

A WARM WELCOME
to Visitors and Newcomers!



Our Children's Ministry
Meets downstairs during the 11 a.m. service most weeks. The children will process downstairs during the Gradual Hymn.



Washroom Facilities are located through the tunnel on the right side of the chancel and down the stairs. There is also an accessible washroom in the South Transept (to the right of the Chancel).



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The Cathedral Messenger

**Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of
St. John the Baptist
15 December 2024
Advent III**

Coming up this week...

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. The Cathedral Choir Crypt

We Welcome in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning:
Ella, Rosie, Anthony, & Jayden, children of Amber & Anthony!
May God's Blessing go with you throughout your lives!

Children's Christmas Party & Pageant: The Sunday School will be hosting a Christmas party and pageant rehearsal on **Sunday December 22, following the 11:00 service**. We invite all children to come out and have a good time while we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. There will be pizza and treats and children will have a chance to choose their costumes for the pageant. The Pageant takes place during the 4 p.m. Blessing of the Crèche Service on Christmas Eve. See you there!!

2025 Calendars featuring the Cathedral's beautiful stained-glass windows are now available for \$15. Cindy Marshall, one of our parishioners, took the photos. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the office or pick one up today after the service.

Christmas Flowers – Parishioners who wish to remember their loved ones by having flowers in the Cathedral for Christmas may either give donations or purchase and deliver flowers directly to the church. Donations may be given during regular collection with Attention to Altar Guild "flowers for Christmas" or to Jill during regular office hours, please contact 726-5677 or email: office@ourcathedral.ca for further information. Members of the Altar Guild will be in the Cathedral on Saturday, December 21st from 10am to 12 noon and flowers may be delivered at that time.

Year-end Receipts and Donations: If you have any outstanding receipts to claim for 2024, or if you wish to make a donation to be credited for 2024, please submit them to the Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 3rd. **Thanks to all** who have generously supported ministry here at the Cathedral this year! **The Cathedral Office** will close Monday, December 23rd and will re-open for normal hours on Thursday, January 2nd.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to:

The Endowment Fund † In memory of Betty Stewart from Anthea and Michael Donnan.

The General Fund † *In loving memory of Betty Stewart* from David and Mary Tulett.

The Christmas Hamper Fund † *In loving memory of Margaret & Lewis Babstock & Doreen & Gerald Facey* from Shirley & Christopher Facey, Douglas, Lesley & Kirill Facey, Rachael Facey & John Madden, Lewis, Charlotte & Charles Madden, Aaron Facey, Sarah Chalker, Henry, Molly, Zoey Facey. *You are never far from our thoughts & prayers.*

The Altar Guild Fund † *In loving memory of my husband Benjamin James Warren* from his wife, Loretta, his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

The Choral Scholarship Fund † *In memory of John Hewson* from Janet & family.

The Dean's Discretionary Fund † In celebration of Viola Newman's 95th Birthday this coming Monday, the 16th from Laura & family.

The Dean's Discretionary Fund † In memory of Edward Anderson Ted Newman from Viola Newman & Family.

Monthly Special Offering Intentions: Our special intention for this month is "**Advent/Christmas**". Please write "**Christmas**" on your envelope or in the memo of your electronic donation.

Please remember to bring your WHMA Mission Boxes back to the Cathedral this Advent!

Upcoming Sunday Services:

December 22nd: Advent IV

– 9 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist (said)

– 11 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 29th: Christmas I

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

January 5th: Epiphany

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

January 12th: Baptism of the Lord

– 11 a.m. BAS Choral Eucharist & Baptism

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

4 p.m. The Blessing of the Crèche & Children's Christmas Pageant.

7:30 p.m. BAS Holy Eucharist

11 p.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

10:30 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist

Weekday Morning Prayer:

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Lectionary Readings for next Sunday, December 22nd:

Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 3:7-18.

