

# BURLINGTON EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 2019

10:30 a.m.

## **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:

Reader 1: The Lord is coming to his temple.  
We watch and wait for his coming.

Reader 2: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart  
only God can bring.

Reader 2: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver,  
until they shine forth his righteousness.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**Lighting of a pink Advent Candle by  
Mike & Liz McFadden**

\* HYMN: Joyful, joyful we adore you 410

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN: Can a little child like me 441

Let the children gather with the Minister **during** the singing of  
verses 1 & 2

CHILDREN'S TIME followed by singing verse 3

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 146 : 5 - 10

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 35 : 1 – 10 (Page 663)

NEW TESTAMENT: James 5 : 7 – 10 (Page 231)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11 : 2 - 11 (Page 11)

\* HYMN: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

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**SERMON: "JESUS IS THE ONE"**

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY HYMN: (Hymn No. 79)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD**

\*HYMN: We have heard a joyful sound

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\*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 sign the Guest Book so that Rev. McAnsh may contact and welcome you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour following the Worship Service.

***FLOWERS*** in the Sanctuary are placed by Brett and Lacey in loving memory of beloved pets.

**EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Mon., Dec. 16	- Social Club	- Douglas Hall	- 1:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 18	- Technology Group	- Quiet Room	- 7:30 pm
Thurs., Dec. 19	- Men's Card Group	- Douglas Hall	- 1:00 pm
	- Choir practice	- Sanctuary	- 7:00 pm

## **BEPC @ A GLANCE**

	<b>December 15 Advent 3</b>	<b>December 22 Advent 4</b>	<b>December 24 Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Stephen Shields	Ann David	Bob Dickison
<b>Responsive Reader</b>	Stephen Shields	Heather Needham	Bob Dickison
<b>Ushers</b>	George Rodgerson Jim McIlquham	John Dunnet Wayne Freeman	Jane Wiseman Ann David
<b>Greeters</b>	Heather Needham	Paula de Cock Ruth Faris	
<b>Flowers</b>	Brett & Lacey	Sharon Wilhelm	
<b>Fellowship (Douglas Hall)</b>	Fieldings & Dickisons	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY	
<b>Sunday School</b>	Michelle Stock Denise Crockford	Michelle Stock Donna Beaudin	



### **ALREADY HAVE BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES?**

You will **automatically** receive a new set for 2020.

**DON'T, BUT WOULD LIKE A SET?** Please let the envelope secretary, Halyna Dickison, know. You can talk to her at church, email [rh dickison@cogeco.ca](mailto:rh dickison@cogeco.ca),

phone **905-632-6856**, text at **905-510-6856**, or leave a note either in the offering plate or at the office.

### **ENVELOPE BOXES in mail-slots: Sunday, Dec. 15**



If you would like to move to the ease of **once-a-month, automatic-withdrawal offerings** using **PAR** (*Pre-Authorized Remittance*) 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.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



The blue rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of a baby boy, Hudson Michael, born on December 7, 2019 to parents, Liam & Lauren O'Brian. He is the baby brother to Kinley. Hudson is the third great grandchild to proud great grandparents, Rose & Lewis Tripp

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at noon, the Lunch Group will be going to "Swiss Chalet" on Fairview street.

Please let Christine Alexander (905)335-1701 know if you can join them.



We sponsor 2 girls who live in Africa through The Children 's Fund. Their parents being unable to provide basic necessities. This allows them to be clothed and attend school where they are fed.

TODAY, Heather Need will receive donations DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

## SAVE THE DATES

1. White Gift Sunday – Dec 15
2. Longest Night Service - Dec. 22 @ 3 pm
3. Christmas Eve Service – Dec 24 @ 7 PM
4. Christmas Carol Service – Dec 25 @ 11:30 am
5. Community Christmas Dinner – December 25 @ noon

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**  
**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.**

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:*

1. We need Christmas goodies (cookies, shortbread and squares) to be turned in by the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Volunteers needed from 11:45 – 3:00 on December 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Drivers.** We are offering a ride to the Church (within the City of Burlington) for those who would not otherwise be able to attend or if they would just plain like a ride to the Christmas Dinner.

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**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER – MY RESPONSE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can volunteer for:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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# CY2020 Campaign

Richard Duncan, chairman of the Knox Presbyterian Church Mission & Outreach Committee, attended our service on Sunday, December 1 and provided the congregation with an overview of the initiative which Knox is undertaking for their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are working with Place of Hope Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba to provide support for the indigenous youth in that area. Prior to launching this initiative, they met with the Executive Director for Place of Hope to get an understanding of the kind of assistance that would benefit this inner-city mission. Their response was 'support to send fifteen teens to the Canada Youth 2020 conference'.

The conference is held at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. Place of Hope Church finds that youth who attend a Canada Youth Conference tend to stay involved with the congregation, have improved self-confidence, stay in school and off drugs. The cost to send each person is \$1,200. Knox Presbyterian is giving each of the other Burlington Presbyterian churches a chance to participate in this initiative. The BEPC Session is very supportive of this and has already agreed to direct the \$1200 that would normally have gone to Operation Christmas Child (which isn't taking place this year) to CY2020 instead.

With the introduction of the Canada Youth 2020 campaign to the congregation of BEPC, Session is requesting that the congregation direct their "special" offerings, other than Envelope and Presbyterians Sharing, to the CY2020 campaign. Please note:

Balance of funds as of Nov. 30, 2019:

Community Bank -	\$ 3,870.47
Community Outreach -	\$ 1,689.54

Through the congregation's generosity, both funds have enough money to cover expenses for the balance of 2019 and a good part of 2020. So, we're asking members who would normally give to the Christmas Dinner Fund (Community Outreach) and/or Food for Life (Community Bank) to redirect these givings to CY2020 instead.

Congregational members that participated in the Christmas Child project over the past years, providing Christmas gifts to less fortunate children from a local school and gift cards to their parents to provide for a family dinner, are asked to consider donating to CY2020 the amount that they would have spent on gifts.

Session fully supports this Knox Mission initiative and encourages each of you to also support it.

The BEPC CY2020 initiative will run for the balance of 2019 and, as such, we would appreciate receiving your contributions in December.

**Beyond the \$1,200 donation Session has already approved, contributions to date, to CY2020, are \$3,700 for a total of \$4,900.**