

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Interim Rector: *The Rev'd Nicole Uzans, Nicole.uzans@gmail.com*

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: John Patterson Usher – Beth Turner

Greeter # 1 – Mary McMillan Greeter # 2 – Rosemary Feener

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **The Summons** (arr. Mark Hayes)

Introductory Sentence & Call to Worship: It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

The Collect of the Day: Persevering God, by your sure voice you rouse us from our slumber and call us to discipleship and mission in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #430 Will You Come and Follow

Confession & Absolution

Hear these words of scripture: "Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God."

As we turn our hearts and minds to worship, let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God: **Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed. We have not**

loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Saviour Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word,

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20), Murray Phillips

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Led by Murray Phillips

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Ron Stuart

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51, Ron Stuart

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People: Mary Phillips

A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic:
Loving God, whose peace passes all our understanding;
as we face this present pandemic, and experience fear and anxiety,
may we hear your voice, bringing calm to the storms of our time.
Strengthen those who work to limit the spread of infection, and
those who seek to care for the sick, and keep us mindful of those
most vulnerable. May we shape our living to protect one another,
and may our changing habits, practices and sacrifices, be for the
greater love of our community and all your people. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: Let us gather our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Musical Selection: **Arabeske** (Josefine Lang)
The offering is brought forward. We say together the Prayer Over the Gifts:
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Doxology: **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.**

A Blessing from the Franciscan Community: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: **To God Be the Glory** (arr. Peter Burkhardt)
Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.
Greeter # 1 – Ian MacDonald Greeter # 2- Judy Amos
Usher – Denyse Nelson Counters – Mary & Murray Phillips

SERVICES FOR Jan. 24th

8:00 am BCP Morning Prayer 10:00 am BAS A Service of the Word

Cycle of Prayer **Please remember in your prayers...**

- The Anglican Church of Australia along with the parishes of Milton and Rustico; Crapaud & New London, PEI
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Rob Phillips, Don & Betty Little, Sylvia, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Louisa Patterson, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean, Robert, Beth, Jean & Betty, Andrew, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Jonathan Jucker, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha & Jean Winter.
- All whose memory we cherish and whose presence we miss

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

Jan. 18th, Monday, ACW at noon in the meeting space. Bring your lunch & please wear your mask. This is our annual bring and buy sale. Bring you unwanted or unused or gently used items and we will sell them off auction style. Our ACW has a lot of fun at this

event so if it is your first time attending an ACW meeting this is a good time to start coming. All women of the parish are invited.

Jan. 25th, Monday: Parish Council meeting at 7PM.

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans. I am a chaplain to the Nova Scotia Highlanders Army Reserve Unit and this weekend, I begin Basic Training, alongside 3 other area chaplains. Over the next few months, I'll continue this training on Fridays & Saturdays, but this weekend, I'm also required on Sunday. This week, I will be holding office hours on Monday, 10am-noon. You can always contact me at 902-956-4892 (text or phone) or nicole.uzans@gmail.com

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation at the church. All are welcome to this simple practice - instructions are given each week.

WAICC Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events -- The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council will have an evening Biblical reflection series via Zoom at **Monday to Friday, January 18 to 22**, 6:30 pm via the Internet (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85194236307>) OR by phone (1-855 703 8985 toll-free; meeting ID#: 851 9423 6307). If possible, Wolfville Baptist will host an in-person ecumenical worship service, "Abide in God's Love", on **Sunday, January 24**, 4:00 pm, following health protocols in effect at that time. If not possible, WAICC will post a video on the council's website. Go to <https://www.waicc.org/> or WAICC's Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Church & Community News:

Positions Available on Parish Council: Our Parish will soon be working on the slate of officers for Parish Council in preparation for the AGM. If you're interested in serving, or want to know more, talk to one of the Wardens.

Ron Stuart's painting class: if interested in attending Ron's painting class that will begin soon. Date yet to be set. Contact Ron (rstuart1938@gmail.com) for a list of supplies and/or to ask questions. Cost is \$10 per class; money to go to the church.

NOTICE: Annual Reports, time to start thinking about writing your Annual Reports. If you have submitted a report last year chances are you need to submit a report for this year. Also if you would like me to send you what you reported last year just let me know. I have no date yet concerning any deadlines as there has not been a date set yet for the Parish Annual Meeting. I will let you know more later about dates, but for now start thinking about your report and the sooner I get them the sooner I can begin working on the main report. Thank you, Administrative Assistants email is idmac@eastlink.ca

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mission to Seafarers. 21 boxes were delivered to Halifax in mid December. A special thank you goes to John Fyfe as he delivered the boxes into the city for us.

Christmas Bazaar! Thank you to everyone who generously contributed items to our bazaar! Even though we had to cancel our November 28 bazaar, we did have a very successful sale within the church. As to this date we have realized \$3253.14.

PWRDF* Fundraiser - "Soup-in-a-Bag": All Mothers & Children Count Program - COVID-19 Support From 2016-2020 PWRDF's **All Mothers and Children Count program (AMCC)** has improved health and food security in Tanzania, Mozambique, Rwanda and Burundi. In June 2020 this program was extended for one year to support AMCC partners through the **COVID-19 crisis**. This year's *Soup-in-a-Bag* project will help supply health clinics with medical grade personal protective equipment, hand washing facilities and sanitizer, and public education tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19. *Donations to this program are matched 6:1 by the Govt. of Canada.* One bag (8-10 servings) costs \$7.00 or **3 bags for \$20.00**. To order call Helen Whidden, 902-542 5061 hj.whidden@ns.sympatico.ca.

**PWRDF works with global partners to build healthy, just communities, respond to emergencies and help refugees. Globally, the recent focus has been climate action, food security, refugees, primary health and, in Canada, partnerships with Indigenous communities.*