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).

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the entrance.

New to the Cathedral? Please fill out a welcome card/envelope found in the pews.

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The Cathedral MESSENGER

Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
29 November 2026
Advent I

Coming up this week…

Wednesday	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir	Crypt

Advent Season Giving – As we prepare for the coming Advent Season, let's share the love of God by showing care and compassion for others. In the spirit of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, we invite you to offer donations that will bring comfort and happiness to those in need.
Children's Gifts (ages 0–17) – toys, games, puzzles.
Winter Warmth – coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, blankets.
Baby Essentials – diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby soap.
Adult Hygiene Items – shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, sanitary supplies.
Every contribution, big or small, helps brighten someone's season and reminds them they are loved and cared for. Donations can be brought to the Cathedral Office during office hours or upstairs during service times. Delivery will take place around the 15th of December.

Happy Birthday to Bill Janes who celebrated his 93rd birthday on November 26th!

Last Call for Confirmation: If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending Confirmation Class this Winter/Spring, please contact the Office with your information, and we will let you know when Classes are scheduled. For more information, please contact the Dean.

Christmas Pageant Volunteers & Rehearsal – Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Pageant takes place during the **Blessing of the Crèche Service** on Christmas Eve – **4 pm Thursday, December 24th**. We are currently looking for **6 volunteers** to serve as readers for the pageant. If you would like to take part in sharing the Christmas story, please email Angela Green at angeladyke@nl.rogers.com.
Children's Rehearsal & Christmas Party: All children are invited to stay after the 11 am service on **Sunday, December 20th** for a pageant rehearsal followed by a festive Christmas party! There will also be a festive Labyrinth walk at 2 pm. Please let Angela Green, Beth Rowlands or Laura Cowan know if your child plans to attend so we can plan accordingly.

WHMA Mission Boxes: While the Women's Home Mission Association is no longer active, their ministry continues with the Mission Boxes. If you picked up a box at the beginning of the year, they are traditionally returned during Advent! Thank you for continuing to support the legacy of the WHMA and the Parish of Southeast Labrador!

We gratefully acknowledge donations to:
The Endowment Fund *In memory of our Father, Gerald Facey on the anniversary of his death* from his children, Anthea, Christopher, Nigel, Nicholas and Timothy.
The Endowment Fund *In memory of Bob Vallis* from Michael and Anthea.

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All are invited to the 31st Annual **Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture** at the RC Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. Seating and prelude music at 6:30 pm, Ecumenical Service of Advent Carols and Scripture at 7 pm.

Celebrate the Season with Handel's Messiah – Join the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO and our incredible soloists on December 4th and 5th as the Cathedral Basilica Foundation presents our annual Christmas production of Handel's Messiah, under the direction of Simon Rivard. Experience the drama, lyricism, and spiritual depth of one of the most enduring works in the choral repertoire, including the grandeur of the famous Hallelujah chorus. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (709-729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com, and at the door.

The students and faculty of Queen's College invite you to a dramatic reading of Kahlil Gibran's Jesus the Son of Man. His work is a poetically beautiful reflection on the life of Jesus. Saturday, December 5th, 7:30 pm. St. John's College Chapel (Social Work Bldg). Refreshments to follow. Admission is pay what you can donation to Queen's College. For more information, please contact Dr. Michelle Rebidoux at mrebidoux@mun.ca or 709-753-0116.

St. James United Church Baking Spirits Bright Bake Sale: Don't have time to bake your Christmas cookies, cakes or treats? Let us help you out! On **Sunday, December 20th at 12:15PM, directly after the worship service** we will be hosting a Christmas Bake sale, including breads, cookies, homemade fudge and more. Lunch: we will be serving soup, hot dogs and sweets for a ***free-will offering.*** We hope to see you there!

End of Year Sale - Wesley United Church Thrift Shop – The Wesley Thrift Shop will hold its Saturday Sale on December 5th from 9:00 am to Noon. All regular priced items will be half off. The last regular Tuesday Thrift Shop will be December 8th. The thrift shop will resume on Tuesday January 12th from noon to 2:00 pm**.**

Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service: St. James United Church is hosting a service on December 17 at 7pm for anyone who feels sadness at this time of year, especially if they are grieving the death of a loved one, the pain of a life-limiting illness, the breakdown of a relationship, or any other loss that leaves them feeling blue. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.

9:00 a.m. BCP Holy Eucharist: BCP p. 67, Propers p. 95
11:00 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols
Please see separate Order of Service

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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 people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. (Isaiah 9.2)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a Saviour who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the prophets of the Old Testament, who shared their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

The first candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray.
All: Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth. Amen.

The Cathedral Angel Tree of Memories

Again this Advent & Christmas, the beautiful tree by the lectern will become our **Angel Tree of Memories** — a display of love and remembrance. You can honor someone special by adding a lovely **angel ornament** to the tree for a **$20 donation**. Each angel will represent a loved one we're remembering this season, with their name displayed under the tree in a framed list.

Your gift helps support our church while creating a lasting tradition we can enjoy for years to come!

Let's fill our Tree of Memories with angels, love, and the spirit of Christmas!

Upcoming Sunday Services:

December 6th: Advent II
– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist & Great Litany in Procession
December 13th: Advent III
– 11 a.m. BAS Choral Eucharist & Baptism
December 20h: Advent IV
– 9 a.m. BCP said Holy Eucharist
– 11 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols
December 27th: Christmas I
– 11 a.m. BCP Sung Eucharist

Weekday Morning Prayer: 9:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please enter through the Wooden Porch on Gower Street.

Christmas @ Our Cathedral

11 a.m. Sunday, 20 December
Christmas Lessons & Carols
A traditional service of readings, congregational carols and choir anthems celebrating the Christmas Season.

Thursday, 24 December – Christmas Eve
4 p.m. – Children's Pageant & the Blessing of the Crèche
Our children take a leading role in this service and present their annual pageant, as we gather to bless our Christmas Crèche Nativity Scene.
7:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
With Christmas Hymns and a Sermon, this Eucharist uses the contemporary language service. Dean Roger Whalen will be the Preacher and Presider for this service
11 p.m. – Choral Eucharist for Christmas (BCP)
This is the traditional language Christmas Eve service with Christmas Hymns, the Cathedral Choir, and a Sermon. Bishop Sam Rose will be the Preacher and Presider for this service.
Friday, 25 December – Christmas Day
10:30 a.m. – BCP Holy Eucharist