

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families (this week we remember): Shirley D. Belbin, Rev. Ed. & Debbie Bonnell, Cecile Bradbury, Dr. Greg & Lisa Brown/Lake, Frank Burry, and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Trinity/Port Rexton(7 congregations) Rev. Jim Beaton, Rector and the Parish of Twillingate(3 congregations) Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, RD, Rector.

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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk: *"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* (Matthew 24:42) Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passage above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts. Sometimes the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations can rob us of our time needed to prepare spiritually. The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming. As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready we are for Jesus' coming. Are we preparing for it with the same fervor that we prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are we looking forward to that day when He will return? Are we preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are we awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to us on a daily basis? If we find that we are not as prepared for His return in glory as we'd like to be,

make this Advent a time when we get our hearts ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice. Each year when we begin the new liturgical church calendar on the first Sunday of Advent, we are, essentially, starting over again, giving us yet another opportunity to dedicate ourselves anew to living out the faith of our baptism in the context of the life and fellowship of the faith community. Today we also do the same when we gather for Confirmation. These young people being confirmed today are standing before all of us, and, before God to accept the promises made for them in baptism, and, to dedicate themselves anew to God's service. They don't do it alone, each one of us will also renew our promise to support them in this decision they have made. What we do today places upon us an awesome responsibility, let us try our very best to fulfill this commitment we make. In this era of missional thinking, as we seek ways to renew, and, breath new life into God's church, let us think and pray much about our own responsibility in this great work we are called to. We live in a critical time for the church, and, for faith, what will we do? To have faith necessarily means we have to be faithful in honoring the promises we have made to God. Advent and Confirmation is an invitation from God to each one of us, inviting us to share in the mystery of God's love for humanity that he would dwell among us in the flesh, dying that we might live.

(Rev. Randy)

Today's Bulletin

is Given to the

Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of:

Daughter

Leila Tulk

Nov. 29, 1957 – Feb. 7, 2019

Given by

Mom & Dad

Gilbert & Greta Tucker

And

Brother

Wayne Lamswood

Age 77 Years

Given by

Calvin, Joan & The Girls

Dismissal Song

**Go now in peace;
never be afraid. God
will go with you each
hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith,
steadfast strong and
true. Know he will
guide you in all you
do.**

**Go now in love and
show you believe.
Reach out to others
so all the world can
see.**

**God will be there
watching from
above. Go now in
peace, in faith and in
love.**

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary

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Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

1st. of Advent – December 1st.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Joan Tucker

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) & Confirmation

7:00 pm – Service for Rector's Induction

Eucharistic Assistants – Goerge Sharpe & Debbie Collis

Counters: Susan Powell & Karen Puglisevich

Sidesperson: Gerald Sharpe

Altar Duty: Jeanette Osmond, Phoebe Parrill & Joan Osmond

2nd. Of Advent – Dec. 8th.

8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharistic Assistant – Dave Bartlett

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Eucharistic Assistants – Harve Hiscock & Marianne Baker

Counters: Susan Powell & Karen Puglisevich

Sidesperson: John Parrell

Alter Duty: Jeanette Osmond, Phoebe Parrell & Joan Osmond

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Today – 1st of Advent

**1st Reading:
Isaiah 61: 1-9
Psalm 139: 1-9
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(Allie Wheeler)

**2nd Reading:
Romans 13: 11-14**

(Glenda Winter)

**Gospel
Luke 4: 16-21**

(Deacon Bonnell)

NOTICES

Dec. 1 - Congregational Pot-Luck lunch will be held following the 10:30 am Confirmation service this morning. All are welcome to join with us!

Dec. 1. –Cookies and sandwiches will be served after the 7:00 pm Induction service this evening. We invite you to come along and bring the cookies and sandwiches for the reception.

Dec. 4 – ACW Christmas Dinner will take place on Wed., Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm. at Jack's Restaurant in the Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you are interested in attending please call Phoebe Parrell at 722-5937

Dec. 4 -The MusicBox Presents "Christmas at Broken Rock ", a night of songs and stories featuring members of Baccalieu and Friends. A Theater styled production is a fundraiser for the work of Topsail United Church on Wednesday Dec. 4 at 7 P.M, At Topsail United Church. Admission is \$ 10 Adults, Children \$5. Tickets are available at the Church Office by calling 834-4567 or The Music Box at 744-2080.

Dec. 7 - Topsail United Church Men's Club annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday Decemer 7 from 8 until 11 A.M. Usual Great Menu. Adults \$8, Children \$4. Face Painting and Coloring for the Children. Pictures with Santa. All are Welcome.

Dec. 8 - Next Sunday will be our Coffee & Refreshment hour in the foyer. Lisa Lake, with the help of our young people began hosting a coffee/fellowship time in the foyer prior to the 10:30 am service on the first Sunday of each month. But, because we have so much going on today that involves food, Lisa decided to do the coffee hour next Sunday, December 8th. Please come a little bit early and enjoy refreshments and fellowship before service.

