

**A WARM WELCOME**  
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# *The Cathedral* **MESSENGER**

## **Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist 2 February 2025 The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple Candlemas**

### **Coming up this week...**

Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	The Cathedral Choir	Crypt
Friday	2:30 p.m.	The Altar Guild Meeting	Crypt

**The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11 a.m. service.** We will need to **elect 4 new Vestry members, a Youth Vestry member, and a new People's Warden.** If you are interested in putting your name forward for any of these positions on Vestry, please contact the Dean or one of the Wardens. The Financial Statements for 2024 will not be available at this meeting, but will be presented to the Congregation when they are available.

**Please note that our Vicar, the Rev'd Gail Dick,** will be away from the Parish for a few weeks on family matters. She plans to return in February.

**The Sunday School is looking for Legos:** If your child has Legos they no longer use and are willing to part with, please think about donating them to the Sunday School.

## Lent 2025

**Wednesday Compline:** We are preparing to present the weekly Wednesday Compline service during Lent as **On-line only**. It will be available on Facebook and YouTube, **but will not be an in-person service**.

**Lenten Book Study:** on Sundays in Lent we will be taking a **virtual journey to the holy land**, with the guidance of the Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. We will use his book, "**River through the Desert: a Lenten journey in the holy land**," and the accompanying videos and study questions, as our guide. Please let the Dean **know by Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, if you would like him to order a copy of the book on your behalf**. The plan is to meet in the Crypt at 4 p.m. each Sunday in Lent, beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>. We would share the reflection, watch the video, and look at the questions provided. For those who want to stay on, we could then share supper together. We would hopefully be finished by about 6 or 6:30, giving people time to get home before dark (through most of the weeks!). Please speak to the Dean for more information.

### Upcoming Sunday Services:

**February 9<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

– 11 a.m. BAS Choral Eucharist & Baptism

**February 16<sup>th</sup>: Septuagesima**

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Sexagesima**

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Quinquagesima (Last Sunday after Epiphany)**

– 9 a.m. BCP said Eucharist

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Mattins

### **Weekday Morning Prayer:**

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

**Lectionary Readings for next Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

**2025 Calendars** featuring the Cathedral's beautiful stained-glass windows are now available for \$15.

**WHMA Mission Boxes** are ready to be picked up for this year. These boxes will be collected again next Advent. Donations through these Mission Boxes support the work of the WHMA (Women's Home Mission Association) which, among other things, provides a scholarship to a student from coastal Labrador each year. If you would like to have a Mission Box, please take one with no name or request one through the Office. *The WHMA has been active for over 100 years here at the Cathedral.* **If you would like to join the WHMA, please speak to Marie Warren or contact the Office.**

**Monthly Special Offering Intentions:** Our special intention for this month is "**Emmaus House Food Bank**". Please write "**Food Bank**" on your envelope or in the memo of your electronic donation.

**Join the NSO for Masterworks 3: Love Notes.** Let your heart be swept away by the enchanting melodies of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra's Masterworks 3: Love Notes. Join us on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Arts & Culture Centre for an unforgettable evening of romantic music, led by the charismatic conductor Julian Pellicano. The concert begins with the thrilling *Der Freischütz Overture* by C. M. von Weber, setting the stage with its dramatic and evocative themes. Next, you will hear 12-year old guest artist Angela Yixuan Miao on the piano as she performs Chopin's exquisite *Concerto No. 2 in F*. The evening continues with *Adagietto* from Mahler's *Symphony No. 5*. Finally, experience the passion and drama of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*, a musical portrayal of the timeless love story that has captivated audiences for generations. Don't miss this chance to indulge in a wonderful evening – perfect for a Valentine's celebration. **Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (709-729-3900), online at [www.artsandculturecentre.com](http://www.artsandculturecentre.com), and at the door.**

**Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services (NLHS Eastern Urban and Rural)** invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week "Living with Grief Bereavement Support Group." This group is available in-person and virtually. While our in-person locations are in the St. John's region, our virtual group has expanded provincially. For more information, or to register, call 777-8940, or email us at [griefandbereavement@nlhealthservices.ca](mailto:griefandbereavement@nlhealthservices.ca).

