



# Light of the World

*Unto you is born this day... a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord. LUKE 2:11*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We take up the pattern of Advent again this year, a year of such precautions and problems in day-to-day life. And what does God give us, using this traditional Church season?

Hope. A real hope. A hope that does not disappoint us. (Romans 5:5) We look to things unseen, the hidden holiness of this life. The Spirit, hidden in plain sight, is among us: amid the illnesses and injuries that hurt, amid the troubles of the pandemic, amid the unrest and injustices that are still not settled. The story of Christ appearing when He is born brings all our troubles together, to Him. *The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.*

Advent brings Peace. It is a time of waiting and watching for the Prince of Peace. This can be a little season that trains us to be peacemakers. Oh, how we need peacemakers today! The world needs you and me to be workers skilled in grace, goodness, gentleness and generosity.

December in the Church brings Joy! It is the joy of waiting, the joy of anticipating, the joy of looking forward with confidence. A lot of joy has been drained out of people's lives this year. The joys of embracing, of singing together, of feasting together, and of so many gatherings have lapsed. The joy of Advent is the pleasure of what is not yet. May we discover what joy we still have.

And Advent brings us Love. How to love this world of people and creation is a life lesson we are still learning. *Love came down at Christmas.* So, we watch for Him to arrive again. Love is human, Love is Divine, born in a manger. And born in our souls.

I thank God for all such promises. I long to see hope, peace, joy, and love rise up within your souls, your lives, your loved ones.

Happy Christmas to you all,

Jeff White,  
Pastor

## Sermon and Worship Schedule

Nov 29	1st Sunday of Advent	11 AM	Daniel 6:6-27
		<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Journey to Bethlehem (Online)</b>
Dec 6	2nd Sunday of Advent	11 AM	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29
D 13	3rd Sunday of Advent	11 AM	Isaiah 61:1-11
D 20	4th Sunday of Advent	11 AM	Luke 1:26-45
		<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Joyful Celebration</b> (a musical service)
D 24 (Thrs)	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	Luke 2:1-14
D 27	1st Sunday of Christmas	11 AM	Luke 2:21-38
Jan 3	2nd Sunday of Ch.	11 AM	Luke 2:41-52
J 10		11 AM	Luke 3:1-22
J 17		11 AM	Luke 4:14-30
J 24		11 AM	Luke 5:1-11
J 31		11 AM	Luke 6:1-16

**E-transfers for offerings** to Digby Baptist Church may now be made. In your online banking use [trainfan43@bellaliant.net](mailto:trainfan43@bellaliant.net) and our accountant, Peter Armstrong, will administer your offering. Please indicate your name in the message.

**Christmas offerings** may be made by your designation in your envelope (OTHER), or with special Christmas envelopes. If you need one you can pick one up at the Church in the hall or entryway to the sanctuary.

**Donate a poinsettia plant**, or a **Sunday bulletin** in honour or in memory of loved ones. Contact Pastor Jeff for bulletins; the usual donation is \$20.

The year is ending; it is time to think about **annual reports** to the Church. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 PM in the Hall.

The **Journey to Bethlehem** this year is only an event to view by watching the video online, on our Church website or Facebook page, or on other local Church pages. Tune in 7 pm on Sunday, November 29, or any time later, to take in the journey.

Our annual **Joyful Celebration** will again be an evening of Advent and Christmas music and readings offered by our own congregation, on Sunday, December 20, at 7 pm, in the Church sanctuary.

Those using the Advent devotional book, **'Unexpected Jesus'**, can start reading it on November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. You will finish with day 31 on Dec. 29th. May our Saviour surprise us in miraculous and life-changing ways!

The **Monday Study Group** will begin the New Year by reading C. S. Lewis' classic fiction book, 'The Screwtape Letters.' If you would like Pastor Jeff to order a copy for you, let him know before December 7.