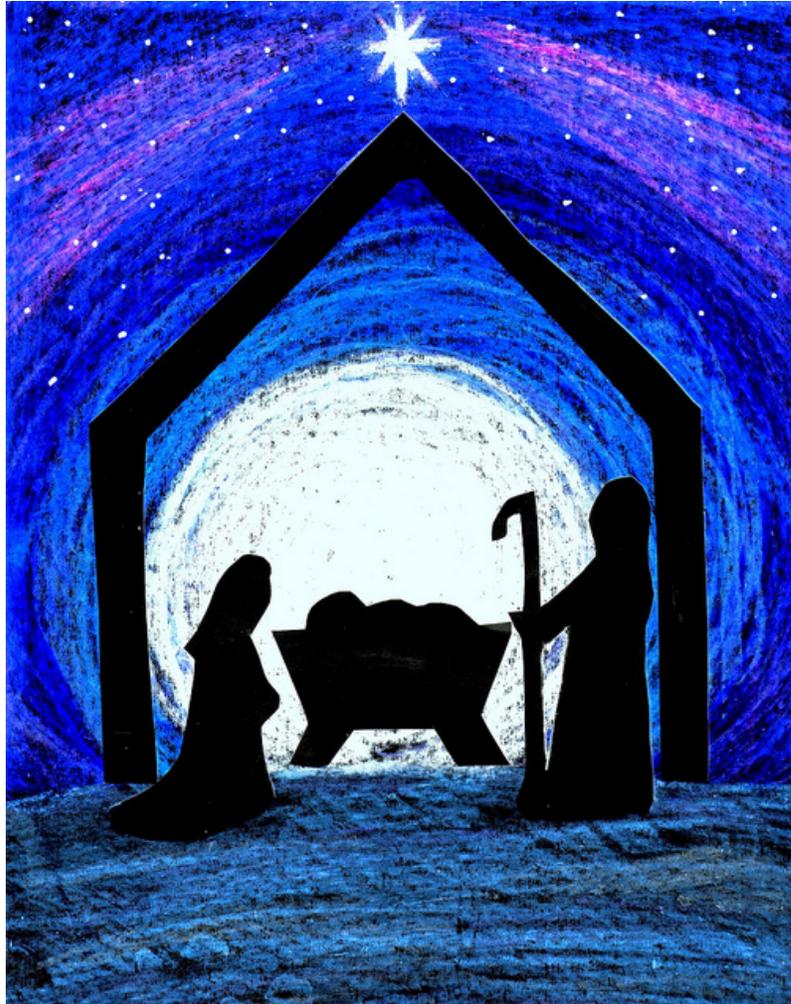


**WELCOME TO  
ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Pastor Jim Halmarson  
Deacon: Suzanne McMillan  
Deacon: Alan Wotherspoon  
Organist and Choir Director: Syd Birrell,



**DECEMBER 24, 2017**  
**NATIVITY OF THE LORD – FAMILY EUCHARIST**  
**7 pm Christmas Eve**  
**BAS**

**Organ:** Medley of Carols

*Please stand*

### **The Gathering**

Celebrant 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord.

**All Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

Celebrant From eternity to eternity you are God,

**All and now we see you as a newborn child.**

**Hymn 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*Adeste Fideles*

*The clergy process to the crib*

### **The Greeting**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

### **Prayer at the Crib**

Celebrant To you, O Christ, Word of the Father, we offer our lowly prayers and humble thanks; for love of our human race you most wonderfully chose to be born of Mary, and to take our nature as nevermore to lay it by; so that we might be born again by your Spirit and restored in the image of God; to whom, one blessed Trinity, be given all honour, might, majesty and power, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Celebrant Unto us a child is born.

**All Unto us a Son is given.**

Celebrant The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to mankind. The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has never put it out.

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

We light this candle to remind us of the great light that comes at last with the birth of Jesus, the Word of God made human for us.

As we welcome him in the poor stable in Bethlehem, we offer ourselves to bring his transforming love to birth in all dark places, and to serve him in all our brothers and sisters.

*The Christmas candle is lit*

Let us pray. O God, your love was so great for us that you gave us your Son to shine out in our darkness. Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

**Hymn 154**            **Joy To The World**

*Antioch*

*Please remain standing*

**The Collect for Christmas**

Celebrant    Eternal God,

**All**            **this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Reading      **Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Read by Dianna Lehman*

**Hymn**    **Away in a Manger**

*Cradle Song*

Celebrant    Today Christ is born:

**All**            **Alleluia**

Celebrant    Today the Saviour has come:

**All**            **Alleluia**

Celebrant    Today the angels sing on earth:

**All**            **Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.**

Reader      The Lord be with you.

