

Welcome to St Timothy's

Merry Christmas!! We're pleased that you've chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God's guest. If you're seeking a church home, we'd be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. If you have any questions feel free to ask the clergy, or anyone for that matter. We wish you all the blessing of this holy season.

The Nativity of our Lord

December 25, 2011

8 am Holy Eucharist

Presider, The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

Liturgy Book of Common Prayer, Liturgy Green Book p230

Scripture readings see the 10 am service

Psalm 96 Green Book p834

10 am Holy Eucharist

Presider, The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

Preacher, The Reverend Maggie Helwig

Greeter, Bea Wilson

Communion Assistants, Christie Stevenson

Servers, Christie Stevenson

Music, New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Brahms)'

Hymn 118 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'

Adeste Fideles

(Verses 1, 2, 5)

Theme for the day

Presider: 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.

The Collect of the day

All: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Reader: Unto us a child is born.

All: Unto us a Son is given.

Reader: The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to the world. 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.

Reader: 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.

Reader: 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.

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from Isaiah

Gord Hendra

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Silence is kept for reflection

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Forest Green, 121

Sing to our God new songs — proclaim the marvels God has done.
With God's right hand and holy arm, the triumph has been won!
The victory our God has won has been this day made known;
To all the world God's righteousness has openly been shown.

The Most High shows to Israel God's love and faithfulness;
To all the earth God's victory has been made manifest.
All nations, shout with joy to God, lift up your voice and sing;
Sing to the Most High with the harp; let harps and voices ring!

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 154 'Joy to the World'

Antioch

(Verses 1 – 3)

The Gospel Luke 2:8-20

Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Reader: The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you

will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Silence is kept for reflection

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 154 (*Verse 4*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Maggie Helwig

Silence is kept for reflection

The service continues in the Book of Alternative Services

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The Rev. Canon Greg Symmes

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Passing the Plate

Many of our parishioners choose to make their financial contribution to the Church via pre-authorized giving and, as a result do not put anything on the Offering Plate when it is passed around. For information about this contact the church office. We understand that our offerings to God involve more than money.

Offertory Hymn 138 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

Mendelssohn

Prayer over the gifts

All: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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The Lord's Prayer (said)

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The Breaking of the Bread #6

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Invitation to Communion

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Lamb of God

Hymn#690

Communion *Baptized Christians, of all denominations and ages, are invited and encouraged to share with us in communion. If you will not be receiving the bread and wine, we'd be pleased to bless you if you would join us at the High Altar. All are welcome.*

Gluten-free communion is available for those who require it. When you come forward to the Altar, please ask one of the clergy or communion assistants who are distributing the bread and wine.

Organ Interlude

Prayers after Communion

All: Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Community Notices

The Dismissal

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Hymn 123 'Once in Royal David's City'

Irby

Postlude 'Christmas Day (Pietro Yon)'

**The flowers in the church are to the
glory of God and in loving memory of**

Jeffrey Jones by Jean Jones

John & Anita Liburd by Rosina Warton and Sydney Liburd

Charles & Myrtle Warton by John Warton

The Rev. J.M.G. Soutter & Mrs. Helen Broughton
by Jocelyn Soutter, Stephen, Katherine and Charlotte Dominy
Elizabeth Fraser by Janet Elizabeth Fraser
Alexander Pierce by Marjorie Pierce
Douglas Harris by Martha Harris
Ruth Gratton by Peter & Stephen Gratton
Professor and Mrs. R. J. Bryden by Jim & Jackie Bryden
David & Violet Whiting and Stanley & Kathryn Mickall
by Richard & Diana Whiting
Maurice Elwin Springer by Mary Springer
Virginia Brown & Robert Nelson
Bruce Butler by Gerlinde Butler
Our parents and loved ones by Marianne & Armando Cassin
Florence & Oliver Flint and John Somerville
by Frances & Alan Flint
Marina Walter by Irene Armstrong
Sydney Gauld Fraser by Doreen Fraser & family
Mabel Burnside Scott by Jane, John and Rob Ready
Canon Ralph Price, Barbara Price, Ron & Audrey Pember and
Janet McKnight by Mary & Fred Pember
Elizabeth Graydon & Viktor Prisceponka
by Anne, Kevin and James Fair
Stanley Kent by Beverley Kent

and in thanksgiving by

Betty (Margaret) Banton for my friends at St. Tim's
Gini Hunter for family and
good friends (including the 8 o'clocks!)
Sarah, Robert, Paul, Peter & Laura Kelly
for Jean & Eric Davis
Heather, Ken, Carter and Taylor Ellis
Greg & Ardith Symmes for family and friends

Next Sunday, January 1, 2012 – Christmas 1

10 am Eucharist (1985 Rite)

Readings Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The Anglican Church of Canada: Fred our Primate; Colin our Metropolitan and Diocesan Bishop; Patrick our Area Bishop; Greg our Rector; The Assistant to the National Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith and the Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: The Bridge Prison Ministry, Brampton, a restorative Justice, reconciliation and education ministry for those who have been touched by crime, including the offender, the victims, and the community. The Child Poverty Subcommittee of the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee, its work to educate congregations and the wider public, and its advocacy on issues affecting children and families in need.

Our Community: St. Margaret of Scotland Roman Catholic Church

Our Parish: David & Charmaine Dimick; Stephen & Jocelyn Dominy (Katherine, Charlotte); Marlon Drayton & Roslyn McGilvery (Essien, Chinelo); Bill & Margaret Drummond (Sue, David, Laura); Marjorie Duffy

Those celebrating their birthday this week: Richard Whiting; Jim Bryden; Carole Young; Kelly Elder

Those in need: Adrian; Paul & Ellen; Bruce Williams; Robin Crocker; Ian; Cathie Jean; Ken; Matthew Thorpe; Ted Sawchuk; Sharon; Doris Moffatt; Monty Stapleton; Maria; Landon; George; Dave; Cherie; Judith; Margaret Hall; Pat Irons; Joan Devlin; Gini Hunter; Joan Hopkins; Helen Minshull; Michael



Have a blessed Christmas!!