We gratefully acknowledge donations to:

**The General Fund** † *In loving memory of Betty Stewart & Dorothy Noel* from Ev & Joyce King.

**The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)** is a winterrific family-friendly 2.5 km fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. *In St. John's, this event is hosted by Choices for Youth.* Each year in February, tens of thousands of Canadians step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of welcome and compassion in their communities. Since 2011, the Coldest Night of the Year has raised over \$75,000,000 across Canada in 190 Canadian communities – 100% of net proceeds stay local to support CNOY charity partners. **This is Choices for Youth's 12th year hosting this event in St. John's.** Local event details are on the CNOY St. John's web page: [cnoy.org/location/stjohns](http://cnoy.org/location/stjohns). This event takes place on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – visit the webpage above to donate to a participating team or, even better, **speak to the Dean if you would like to organize a Team from the Cathedral to participate in this event!**

**Request for Congregational Participation:** My name is Kong Sun Nicholas Lim and I am a Master of Arts student at the Brandenburg University of Technology, Germany. I am currently writing my thesis, entitled, *The Ecclesiastical District of St. John's: Challenges and Strategies.* The aim of my research is to find out the challenges and opportunities in your church that you perceive at a time of secularization amidst an ageing demographic, where many churches in our province have closed.

I kindly seek your help in completing a questionnaire. Your participation in this questionnaire is completely voluntary and anonymous. Here is a link to the questionnaire that you may enter in your search bar: [forms.gle/PqXsic3bJmJxS2BMA](https://forms.gle/PqXsic3bJmJxS2BMA) .

If you have any inquiries or difficulties accessing this link, kindly contact me at [limkongs@b-tu.de](mailto:limkongs@b-tu.de). Physical versions of this questionnaire can be made available at the Cathedral Office. Kindly return the form when it is completed. Thank you for your participation and have a wonderful week.

**Alongside Hope (PWRDF)** is sending a Delegation to Kenya with the goal of deepening partnerships and witnessing the incredible work of Alongside Hope partners in the area. **Our own Emmajane Donnan, a member of the Alongside Hope Youth Council, will be joining the Delegation!** We pray for safe travel, open hearts, and God's guidance throughout the delegation and for the continued strength and hope of the partners they are meeting alongside in Kenya.



**Today we observe** the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The Feast falls forty days after Christmas as, according to traditional Judaic law, the Virgin Mary presented her first-born male child to the priest in the temple in Jerusalem. The feast is known by several names: The Feast of the Presentation, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, and as Candlemas from the tradition of blessing candles on this occasion.

**The last great festival** of the Christmas cycle, Candlemas is a pivotal day – a bitter-sweet occasion. St. Luke's gospel tells us: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also."

**At Candlemas**, the mood shifts from the cradle to the cross, from Christmastide to Passiontide. In that shift of mood, devotion, and liturgy, we take with us the light of Christ: hence the ceremony of light and blessing of candles.

**This is a symbol** of the sure promise that Christ is our eternal light and salvation, now and throughout all ages.

**11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Candlemas Procession (BCP)**

Setting: **Missa Brevis No. 1, Op. 8** (*Eric Sheppard*)

Bidding Prayer for Candlemas

Introit Hymn: **79 Of the Father's love begotten** *Divinum mysterium*  
*v. 1, 3, 4, & 7*

The Lord's Prayer & Collect for Purity BCP p. 67

The Summary of the Law, *Kyrie eleison* p. 69

Sung Responsory for Candlemastide **Gibbons**

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

**Malachi 3:1-4** **Joyce King**

**Psalm 84** p. 437

**Hebrews 2:14-18** **Sharon Stuckey**

Gradual Hymn: **573 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower** *Surrey*

The Holy Gospel: **Luke 2:22-40**

The Nicene Creed p. 71

The Sermon **The Very Rev'd Roger Whalen**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: **98 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**  
*Uttingen*

The Intercessions

The Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession, Absolution, Comfortable Words p. 76

Thanksgiving and Consecration p. 78

The Peace, Prayer of Humble Access, *Agnus Dei* p. 83

THE COMMUNION

Anthem: **Eternal light, shine into our hearts** **Malcolm Archer**

The Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving p. 85

Candlemas Procession

*Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. Alleluia!*

**A light no darkness can extinguish. Alleluia!**

The Blessing of the Candles

Nunc dimittis **John Rutter**

*During which the candles will be lit*

Prayer for the Procession

Hymn **461 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing** *Dismissal*

*During which the Procession moves to the rear Nave crossing*

**Closing Responsory**

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who bear these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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**Annual Report:** There are still several Reports not yet submitted for the Annual Report. Please submit reports to the Office ASAP, as we will be printing the final copy this coming week. Copies of the Annual Report will be available next Sunday.