

**The Church Gathers for Worship**

December 18, 2022

Morning Worship: 10:30 am

***4th Sunday of Advent***

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Advent Artist

Prelude

Deanne van Rooyen (Harp)

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

Leader: The time is coming. Indeed, it is almost here.

**People: For the Shepherd of Israel to come.**

Leader: Do we have all the gifts for this season?

**People: No, because the light of the world is still on the way.**

Leader: Even as we wait to celebrate the birth of Christ,

**People: We know that you are always with us – Emmanuel;  
wherever there is hope, peace, joy and love. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn

*Joy to the World*

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Opening Prayer

Advent Candle:

Lighting the Candle of Love

Etim, Victoria, Eme, Eno, Uwana Eyoma

Advent Song:

*Hope is a Star* (v4)

Scripture:

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Stan Moeller

Musical Meditation

Deanne van Rooyen

Children's Moment

The Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes & Rev Ruth Tonn

A Celebration of Our Life and Work Together

Scripture:

Luke 1: 26-38

Rev Ruth Tonn

Musical Meditation:

*Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming*

Jason Hall

Scripture:

Matthew 1:18-25

Darren Booth

Solo:

*Joseph's Song*

Robin Hennigar

Reflection on Love

The Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes

Offering of our Gifts:

*The Little Drummer Boy*

Shiphrah Chan

\*Offertory Response:

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter* (vs 1&4)

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn:

*Angels We have Heard on High*

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Benediction

Postlude

*We Three Kings*

Deanne van Rooyen,  
Jason Hall, Pam Paton

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## Church Announcements for Sunday, December 18, 2022

**Sunday Bible Study:** There will be no Sunday morning Bible Study on Dec 25 or Jan 1, due to the holidays.

**Office Closure:** Theresa will close the WBC Office for her vacation, from noon on Friday, **Dec 23** until 8:30 am, Tuesday, **Jan 10/23**. Phone messages and emails will be checked periodically. For emergencies, please contact Jennifer Longley at 902-681-8239.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Bulletins or Announcements for the Jan 1/23 Worship Service.**

**2022 Offerings:** All offerings for 2022 should be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022 to be included in the 2022 tax receipts. Any donations made on or after January 1 will be included in 2023 offerings.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the church parlour. There will be a meeting on Dec 27.

**Coffee & Conversation:** Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm on Zoom. Note: There will not be a Zoom call on Dec 27.

**The Chosen: A Contemporary Look at Jesus:** Tuesdays in the church parlour, 6:30–8:00 pm. Contact Wendy at wounds.to.wings.counselling@gmail.com to register. There will not be a meeting on Dec 27.

***O Holy Night:*** Tenor Marcel d'Entremont, beloved choral scholar, is coming to WBC for an evening of Christmas sacred and secular music, Thursday, Dec 22 at 7:00 pm. Marcel will be joined by soprano Brenna Conrad, and pianist Heather Price. A suggested donation is \$20, but any amount will gladly be received.

**Christmas Day Social:** Please join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Sunday, Dec 25, 1-4 pm. Please call 902-542-5524 if you require transportation.

**Confidential Prayer Chain:** To request a regular prayer for yourself or someone you know, please contact Shon at shonwhitney@hotmail.com. Actual names may be omitted, if desired.

**WBC YouTube:** Wolfville Baptist has a YouTube channel! Subscribe at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3AFcZcdLmKG6zhUiXts-\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3AFcZcdLmKG6zhUiXts-_Q)

## WBC Christmas Events

- December 17:** Family Christmas Party, 1:00–3:00 pm, Pre-registration required
- December 18:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 21:** Longest Night / Blue Christmas Service, Orchard Valley UC, 7:00 pm
- December 22:** *O Holy Night* Concert, 7:00 pm
- December 24:** Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 pm  
Traditional Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm
- December 25:** Christmas Carol Service, 11:00 am (**please note time**)  
Christmas Day Social, 1:00–4:00 pm
- January 1/ 23:** Hymn Sing Service, 11:00 am (**please note time**)

## Community Events

**Sing for Our Supper:** Join us for sensational, seasonal stories and songs. Wolfville Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec 18, 7-9pm. Tickets at the door. Food or cash donation.

**Christmas Carol Sing:** Port Williams United Baptist Church invites you to a Carol Sing celebrating Ken Bezanson's many years of service to Church & community. Sunday, Dec 18 at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception in Lockwood Hall. Free-will offering towards our Solar Panel Project – masks recommended.

**Longest Night Service:** Wolfville Baptist Church will join other members of the WAICC clergy in a Longest Night / Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, Dec 21, at 7:00 pm. This year's service will be held at Orchard Valley United Church, County Fair Mall (in the old Sears store), New Minas. All are welcome.

**“The Longest Night” Concert:** Wednesday, Dec 21, 7:00 pm, St. James Anglican Church, Kentville. Tickets available at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca). \$16.29 online at Eventbrite or \$18 (cash only) at the door. Limited seating; masks are encouraged. For more information email [longestnightconcert@gmail.com](mailto:longestnightconcert@gmail.com).