



**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
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**December 8, 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*\* Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST THE KING**

Prelude: Sleepers, wake! - Hans Sachs - Harmony J. S. Bach

Introit: O come, All ye Faithful - 18th Century Latin Hymn -

Vv. 1 & 3 sung by the Senior choir

Congregational chorus; O come, let us adore Him, (x3)  
 Christ the Lord.

\*Responsive Call to Worship:

God's Spirit has led us here.

**And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.**

Come to prepare for the coming of the Lord;

**"For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord."**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

**And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!**

Hymn of Praise: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (1,4,5&7) **# 122 Blue**

Our Adoration to Prince of Peace

God of all times and places; you are holy and loving. You create pathways where there is no path, you have ushered in a reign of peace.

**In every time and every place, you have raised up leaders who point to your glory and show us how to experience your nearness and perceive your greatness.**

You have called us by name, baptized us with water and with the Holy Spirit, blessed us for abundant living, and call us to serve you.

**We are your people, and you are our God, so we worship you as the Creating God, Loving Son, and life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. Amen.**

Come and Light this Candle -Joseph M. Martin -the Five Alive Singers

Lighting the Candle of Peace: Comfort, Delcy & Andrea **(See Lenten Insert)**

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Our Prayer of Confession:

**God of new beginnings, of grace and of forgiveness, we confess that we sin against you and one another by what we say and do, and by what we neglect and what preoccupies us.**

**Too often we follow old paths and habits and we fail to live as those who receive new life.**

**We do not make full use of the gifts of your Spirit, and we waste our talents and opportunities.**

**Help us to live in the newness of life that we have been given, renew us and make straight our paths and create in us clean hearts.**

**For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who was and who is and who is to come. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

**(See Insert # 1)**

**GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD**

Musical Item: An Invitation for Advent - Ruth Elaine Schram –  
 arr. by Douglas Nolan - the Intermediate Choir

\*Youth Hymn: Wonderful Peace

**# 350 Red**

Children's Story:

**The Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**Refrain # 1**

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:6-9 Nuel Abenojar (Page 558)

New Testament: Romans 15:7-13 (Page 924)

Heaven's Christmas Tree - Charles A. Tindley –

sung by St. Mark's Messengers

Sermon: Hearts Receiving Perfect Peace

Hymn of Response: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

**# 169 Red**

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering:

\*Offertory Hymn:

*Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Halle, halle, halle, lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle, lujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**WE GO OUT TO LIVE IN PEACE**

\*Offertory Prayer : The Peace Carol - Bob Beers

\*Closing Hymn: Joy To The World

**# 170 Red**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Praise God, Praise God.

Postlude: Peace Like a River - Traditional - arr. by Dale Scott

## Welcome to St. Mark's

Today we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We welcome everyone to this worship service as we give joyful praise to our King who comes in the name of the Lord. We wish for everyone a tremendous blessing as we worship and fellowship together by God's grace. We extend special welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time.

If you are new to St. Mark's, we pray that your time with us this morning will be a blessing to you, and we invite you to fill in the blue Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we have a record of your time with us.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their teachers to Sunday School. Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

**Nursery:** The Service can be heard from the Nursery downstairs for the convenience of parents with babies and toddlers

### Thank You for Helping with Today's Service:

Greeters: Edward Forsyth and Emmanuel Kwizera

Duty Elder: Ernest Birbalsingh

Sound Technicians: Edward Forsyth & Bryan Pradeepson

Bulletin: Sheba & Anthony Sampras



If you require pastoral services please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 204-297-3950 or 905-677-4514. His email address is: [lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lovemarlon2000@yahoo.com).

Rev. Lovelace is also available here at the church office every Tuesday – Friday 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

### Upcoming Worship & Church Events



- **Advent 2:** On this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent we worship through song, scripture and praise as we welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives. **All are invited to share in a time of fellowship in the Lower Hall following this worship service. We are also seeking volunteers to provide or prepare refreshment for our fellowship time. Please speak with Velda Walkes if you would love to volunteer in this ministry.**
- **White Gift Sunday:** On Sunday December 14 we share our gifts with others through White Gift Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food and winter socks for Evangel Hall Mission.

