

*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  
Collect

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*PROCLAMATION*

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 *Anne King*  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalms 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, Oxford Holy Trinity, Denmark, St. John the Baptist, River John.

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

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*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 & Neighbours 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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