

Announcements for Sunday, December 8

Readings for Next Week

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 3

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 27 10:00 85 Livestream 38 = 150

Givings

On the plate: \$ 2005

Auto Debit: \$2536

Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

The Advent Wreath

Lighting candles on an Advent wreath is an old custom. The wreath itself is a circle, reminding us that in God there is no beginning or end. The wreath also stands for the circle of loving community, in which every one of us is an equal member. The wreath is traditionally made of evergreen boughs, a sign of the ever-greenness of God's love, which never dies.

Traditionally, Advent was a season of repentance, like Lent, although now most people see it more as a time of waiting and anticipation. But we keep the old penitential colours in the candles: three blue or purple and one rose (the rose candle stood for a relaxation of penitence - like a rest stop in a marathon). The last candle, the white one, is the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve to symbolize Christ's birth.

The four Advent candles represent four Advent themes: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Purdy's Chocolate

Thank you so very much to all who purchased Purdy's Chocolate. Our sales totaled \$2823 giving us a profit of \$797.50!

Upcoming Concert

Soul Sauce, the 15-member vocal jazz group that practices in our church, is putting on their Christmas concert on Wednesday Dec. 11th at St. George's, starting at 7:30 p.m. No ticket is required and there is no cost to attend, but free will offerings will be much appreciated. Bring friends and family! Should be fun and entertaining!

Lessons and Carols

A service of Lessons and Carols will be held on December 15 at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Poinsettias

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Christmas flowers. The suggested donation is still \$10. You may want to donate in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for loved ones or for any other reason. These poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary over the Christmas season.

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Christmas Piano Drop-In between 2 pm and 5 pm

What does a guy do when he has dozens of different collections of Christmas piano arrangements and not enough opportunity to play through them all? He plays through them on a Christmas-y December Sunday afternoon! An afternoon where you can drop in to the sanctuary to sit and relax and listen to sounds of the season, perhaps a time for silent worship and reflection on the meaning of Christmas! No bulletins, no announcements, no applause - it is NOT a concert! Just an informal afternoon of Christmas piano music! Come early! Come late! Come and go as you please! Stay a little while! Stay a long while! Stay as long you would like! Bring a donation for the food bank!

Thanks!

Rob Aszmies

Missing a container?

A number of containers have been left following the Christmas Market. These may have been from baking or Christmas Treasures. They will be placed on a table in the hall outside of the Fireside Room. Thanks so much for picking these up.

Church Envelopes for 2025

If you use church envelopes for your donations, your 2025 envelopes are in your mailbox or at the end of the shelf.

Sunday Smile

Coffee with cream cools 20% more slowly than black coffee

November Ladies Lunch

On the 29th November we held our final lunch of this year at The Harvest Moon restaurant in St. Jacobs. What an amazing gathering! How lucky are we to have such a warm, caring, fun community. It was wonderful to hear all the chatter and laughter being shared. Many thanks to MaryAnn and Catherine for taking our photos through the year..... and Catherine for so often speaking to our hearts in prayer. Our next lunch will be in January.

Christmas Blessings to all. Be well. be safe.

New YouTube Channel

As you may have heard, we are changing the process for watching our livestreamed Services soon and this is a further update for you.

We have used a company called **LiveStream** for quite a while which was free. However, this company has restructured itself as **VIMEO** and a new monthly or annual charge would follow for the services we require beginning in the New Year if we carried on with them.

After some research into alternate solutions and to keep our costs as low as possible, we have elected to migrate to **YouTube** which is widely available on the internet and incur no additional or new costs for the services we require. We will use our own St. George's **YouTube** Channel which we have already!

To try this out, we recorded a short video with Catherine Carlson earlier this week.

Here are two ways to view it:

Method #1: Use the following

link: <https://www.youtube.com/@stgeorgesfh>

- Just click on the hotlink above and it will take you to our Channel.

- Once you get to the Channel, you will see four options mid-screen:

HOME VIDEO LIVE
PLAYLISTS

Select the third option, LIVE, and you will see the video entitled "YouTube Announcement".

- Click on that icon to view the video that has been posted of Catherine.

Method #2: Type the following into your internet browser:

YouTube St. George's of Forest Hill

- This will take you directly to our channel and you will see Catherine's video entitled "YouTube Announcement." Simply select it to view it. And that is all that there is to it to enable you to watch livestream broadcasts using **YouTube!**

We will continue to send out the appropriate internet links via e-mails on Sunday mornings as we have been doing.

Once again, the switch from LiveStream (VIMEO) to YouTube will occur on Sunday, December 8, 2024, for the 10 am Service.

Thanks to our newest livestream operator, Noah Cronin, for his work on this migration to **YouTube!**

Nelson Cuthbert