

**LOOKING AHEAD: Nov. 29 – Dec. 1**

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| Wednesday 1 | 9:00 am            | Announcements due to Office   |
| Thursday 2  | 12:00 pm           | Reservations for Sunday 10 am worship and <b>Lessons and Carols at 7 pm</b> due to the Office (email or phone call) |
|             | 10:00 am - 3:30 pm | Silvercreek Community Market<br>Rose Head Hall  |
|             | 7:00 pm            | Church Choir Rehearsal<br>Sanctuary   |
| Saturday 4  | 9:00 am            | Decorating the Church<br>Sanctuary  |
| Sunday 5    | 8:30 am            | Advent 2<br>Holy Communion - Sanctuary  |
|             | 10:00 am           | Advent 2<br>Holy Communion - Sanctuary  |
|             | 7:00 pm            | Lessons and Carols<br>Sanctuary   |

**Organist**  
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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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## **WELCOME**

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.

We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.

We strive for racial equity.

We welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour and sexual orientation.

We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationship.

Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.

All are truly welcome.

### ***Acknowledgement of Territory***

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to be here today.

***We welcome all children*** to our worship. Children need to remain with their families during worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time.

***Communion: All are welcome. Please note that only wafers will be used during the pandemic.***

Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

### ***No Scents Makes Good Sense.***

Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

## **Announcements and Information**

### ***We pray for:***

**ACC** The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

**ELCIC** The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**Altar Guild November:** Thanks to Dianne Steinke and Judy Rogers.

**The flowers** are given today by Orland and Barbara Green in loving memory of their parents, Ross and Elizabeth Green and Bill and Marion Dafoe.

**Annual Budget Meeting:** This meeting of the congregation will take place **today** at 11:30 am via Zoom

**Decorating for Christmas:** Saturday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Altar Guild will prepare the building for Christmas. The congregation is invited to participate in this special gathering. Please ensure you are double vaccinated and masked.

**Silvercreek Community Market Book Drive:** Please help us add a book for each child ages birth to 12 (grade 6) to our Food Hampers in December. There is a box in the Narthex. Books can be dropped off in the church office until Wednesday **Dec. 1 at noon.**

**Gift Bags for Chalmers:** Deadline is **today**

**The Mary Guse Giving Tree** will be in the narthex from Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off all items by **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Silvercreek Community Market:** Especially needed items: peanut butter, pasta sauce, soup and cereal

**Christmas Food Drive** in support of the Market - Drop food off here at All Saints on Friday Dec. 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, or at St. Joseph's RC Church (on Paisley) on Saturday Dec. 11 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Readers are needed for Lessons and Carols** on Sunday Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm and for all three Christmas Eve services. Please contact the Church Office if you are able to be a reader or to register for these services.

Announcements

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 28 , 2021.

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Sending Song – **Fling Wide the Door**  
# 259 (ELW)

### Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude - Gloria in Excelsis - John Stainer

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude - Calm - A. Louis Scarmolin

Morning Prayer - Leslie F. Watson

*Two minutes of silence will be observed after the Prelude*

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

Gathering Song – **Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**  
# 436 (ELW)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.  
**By your merciful protection, awaken us to all that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen**

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

People, look East verse 1 # 248 (ELW)

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
preaching, and song.*

First Reading - *Jerimiah 33:14 -16*

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads. Your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.** (*Luke 21:28*)

Lord's Prayer (Sung version)

**Our Father, in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are  
yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymns/Anthem

The People Walk # 706 (ELW)

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.  
**Amen**

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,  
to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

## MEAL

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Gospel Reading - *Luke 21:25-36*

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day – **Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending # 435 (ELW)**

## Installation of Church Council

The following persons, having been elected by the congregation as members of council, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read:

Laura B. Mann: Chair  
Jan Nielsen: Vice-Chair  
Judy Rogers: Secretary  
David Maguire  
Andrija Usjak  
Carole Mozuratis  
Susan Steele  
Siegfried Schranz  
Ann Stuart  
Suzanne Wakefield  
Werner Eitzen

Additionally, council has also elected:

Sandra Christie: Treasurer  
Suzanne Worthen: Treasurer Assistant  
Michele Altermann: Envelope Secretary

In Holy Baptism, Jesus liberated you from sin and death and made you members of the Church. Through word and sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with the whole church, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized:

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence with us and pray you will always be present with those whom we love but no longer have with us. Strengthen and sustain those mourning the loss of loved ones. In addition, we wish to remember those unfortunate people who died in the floods and landslides in British Columbia last week as well as the terrible loss of farm animals and family pets.

In darkness, we watch and wait.

**Bring us your Light.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray. Keep us alert and vigilant so that we may welcome you with joy and thanksgiving through the arrival of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you.**

Omnipotent God, we pray for good governance, for justice and for peace. Guide our appointed and elected officials across the world and here at home to uphold justice for those who are the innocents of war: let us keep the beleaguered refugees at the border in Belarus in our prayers. Help our Canadian officials make haste to bring the Afghans to Canada who were promised asylum here. Give those in authority, wisdom to rebuild and reconfigure the damage caused by the floods in British Columbia in order to prevent further such tragedies. Provide them with the ability to recognize the difficult choices that may have to be made and to have the courage to endorse these changes.

In darkness, we watch and wait.  
**Bring us your Light.**

Loving and compassionate God, thank you for providing us with all we need for daily living. Bring relief to those in poverty; help us to sustain our Outreach Ministry through the Silvercreek Community Market and the Royal City lunch program. Keep us alert and supportive to help others where needs become apparent. We pray for the sick, especially for those who desire our prayers: Chris, Irene, Dale, Benito, Bill, Elizabeth, and those we hold in our hearts... *(brief silence...)* We pray for caregivers that they may receive strength from you for their service to others. We pray for all those in distress of any kind. We pray for those who rejoice, and we share with them their joy as they celebrate the arrival of new life, birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events.

In darkness, we watch and wait.  
**Bring us your Light.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*St. Paul writes:* "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all."

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the one in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your focus of area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Yes by the help of God.**

People of God, I ask you. Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Yes, by the help of God.**

I now declare you installed as council members and officers of this congregation. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

## Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

In this season of waiting and watching, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence, praying: "In darkness, we wait and watch," and responding, "Bring us to your Light."

Holy God, we pray for the Church universal and for all others who acknowledge you as their Lord. We especially ask for guidance and courage to fulfill our promises to you, and we ask that you show forgiveness when we fail. Bless this Anglican/Lutheran community of All Saints and bless Pastor Brian, Father Bill and Deacon Chris as they guide and empower us through our daily lives.

In darkness, we watch and wait.

**Bring us your Light.**

Holy God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Give us the courage and wisdom to critically evaluate and assess information from sources that have studied and researched the issues that threaten our existence. Give us the strength to take the difficult stand this wisdom may demand. Help us stand strong to protect our fragile earth and the innocent creatures entrusted to our care. Keep us alert and watchful.

In darkness, we watch and wait.

**Bring us your Light.**