

BURLINGTON EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 13, 2015

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE GATHER IN GOD

MUSICAL PRELUDE

* ENTRY OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (Hymn No. 299, verse 1)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: ADVENT 3 READING

**Lighting of the Advent Candle by
The Beaudin family**

* HYMN: Joyful, joyful we adore you 410

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION & THE LORD'S
PRAYER

ANTHEM: "ONCE UPON A TIME"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN: Praise him, praise him 372
Let the children gather with the Minister **during** the singing of
verses 1 and 2

CHILDREN'S TIME followed by singing verse 3

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 146

OLD TESTAMENT: Zephaniah 3 : 14 - 20 (Page 877)

NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 4 : 4 - 7 (Page 198)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3 : 7 - 18 (Page 60)

* HYMN: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel 122

SERMON: "GOD'S PROMISE OF JOY"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

* DOXOLOGY HYMN: (Hymn No. 79)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD

- *HYMN Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
- *BENEDICTION
- *CHORALE

MUSICAL POSTLUDE
 * - *Stand as you are able*

WELCOME TO BURLINGTON EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Service. The Duty Elder is available for your assistance. If you are a visitor and are considering this Church as your new home congregation, please make sure that you sign the Guest Book so that Rev. McAnsh may contact & welcome you. A Nursery is available in the McRae wing. Please join us for Fellowship Hour following the Worship Service.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed by Pat Patterson in loving memory of her husband, Cecil Patterson and their parents.

BEPC @ A GLANCE

| | December 13 Third Advent Sunday | December 20 Fourth Advent Sunday | December 24 Christmas Eve |
|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Duty Elder | Donna Beaudin | Todd Adams | THE PROMISE |
| Responsive Reader | Donna Beaudin | Todd Adams | |
| Ushers | Walt Richards Ron Dekker | David Dawson George Rodgerson | |
| Greeters | Jim & Isabel McIlquham | Mary Eidsforth Lorna Jack | |
| Flowers | Pat Patterson | Sharon Wilhelm, Mary Eidsforth, Lorna Jack | |
| Fellowship | Susan Stock & friends | Ann David, Carolyn Smail | |
| Sunday School | Donna McAnsh Denise Crockford | Donna Beaudin Donna McAnsh | |
| Nursery Duty | Susan Stock | - | |

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mon., Dec. 14th - Social Club Luncheon - Tuckers Marketplace - 11:45 pm
Thu., Dec. 17th - Men's Social Club - Douglas Hall - 1:00 pm
- Choir Practice - Sanctuary - 7:00 pm



Christmas Hymn Singing

This year we are going to sing your favourite Christmas Hymns about 10 minutes before the service starts every Sunday during Advent. Use the Hymn book and choose any Advent or Christmas hymn to sing.

2016 ENVELOPE BOXES in YOUR MAIL-SLOTS!



IMPORTANT: Please check the name/address on the boxed set to be sure you've got the right one! Your mail-slot is **ABOVE** your name.

WOULD LIKE A SET? Please let the envelope secretary, Halyna Dickison, know. You can talk to her, email rh dickison@cogeco.ca, phone **905-632-6856**, or leave a note either in the collection plate or at the office.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)



If you would like to move to the ease of **once-a-month, automatic-withdrawal offerings** using **PAR** or, if you already use **PAR** and would like to change either the amount of your contribution and/or the allocations, please contact Halyna Dickison as per above.

Wednesday Lunch Group

The Wednesday Lunch Group will meet on Wednesday, 16 December at 12.00 noon at Swiss Chalet, 2422 Fairview, Burlington. Please let Nancy Capstick know if you plan to attend. Nancy's phone number is

905-825-5595.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 25TH, 2015

This year we are planning to serve more than 100 people from the community with a **Turkey or Ham Dinner**. **The Publicity Committee is now busy advertising this. Volunteer help is needed for:**

Decorating and setting up in **Douglas Hall**. We have the hall reserved from **Tuesday, December 22nd, 10:30** and the **McRae Room (toys)** from **Thursday, December 24th**.

1. Pies – we need **20 baked pies** & other **Christmas goodies** (cookies, shortbread and squares) to be turned in by the evening of the 24th.
2. Volunteers needed from **11:45 – 3:00 on December 25th**.
3. **Drivers**. We are offering a ride to the Church for those who would not otherwise be able to attend or if they would just plain like a ride to the **Christmas Dinner**.
4. **Donations** of cash for the purchase of food, gifts and decorations.

This may be made by:

- (a) Using your regular offering envelope – under section **“Other”** mark **“Dinner”** and the amount. – or –
- (b) Put it in a plain envelope with your name on it. Marked **“Dinner”**.

PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT YOUR REGULAR OFFERING TO THIS. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, THIS MUST BE AN EXTRA!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER – MY RESPONSE

Name: _____ I can volunteer for:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LEADING WITH CARE

Some of you may be aware that the Presbyterian Church in Canada has a policy document providing guidelines for ensuring we have a safe environment in our facility and for all who attend here. As a part of those guidelines we are making a small change on Sunday mornings. We will be locking the door closest to the parking lot during the service (10:30-11:30) to secure that part of the building when there is no one around at that location. This will secure coats and other personal items at that entrance. You can still exit those doors as they are only locked from the outside access. If you happen to be a bit late on a Sunday, the front doors will still be unlocked and you can get in from there.

We hope this doesn't make for too much of an inconvenience, but we do wish to ensure the security and safety of everyone here at BEPC.



“OUR DAILY BREAD”

is a free, non-denominational booklet with encouraging daily devotionals. If are interested in receiving OUR DAILY BREAD devotional booklets please contact the church office or talk to Pat Patterson.

DON'T TROW AWAY THOSE OLD STAMPS

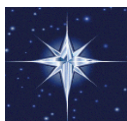
Old stamps can be left in the narthex on the table for Christian Salvage Mission.

Christmas Bucket List

1. ~~Buy~~ ^{Be} Presents
2. Wrap ~~Gifts~~ someone in a hug
3. Send ~~Gifts~~ Love
4. ^{Donate} ~~Shop For~~ Food
5. Make ~~Cookies~~ Memories
6. ^{Be} ~~See The~~ Light 

FOOD FOR LIFE VOLUNTEERS

The 2016 schedule for the Food For Life volunteers is in your mail boxes.



Longest Night / Blue Christmas Service (Sunday, December 20 at 7 pm)

The *Blue Christmas* or *Longest Night service* focus on Christ, who is the light of the world overcoming the darkness of loss, suffering and loneliness.

This *special service* provide hope and healing for those who find Advent and Christmas difficult. This service can provide people with opportunity for remembering, letting go and sharing hope. The general tone is one of meditation and reflection.

All are welcomed to attend this service of support and hope.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

With Christmas quickly approaching, we have started working on the Christmas Pageant during Sunday School Time. Our Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 20. We would like all our children to be a part of our pageant.

COMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 13 White Gifts (Non- perishable food items)

December 20 (Sun.) : Children's Christmas

December 20 (Sun.) 7:00 pm : Longest Night Service

December 24(Thurs) 7:00 pm : Christmas Eve Service

December 25(Fri.) : Christmas Day Dinner

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE NEW DIRECTORY

We apologize for any omissions and errors that occurred while putting the Directory together. Any corrections and additions will be shared in the Sunday Bulletin and added. Please let me know if you have changes to addresses and emails.

Please add the following e-mail address in your Directory:

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