Christmas Vegetable Hampers: The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre is offering fresh, locally grown vegetable hampers in time for Christmas. The cost is \$20 and hampers include potatoes, carrots, turnip and cabbage – 13 lbs. in all. To order or make inquiries, call the office at (709) 726-8781. Pick up date is Friday, December 20th.

Making a donation to Anglican Life: As the year draws to a close, we encourage you to consider making a donation to Anglican Life, the newspaper serving the three dioceses of Newfoundland & Labrador. Your support helps us continue to share stories and photographs from our dedicated contributors, as well as spiritual and inspiring commentaries from our regular and guest columnists. Every subscription also includes The Anglican Journal, connecting you to news from the wider Anglican Church of Canada. To donate: mail a donation to Anglican Life, 22 Church Hill, St. John's, NL, A1C 3Z9; call in your credit card # to The Rev'd Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346, or go to our website (www.anglicanlife.ca) and click the "donate" button. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. Your generosity ensures we can keep bringing this valuable resource to our communities. If you are not currently receiving Anglican Life and would like to receive it "at no cost" please contact The Rev'd Fred Marshall at (709) 727-4346 and he will be pleased to add you to our mailing list.

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As we celebrate our 325th Anniversary as the Oldest Anglican Parish in Canada, we invite your support with a one-time gift of **\$325.**

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Your gift will support the ongoing ministry and outreach of the Cathedral Parish, which has been ministering to the people of St. John's since 1699!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Third Sunday of Advent

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Reader: The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his spirit. He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people. (Isaiah 61. 1-2)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of our task in preparing our world for the coming of the Messiah. We are also called to be prophets who will relieve suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

The third candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray.

All: Father, you have called us to share in Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim your Word in all that we say and do, until your kingdom comes upon the earth. Amen.

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Our Ministry and Outreach Committee is encouraging us to offer donations for those in need with the **Advent Giving Calendar**. Copies of the Calendar are available at the stone porch entrance. Thank you for your support!

11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Holy Baptism (BAS)
Setting: Carol Mass (Rupert Lang)

Opening Hymn: Come, thou long-expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
<u>The Gathering of the Community</u>	BAS p. 151
The Collect of the Day	p. 270
<u>The Proclamation of the Word</u>	
Zephaniah 3:14-20	Sharon Stuckey
Canticle #3: Song of Thanksgiving	p. 76
Philippians 4:4-7	Cindy Marshall
Gradual Hymn: 65 Hark the glad sound!	<i>Richmond</i>
The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18	
Sermon	Dean Roger Whalen
<u>Presentation and Examination of the Candidates</u>	p. 153
Prayers for the Candidates	p. 155
<u>The Celebration of Baptism</u>	
Thanksgiving over the water	p. 156
The Baptismal Covenant	p. 158
The Baptism	p. 160
The Giving of Light	
Confession & Absolution	p. 191
The Peace	p. 192
Offertory Hymn: CP109 When the King shall come again	<i>Tempus adest</i>
<u>The Celebration of the Eucharist</u>	
The Prayer over the Gifts	p. 271
Eucharistic Prayer #3 (<i>preface p. 219</i>)	p. 198
The Lord's Prayer	p. 211
The Breaking of the Bread #5	p. 212
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Alway	<i>Anonymous</i>
	<i>16th Century</i>
Prayer after Communion	p. 271
Doxology	p. 214
The Blessing and Dismissal	p. 215
Closing Hymn: 71 Rejoice, all ye believers	<i>Lancashire</i>

When the King shall come again,
All his power revealing,
Splendour shall announce his reign,
Life and joy and healing;
Earth no longer in decay,
Hope no more frustrated,
This is God's redemption day
Longingly awaited.

2. In the desert, trees take root,
Fresh from God's creation;
Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
Join the celebration;
Rivers spring up from the earth,
Barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

3. Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
Fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
Seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
Sing away their weeping;
Blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
Walking, running, leaping!

4. There God's highway shall be seen
Where no roaring lion,
Nothing evil or unclean,
Walks the road to Zion:
Ransomed people homeward bound
All your praises voicing,
See your Lord with glory crowned,
Share in his rejoicing.