

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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

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=2025-12-21>

HOLY EUCHARIST
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GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn: 107 Prepare the Way

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Lighting The Fourth Advent Candle

Common Praise #113 (v. 4) Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

Greeting of the Community

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Collect

PROCLAMATION

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 *Anne King*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-18 *Donna Strong*

Response:

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 *Brian George*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten (v. 1-3)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten (v. 4)

Sermon

The Prayers of the People *Judy Carpenter*

Offertory Hymn: 95 O Come, Divine Messiah

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. (Dec. 21 to December 27)

Mildred Kettle, Joyce collier, Wendell MacNeil, William King.

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 (v. 7, 1)

O Antiphons: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Gentiles),
O Virgo Virginum (O Virgin of Virgins)

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: 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Dismissal

Postlude

Pastoral Care

In the Cycle of Prayer for North End Churches, we pray for
Hope United, Rev. Dr. Kathleen Anderson.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, We pray for our primate, Most Reverend Shane Parker; our Bishop, The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe and for the **Chignecto Region**: St. John's, Truro, Nova Scotia, Northumberland, Nova Scotia; St. Andrew's, Wallace, All Souls, OxfordHoly Trinity, Denmark, St. John the Baptist, River John.

World: we pray for, The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Christmas Services

December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

7:30 pm Carol Singing

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

December 28, 2025

Carols and Lessons - 10:30 am

Week at a Glance

December 21 - December 28

Sun 8:30 am — Holy Eucharist BCP said
10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, BAS Sung
12:00 pm — Greening of the Church
2:00 pm — Bops with Tots, Hall
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm — Piano Lessons, Sanctuary
7:00 pm — Taizé Service of Remembrance, Sanctuary

Mon 8:30 am — Evermore Cleaners, Sanctuary
8:30 pm — Bagpipe Practice, Sanctuary

Tue 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm — AA, Sanctuary
6:30 pm — Games Night, Hall

Wed 4:00 pm — Christmas Eve Eucharist, Sanctuary
7:30 pm — Carol Singing, Sanctuary
8:00 pm — Christmas Eve Eucharist, Hall

Thur 10:30 am — Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

Fri 6:00 pm — AA, Hall

Sat 9:00 am - 2:30 pm — Cooking for St. Georges Soup Kitchen,
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm — Hall Booking

Sun 10:30 am — BAS Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary

Today! December 21st after the 10:30 service, Everyone is invited to help decorate the church.

Today! You are warmly invited to a "**Service of Remembrance**"
at St. Margaret of Scotland , Dec 21st @ 7 pm.

North End Friends & Neigh bours Potluck In these difficult and divisive times, local people coming together and forming community is a powerful act of resistance! Everyone is welcome. Bring Friends, bring family, come on your own. Bring a dish to share, or bring nothing but yourself. Fourth Sunday of each Month. 5 -7 pm in the church hall. Jan, 25, Feb 22, March 22, Apr 26, May 24, June 28.

St. Margaret of Scotland pewter ornament \$15. The 2026 Church Calendars are available for \$10. Contact Emma or Susan.

Thursday January 29th is our next monthly **Casserole Luncheon**. 11:30 am to 1 pm. Please spread the word and if you are not already attending, think about coming and bring a friend or two. If you are able to assist in any way, by providing a dish (we need casseroles, salads, desserts, rolls, etc) or lending hand, talk to Anne King.

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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