- **St Mark's Young Society:** St. Mark's Young Society will meet for our annual Christmas Carolling and Potluck Supper on Sunday December 15 at 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Cantata:** On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> we will share in worship and our Christmas Cantata at 11:00 am.
- **Christmas Eve:** We gather for our festival of Lessons and Carols, "Born to Die, Born to Rise" on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please come and share in singing Christmas Carols and reading the story of Christ's Nativity.
- **Need a Lift?** Do you want to attend church but do not have regular transportation to get here? Please speak with Rev. Germaine if you require a ride to get to church on Sundays and we will help you get here.
- **Scriptures Readers:** If you would love to participate in our worship services through reading scripture please write your name on the scripture reading list on the table in the narthex.
- **Music Ministry:** The Senior Choir will practise on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Both the Five Alive Singers and the Intermediate choir will rehearse following today's service of worship.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the greeting and welcoming ministry or if you have notices for the bulletin, please talk with the Duty Elder for that Sunday or contact Sam Alfred at 416-258-4435 or [sla1302@sympatico.ca](mailto:sla1302@sympatico.ca) (A Duty Elder's list is on the notice board in the narthex.)

Flowers in the sanctuary today were donated by Marcia Mullins.

A Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex kindly fill in the Sunday or month you would like to donate flowers for the Sanctuary or Contact Cynthia Gooden at 905-673-7246 or Ivy Jones at 416-878-6620

Offering Envelopes: If you need 2020 Offering Envelopes please contact Shirley Sumere @ 905-676-9850 or an Elder.

### Website:

Our Technology committee has updated our website. Please visit our website at: <http://stmarksmilton.ca>. Give us your feedback!

### Especially in our prayers

“ Please be in prayer for members of our church family who are sick, or who are homebound:

“ Nashwill Gordon



- “ Lee Younger
  - “ Muriel Bennett
  - “ Helen Forsyth
  - “ Sandra & James Moravek
  - “ Edna Hazel
  - “ Verna Dockendorff
  - “ Isaac Cornelius (Sheba’s Sampras’ Brother-in-law) who was in intensive care and is now home recovering from illness.
  - “ Les Irvine who had emergency surgery to repair a broken hip and is now in rehabilitation at Brampton Civic Hospital.
  - “Greg Somar & Joseph Seecharran (Susan Ramneres’ nephew and 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin who are both recovering from illness)
  - “ Abhijit Ghosh is recovering well at home after his recent bypass surgery. Abhijit sends thanks to his church family for all the prayers on his behalf.
  - “ Mr. Devaprasad Martin (Father of Charles Martin who is faithfully going through chemotherapy as he battles cancer)
  - “ Cordaleen Hinds who had surgery and is recovering well so far.
  - “ Other Members of our church family and community who are facing health issues and mobility challenges.
  - “ Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another. Let us hold in our hearts Christians in parts of Asia & the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world who are being persecuted because of their faith.
- Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week:
- “ For refugee families and individuals seeking shelter and safety, and for all who are working to provide it: May God magnify their efforts.
  - “For the people of Hong Kong as protests continues and anger and hurt continue to rise.
  - “ For all discerning the way forward in difficult circumstances, may God’s light lead and guide them forward.

Prayer Chain: If you would like the prayer chain to pray for you or for a particular concern please contact Rev. Germaine Lovelace at 905-677-4514 or [stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com).

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear more about St Mark’s at 905-677-4514 or [stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkschurchmalton@gmail.com)

### **We’re At Advent**

Advent is the beginning of the church year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is sometimes the last Sunday in November, and ends on Christmas Eve at sundown. Sometimes the fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve.

#### ***Meaning of Name:***

The term Advent comes via Old English from the Latin *adventus* (“arrival”). It is a combination of *ad* (to) + *venire* (come). In Advent, we are anticipating the arrival of the baby Jesus ushering in hope, joy, peace and love for all people.

The season of Advent is a highlight of any congregation’s life. It is a time of joy, color, light, and anticipation. And it is a time of worship. This is a season that calls us to fall to our knees in worship of the awesome God. Advent is the season where we remember that God chose to put on flesh and dwell among us. God reached down from incomprehensible heights to touch the life we live.

The second Sunday in Advent often has a focus on Peace. Our peace is found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and all the prophets remind us – that to receive peace we must be prepared for it. We light the candle of peace today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace – he is the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

#### **Benediction -**

*May the Lord, Mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever,  
Grant you peace, perfect Peace,  
Courage in every endeavour.  
Lift up your heart and see His face  
Full of grace forever,  
May the Lord, Mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever*