

# Order of Service



## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Welcome and Announcements



**Time of Preparation** *(please remain seated)*



**Lighting the Joy Candle:** *Walter Guccio (Italian)*



### Prayer of Adoration & Confession

*(followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN*



### Praise Selection: How Great Our Joy

*(Please stand, all children are invited to come forward)*

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD



**Childrens Time:** *(Children are invited to attend "The Bridge" Children's Ministry following Children's Time)*



### Message: "The Joys and Pains of Christmas"

*Isaiah 9:2 (page 489)*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



**Praise Selection: Star Child** *(please stand)*



**Offering** *(please remain seated)*



**Prayers of the People**

## PREPARING TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD



**Praise Selection: Angels We Have Heard on High** *(please stand)*



**Benediction** *(please remain standing)*



### This week at Living Faith

**Wednesday:** Holiday Wednesday with Jane 10am  
Praise Team, 7pm

**Sunday:** Bible Study, 9am  
Worship Service, 10:30am

Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church is a "Leading With Care" congregation, providing a safe place for children and vulnerable adults according to the requirements of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary

# Welcome!

*We are blessed that you are here to worship God this morning and we welcome you to the family. Please join in a time of fellowship and refreshments in Celebration Hall following the worship service.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent with Rev. Malcolm Summers bringing us his message "The Joys and Pains of Christmas".

The **ADVENTure** continues, today we will light the candle of Joy. The best way to receive joy is by following this acronym. J(Jesus) O(Others) Y(Yourself). When you place Jesus and others before yourself, you do indeed receive true joy.

Pick up a piece of paper confetti and write down something that you do for Jesus or others that brings you joy. Then simply toss the paper on the joy display. May you have a joy-filled week.

Please join us **Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.** to hear what the Angels had to say about the birth of Jesus.

**Holiday Wednesday** Come and join Jane Archer for a casual holiday chat and light refreshments 10-12 Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> in The Well.

**Thornton Community Food Bank** Thanks to our congregation for their generous donations of food, books and small Christmas gifts for the children. We really appreciate everything that they do for our food bank families. Thank you again, we could not run the food bank without the constant help of our church family. We are looking for plastic or reusable grocery bags if anyone has any that they don't need at this time.

Join us in the **Bridge** Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> to watch "The Star".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are in the foyer for pick-up this morning.

**Pulpit Supply:** December 23 – Malcolm Summers  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Gallant  
December 30<sup>th</sup> – King Ndongo  
January 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Voo

### Evangel Hall - Needed Items

**Clothing Items** - New underwear and socks, Running shoes and waterproof shoes, T-shirts and sweatshirts, Raincoats and ponchos, Jeans and track pants, Sleeping bags, Lightweight coats in warm weather and winter coats in cold weather, Large sturdy backpacks

**Personal Necessities** - Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Deodorant, Lip balm, Individual packages of tissues, Feminine hygiene products, Travel-size shampoo and conditioner, Travel-size body wash and moisturizer, Rub A535

**Food and Kitchen-** Powdered milk, Peanut butter, Canned fruit, Tea and ground coffee, Pasta and rice

**Gift Cards** – Dollarama, PC Optimum points (14054 4018 6532), Canadian Tire points (7409 2305 9031), Loblaws, Staples

*At Living Faith, we strive to limit the use of scents and peanut products so our church home is a welcoming and safe environment for those with allergies and sensitivities.*

### Prayer Corner

*Please keep the following in your prayers this week*

Shelly Sawden who has an infection, home waiting for surgery.

Dorothyann has moved to long term care at the I.O.O.F Home.

Joe Stanley who has received some bad news re: his cancer.

Millie's son in-law who is fighting bone cancer.

Grace's brother in-law Gord is in hospital with cellulitis, he is in a great deal of pain.



*December 16: A learning experience in rural Ontario*

*In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. Through the Rural and Remote Ministry Grant, seminary students are able to gain ministry experience in a rural and remote congregation during the summer. Emily Webb, a Master of Divinity student, participated in a recent placement opportunity at Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield, ON. Through this opportunity, Emily was able to develop skills in leading Sunday worship, preaching and pastoral care. Emily's enthusiasm for mission and worship was a blessing to Knox Bayfield and, in turn, the congregation provided a supporting and encouraging summer placement for Emily.*

*Presbyterians Sharing supports seminary students*

### Duty Elder for December: Trace Leonard

If anyone has any announcements please see the Duty Elder before the service.



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

#### Last Week:

Attendance: 81

Offering: \$3189

Gift cards: \$47.50  
from \$870 total sales

Jane Archer – chaplain4you@gmail.com

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Family Ministry – Nancy Gallant, ngcrosswalk@hotmail.com

Children's Ministry – Lisa Sawden, lisamsawden@gmail.com

Nursery Care – Sherry Patey, preciousfaboo@yahoo.ca

Pastoral Care Coordinator – Shelly Sawden, equinetouch@live.com

Custodian – Peter Gallant

Interim Moderator - Tobey Boyer, minister\_knoxalliston@bellnet.ca



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## Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Bringing God's Word to life,  
passionately serving Jesus Christ, each other,  
and the community



### "The Joys and Pains of Christmas"

3rd Sunday of Advent

**December 16th, 2018**