. 1) Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

Greeting of the Community
Collect

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PROCLAMATION

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 *Victor Day*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9 *Karen Evans*

Response: **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *Anne King*
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 96 Creator of the Stars of Night (1-3)

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 21:25-36

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: 96 Creator of the Stars of Night (4-5)

Sermon

Apostles Creed (Sung)

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The Prayers of the People *Sherry Smith*

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: 91 People Look East

Prayer over the Gifts

Book of Remembrance & Memorials For those who have gone before us and noted in our Book of Remembrance we give you thanks. (December 1 - 7)
Joyce Bond, Gordon Crouse.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy Holy Holy (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer (Said)

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The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God (Sung)

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (1, 2)

O Antiphons: O Emmanuel, O Sapientia

SENDING

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

**With open minds and loving hearts
In Jesus name we daily go
With open minds and loving hearts
In to the world, Christ's love to show. (Sung)**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 114

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (1, 4)

Dismissal

Postlude

The Celtic Table - Sunday, December 1, 7pm

Harpist Ellen Gibling will be back for this month's Celtic evening service as we begin the season of Advent. Join us as we joyously contemplate the birth of Christ through song and prayer.

A Festival of Carols The Royal Canadian College of Organists Halifax Centre's 73 rd Annual Celebration of Christmas through story and song. Monday December 2, 7:30 pm @ Saint Matthew's United Church. Free will offering. Storm Date Dec. 3rd

Mark your calendars : Saturday, December 7th at 9 am **Breakfast with Santa. Join Santa for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausages, juice, tea and coffee. Sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church or call Joanna at 902-495-8883 by Dec. 4th. Free will offering.**

36th Annual Jubilate Singers and Friends Festival of Carols

December 8th. 7 pm @ St. Mark's Anglican Church. Tickets 902-454-0202. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Proceeds support food boxes for families in need during the holidays.

Our December Outreach will be St. Mark's Food Bank Christmas Box Program. We will be collecting cans of Cranberry Sauce. The deadline is December 8th. Thank you.

Regional Advent Celebration! December 9 @ 6:30 pm

Hello St. Margaret of Scotland Church Family!

We need you to come have fun and eat a meal with members of all our regional churches. Our goal is to have ten or more people attend from every Anglican church in the region. It isn't work- it is play, so come and be a part of building a family connection with our Regional Anglican Family! It won't be a celebration without you.... cost is a food bank donation or monetary gift. Parking is difficult at the Cathedral, so plan to carpool and have people with mobility issues dropped off at the cathedral, while planning to park on nearby streets, leaving the few parking spots for those who absolutely require them. Sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church.

Cheer Tree As you are able, please help spread some Christmas Cheer via the CHEER TREE at the back of the church. Ornaments on the tree are for various gift cards, to be distributed locally via the Rectors Discretionary Fund. Gifts cards can be placed back on the tree or on the offering plate.

Community Christmas Concert - Saturday, December 14, 7pm

We are putting on our second annual Christmas variety show in support of the St. Stephen's School snack program. If you would like to perform, please get in touch with our Music Director, Rebecca.

Pastoral Care

In the Cycle of Prayer for North End Churches, we pray for
St. Mother Teresa Roman Catholic Church, Fr. Nathaniel Desroches.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: our primate Right Rev. Linda Nicholls; our
Bishop Sandra Fyfe and for **The Chignecto Region:** Amherst, The Rev'd William Ferrey, The
Rev'd Charlotte Ross; Tignish, Parrsboro Shore, The Rev. Dr. Brian Spence.

World Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Memorials

A memorial gift has been given
to the glory of God

To the Altar Guild

In loving memory of Gordon Crouse
from Susan and family

*Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.*



**You are warmly invited to an outdoor
"Service of Remembrance" at St. Margaret of Scotland
Dec 8 at 6 pm. To honour the memory of a loved one,
please provide names to the Parish Office
(902 455 2451 or st.mofs@gmail.com) by Dec. 4th.
At this service, candles will be lit as loved ones' names are read.
Hot drinks and sweet treats to follow.**

Week at a Glance

December 1 - December 8

Sun 8:30 am — Holy Eucharist BCP said
10:30 am — Holy Eucharist BAS Sung
2:00 pm — Bops with Tots, Hall
2:00 pm — Cooking for Catering, Kitchen
7:00 pm — Celtic Service, Sanctuary
Mon 8:30 am — Evermore Cleaners, Sanctuary & Hall
6:00 pm — Beavers, Hall
— Set Up & Prep for Catering, Hall
Tue 12:00 pm — Olands Staff Christmas Dinner, Hall
12:00 pm — AA, Sanctuary
6:30 pm — Sandwich Club followed by Games Night, Hall
Wed 9:00 am — Yoga, Sanctuary
11:00 am — Surprise the World, Sanctuary
12:00 pm — Prayer and Meditation, Sanctuary
6:00 pm — Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Hall
Thu 1:00 pm — Music with Babies, Sanctuary
4:00 pm — Ukulele Club, Hall
6:00 pm — Embers & Guides, Hall
7:00 pm — Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 6:00 pm — AA, Hall
Sat 9:00 am — Breakfast with Santa, Hall
Sun 8:30 am — Holy Eucharist BCP said
10:30 am — Holy Eucharist BAS
2:00 pm — Bops with Tots, Hall
6:00 pm — Outdoor Service of Remembrance
7:00 pm — Scouting Meeting, Hall

Christmas Services

December 24, 2024 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
7:30 pm Carol Singing
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Celtic Eucharist

December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

December 29, 2024

Lessons and Carols - 10:30 am

St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

For the glory of God and the welfare of God's people, we are committed to share the love, joy, peace and hope of God with our friends, families and neighbours.

Through vibrant, meaningful and authentic ministries, worship and fellowship, we will strive to reach out into the world emulating the compassion and devotion of His servant, our patron, St. Margaret of Scotland and to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ alive and active in our community.



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