

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: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing, for Wisdom leads the way.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Lobe den Herren (Johann Gottfried Walther)

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*Greeter # 1 – Ian MacDonald Greeter # 2- Judy Amos*

*Usher – Denyse Nelson Counters – Sharon Carey & Murray Phillips*

### **SERVICES FOR Sept. 19th**

8:00 am BCP Holy Communion 10:00 am BAS Holy Eucharist

#### **Cycle of Prayer**

**Please remember in your prayers...**

- The Anglican Church of Tanzania along with the parishes of Rawdon & Wilmot, Nova Scotia
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve, Sandra Crossley-Lyon & Stella.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest.

## **St. John's Anglican Church**

**Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia**

*We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.*

**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

*Honourary Assistant: The Rev'd Dr. V. Bruce Matthews*

*Wardens: Camille Herbin, 902-670-7593; Jim Nelson, 902-542-9295*

*Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Michelle Boyd m.e.boyd@gmail.com*

### **8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

**Collect:** KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church a with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayers of the People: Patsy Clothier Reader: Val Burtzell*

*Greeter # 1 – Beth Turner Usher – Mary McMillan*

### **10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **The Gathering of the Community**

Land acknowledgement: *This parish is located in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. We are all Treaty people.*

Prelude: Prelude in C (Charles Callahan)

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Collect for Purity: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form

**Confession & Assurance of Pardon** (*University Episcopal Community at the University of MN*)

*Celebrant:* Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another & with God. As we turn our hearts & minds to worship, let us acknowledge our need for healing, forgiveness, and restored relationship.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love... *Silence*

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf... *Silence*

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven... *Silence*

**All: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day:** Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death. Grant us wisdom to recognize your Messiah, so that following in the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory; in the name of Christ we pray. Amen

**The Proclamation of the Word,**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33, Mary Phillips

Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

***Refrain* Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.**

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of God's goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

**Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.**

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3:1-12, Ron Stuart

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith** – (*adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

**We believe in a bright and amazing God who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendour and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colours, over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: that God believes in us, and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as siblings in faith, and to God's work in the world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People,** Kimberly Matheson

**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:** Will You Come and Follow Me (P.F. Tillen)

*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.**

## Announcements

### Mark these dates on your calendar

*From the Rev. Nicole Uzans:* In the coming weeks, I am leading a couple of Camino Nova Scotia pilgrimage walks and orchestrating a move from Tatamagouche to Wolfville. **From Sept 18-24 and Oct 2-10, please contact The Rev. Bruce Matthews with any pastoral concerns** ([bruce.matthews@acadiou.ca](mailto:bruce.matthews@acadiou.ca) or 902-542-1910 (home) or 902-680-1909 (cell)

**Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation** at St. John's. This gathering is open to any who would appreciate quiet time in the church, together with some simple teaching in Christian meditation & the support of a contemplative community. No experience necessary.

**Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Parish Council Meeting** at St. John's, 7pm

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>: 3Pm** Paul Hobson will talk about life in modern China

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: Election Voting Stations.** Our building will be used as a voting location for the Federal election. Please do not enter the building on this date except of course to vote.

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. ACW meeting at noon.** Bring your lunch; tea & coffee provided. All women of the parish are welcome. We are looking for an ACW Secretary. If you would be interested in taking over this position let one of our presidents know, Beth Turner [ed.turner@eastlink.ca](mailto:ed.turner@eastlink.ca) or Dianne Thorpe at [dianne.thorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:dianne.thorpe@hotmail.com)

### Church & Community News

**Thanksgiving Newsletter:** If you have anything to put in the upcoming newsletter please email to [idmac@eastlink.ca](mailto:idmac@eastlink.ca) by Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Wolfville Scouting

Contact Howard Eaton, Email - [eatonsnorth@gmail.com](mailto:eatonsnorth@gmail.com)  
Ian MacDonald Email [idmac@eastlink.ca](mailto:idmac@eastlink.ca), phone 902-542-9219  
Beaver colony age 5 to 7 meet Thursday nights. Meeting location is at the Masonic Hall, Wolfville.

Wolfville Cub Pack ages 8 to 10 meet Monday Nights 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Meeting at the Lions Club Wolfville.

Wolfville Scout troop ages 11 to 15 Meet Thursday Nights 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Meeting location it at the Greenwich Hall, Greenwich

Wolfville ventures ages 15 to 18 Thursday nights 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Meeting location it at the Greenwich Hall, Greenwich

Visit [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca)

**VITAL CHURCH MARITIMES 2021 Conference** Oct 14-16, Truro (+limited Zoom option) Theme: *Wilderness Calling: Trusting in Jesus*. Engaging in ministry these days is like trekking into unknown territory. One popular author describes congregational engagement with our neighbours, saying it is like 'canoeing the mountains' - what traditionally and typically worked in years past is no longer effective. We are CALLED TO THIS WILD using new approaches, including humble listening and courageous experimentation. Join with congregational leaders from a variety of backgrounds to share experiences and ideas in exploring outward-oriented ministry in this wilderness time.

**Vital Church Maritimes 2021 conference** keynote guest is **The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls**. She is a truly engaging speaker, effective teacher and lover of the outdoors. She also is gifted with profound insights related to how the church of the future is to be shaped.

Additional speaker is **Dr. Daniel Driver**, Professor of Old Testament at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. He provides a scriptural understanding of answering the vocational call from God to serve in unknown lands and challenging terrain.

This 3-day conference features plenty of inspiring discussion, Bible studies, a special outdoor worship, *meals* and much more! Two-thirds of VCM participants are lay leaders, including some from Lutheran, United and Presbyterian churches. There are also several *limited Zoom sessions* for those unable to attend in person. (FUNDING SUPPORT available for Anglican laity and clergy in Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.)

**HURRY TO REGISTER! Special Early Bird rates until Sept. 20.**  
(Registration closes Oct. 6) VISIT: [www.nspeidiocese.ca](http://www.nspeidiocese.ca)