**All**            **And also with you**

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All**            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel**    **Luke 2:1-20**

*Read by Debra Graham*

Reader      The Gospel of Christ

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

**Christmas Message**    Pastor Jim Halmarson

*please be seated*

Ave Maria Schubert sung by Sarah Halmarson

*Please stand*

## The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

## Prayers of the People

*Please assume a position of prayer*

*Leader* In peace let us pray to the Lord. Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

*Leader* On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

*Leader* On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand [...and] all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

*Leader* On this holy night our Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to [...] all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

*Leader* On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in [...and in] all the world. Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God

**All** Hear our prayer

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God

**All Hear our prayer**

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand [...and] all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God

**All Hear our prayer**

On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God

**All Hear our prayer**

Father, on this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen**

*Please stand*

### **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant This holy night the angels sang, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth  
peace to all in whom he delights.

'The peace of the Lord be with you always.'

**All And also with you.**

#### **The Offertory**

*Gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar and a collection is taken for presentation in prayer before the altar, sides people remain at the altar until after the prayer over the gifts.*

**Offertory Hymn 143 Angels from the Realms of Glory** *Regent Square*

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant Source of light and gladness,

**All accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;**

**For he is Lord now and for ever.**

Celebrant Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

**All Amen**

*Please remain standing if you are able*

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**All**            **And also with you.**

Celebrant    Lift up your hearts.

**All**            **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant    All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All**            **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please assume a position of prayer*

Celebrant    We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”  
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All**            **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant**    and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All**            **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant**            Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All**            **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant**    We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All**            **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

### **The Communion**

*Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Communion. Sidespeople will direct you to a place at the altar rail - those in the side aisle pews please come forward first.*

**Hymn at Communion 119    Silent Night**

*Stille Nacht*

## Prayer after Communion

*The celebrant invites the people to pray, please stand.*

Celebrant Father of all,  
All **we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Dismissal Gospel John 1:1-14

Deacon Hear the good news of the Word made flesh according to John.  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is read*

Deacon **The Gospel of Christ**  
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Celebrant:* **Blessing**

All **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

Hymn 138 **Hark! The herald angels sing** *Mendelssohn*

Organ **Improvisation on a Huron Carol** *Birrell*

## Ministry Through the Liturgy

**Eucharistic: Ministers:** Debra Graham, Russell Cook, Peter Savage

**Servers:** Deanna Hurford, Niki Hutchinson

**Intercessor:** Diana Lehman

**Deacon:** The Reverend Suzanne McMillan

**Preacher & Celebrant:** Pastor Jim Halmarson

**Chancel:** Lynda Mercer, Mary Edwards, Dianne Pagett, Doreen Taylor, Shirley Trussler

**Sidespeople:** Dianne McKay, Bunny Laing, Geoff Matthews, Randy Paget



## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*Flowers in the Church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:*

- ❁ Loved ones from Clare and Shirley Trussler
- ❁ Husband Richie and loved ones from Mary Edwards and family
- ❁ Bernice and Bill Downey from Sylvia and Bill Downey
- ❁ Nora and Harry Carleton from Judy Carleton
- ❁ Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis and Louis and Alberta Jackson from the Jackson family
- ❁ Fred and Freda Lockhart from daughter Karen Lockhart and family
- ❁ Peggy and George Graham with much love from Deb and Gord Graham
- ❁ David and Bill Panter, Helen and Cliff Lowes and other friends and family with much love from Muriel Panter and Deb Panter
- ❁ John Badham from his wife Dorothy and family
- ❁ Joan Mercer, Judith and Douglas from Lynda Mercer
- ❁ Walter Francis and Karen Lloyd, Tom Maud, Eric and Allan Jackson from Ralph, Mary and Eric and Susan and Lloyd
- ❁ Doug Wraight and granddaughter Brianne from Barb Wraight and family
- ❁ Leonard and Marjorie Larry from their daughter Doreen and son Raymond and families
- ❁ Tom and Helen Bell and Richard and Elva Harris from Tom and Ann Bell and families
- ❁ Douglas Taylor from his wife Doreen and family
- ❁ Wilma and Darryll Wilshaw from daughter Barbara and son-in-law Mark
- ❁ Frank Lehman sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.
- ❁ Stanley and Lillian Boyle sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.
- ❁ MaryLou Howitt sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.

*Thank you to all those who have contributed to the beauty of tonight's service.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY: Sunday, December 25**  
10am at St John's

**The December 28<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Eucharist on Dec 28 will be cancelled.**

**Sunday, December 31 , 2017**

**One Morning Service at All Saints': 9.30 am said Eucharist BAS**

The Clergy, Staff and Wardens wish you all a blessed Christmas and all the best for 2018