Dec. 12 – St. Philip's ACM will be holding it's Christmas Dinner on Thursday , Dec. 12th. at 6 PM in the parish hall. This will be a salmon dinner and all men are invited to attend. Please reply by Tuesday, Dec. 10th. by calling Gary King at 691-3902. There is no cost for the dinner but donations are welcome.

Dec. 18 - Christmas Tree of Remembrance will again take place this year. We will gather around the Christmas tree (outside the church doors) on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. Rev. Randy will read out the names of loved ones in whose memory the tree is lit, say a special prayer and officially light the tree, which will remain lit throughout the Christmas season. The proper forms are available but should be returned no later than Sunday, December 15th.

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve services will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm (family worship with abbreviated form of Holy Eucharist) and 7:30 pm (Holy Eucharist).

Notes

Welcome to our bishop today! Bishop Peddle is with us this morning at the 8:30 am service to Confirm Chloe Morris, Joshua Smith, Nathan Bartlett, Elizabeth Tucker, Braden Pittman, Blair Pittman and Roghan Penney. What a wonderful thing to gather this morning to share in this momentous event in the life of these young people as they take their full place in the church and continue to live out their faith. Please pray for them and support and encourage them as much as you can. The bishop will be with us again this evening at 7:00 pm to Induct Rev. Randy as rector of our parish. Please pray for him and support this ministry by your prayers and presence this evening.

2019 is quickly drawing to a close and we realize that in 7 weeks we will be entering into a brand new year. Please be reminded that our parish financial books close December 31st. We hope to again meet our financial obligations for the year but, to do so we need the support of all our parish members.

This year we will be starting a Youth Group that will meet certain Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a great time for our young people, aged 12 - 16 to come and take part in various roles with-in the church. We will meet and plan activities and projects All are welcome! We are desperately looking for volunteers for our children and youth programs. If you are interested, please let me know. You do not have to commit for every week!! *(Lisa Lake)*

Memorial bulletin forms are available in the rack in the foyer for anyone wanting to place the bulletin in memory of loved ones. The forms are in the envelope, simply fill in the information, enclose your donation and drop it into the offering plate or bring it to the parish office.

The next services of baptism will be held on January 12th. Anyone desiring to have their children baptized should speak to Rev. Randy in advance of these dates. _

As we draw near to Christmas we look forward to the participation of our children at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve family service. This year our Sunday School is considerably understaffed so anything our parents can do to help and support the upcoming Christmas service please let the Sunday School leaders know.

Welcome to Advent! For the next 4 Sundays we will be counting down the Sundays of Advent in preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent has a theme (Hope, Peace, Joy & Love), and, today we light our Advent wreath to be reminded that HOPE is so important for us to have in our world today. We must never give hope, especially the hope that Jesus came into the world to give us.

Our Sunday School/youth leaders have begun to prepare for the Christmas Eve Family service. We have only 4 weeks to get ready, and we want all our children and youth to get involved. We will need to get in several practices so we want everyone to try to be at church every Sunday for the next 4 weeks. We look forward to another beautiful Christmas Eve service but we can only succeed in doing so if we have participation from as many as possible. If you have not already contacted Lisa (Lake) please do so right away so she can add the names to her list.

2020 Church Calendars will arrive soon. 30 calendars were ordered and they will be sold quickly no doubt. If you would like one please speak to one of the ACW ladies.

Dec. 12 - Join Ian Foster and Nancy Hynes for their return Christmas concert to St. Mark's Anglican Church in St. John's Thursday December 12, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm). There'll be new songs and some fun surprises for the show this year, along with tracks from their holiday album 'A Week in December.' Tickets on sale now at - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/christmas-with-ian-foster-and-nancy-hynes-st-marks-anglican-church-tickets-75493189161>, through www.ianfoster.ca/shows, and at the church office at 203 Logy Bay Rd. (709) 726-3213. Children ages 12 and under are free. Doors at 7pm. This concert is in support of Home Again Furniture Bank.

We have only one month left to meet our parish financial budget so we remind everyone of the importance of getting our church offerings for 2019 in before the end of December. In this critical time where many of our parishes in this diocese are struggling to survive we must ensure we remain strong and vibrant into the future, but to do this we need the full support of all our parish church family. Please help us to, not only meet our financial goals for 2019 but to even exceed them!

Händel's Messiah - A Christmas tradition; the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Marc David, together with the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO presents Händel's Messiah - set in the historic and captivating Basilica and presented by Cox & Palmer. The Messiah takes place at 8PM on Friday, December 6, 2019 and Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.

Church Chuckle

How did Jonah feel when he was swallowed by the whale?

Down in the mouth.



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Prayerfully consider your Parish in your Estate planning.

Stewardship thought for the Week
Give to God what's right – not what's left over.

Yearly Budget for Envelope Giving for 2019 - \$97,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$ 8,741.67	
Needed Weekly - \$ 2,108.00	
Rec'd Nov. 24th.	
Regular Giving	\$ 1,249.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Rec'd Year to Date	
Regular Giving	\$ 72,820.06
Maintenance	\$ 10,367.10
Total Brought in for Nov. 24th.	\$ 1,909.05