



The Anglican Parish of  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**

**Christmas Eve 2024**  
**7:00 pm Holy Communion**



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional  
territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt  
and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.  
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

*Cover art designed by Sharon McMillan*

## Welcome to One and All, and Merry Christmas to You!

Please use this leaflet to follow the order of service tonight. You are invited to join in the **carols and prayers** printed in **bold**. Please stand as you are able when we sing the hymns, once the service has started and where indicated. For those who wish to follow the music, numbers are provided for the **large blue hymn book** (Common Praise, **CP**).

If you have any questions about the service, please speak to one of the greeters at the door.

Our well stocked **nursery** for infants and toddlers is located on the lower level of the church. Look for the stairs by the main door. It is open before and during the service to all parents and caregivers whose children need a short break.



### **Our Christmas Stocking Project**

This year our project is buying goats for families in Kenya, who are food insecure and with little or no income. Please drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) or bills into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Goats Project". Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund to buy goats for families in Kenya.

Organ Prelude (*Please be seated*)

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Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Processional Hymn: CP 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-5)**

*(tune: Adeste fideles)*

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the king of angels;**

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, [three times]  
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created; *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, in the highest; *Refrain***

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain***

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*The Advent wreath candles for hope, peace, joy, and love are already burning. Tonight, we light the Christ Candle.*

Priest: Our Lord is here!

**All: God's Spirit is with us!**

Priest: Let us open our hearts to God's presence.

**All: With joy we open our souls to Jesus Christ.**

## **Christmas Eve Prayer**

Priest: God our Father, today the Saviour is born  
and those who live in darkness  
are seeing a great light.

Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,  
to live in the light of your Son  
and to share the good news of your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who has come into the world.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Gathering of the People**

Priest: I bring you good news of a great joy  
which will come to all the people;  
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate  
the birth of Christ,  
let us pray that God will bless this crib,  
that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary,  
may come to share his life in glory.

God, our Father, on this night  
your Son Jesus Christ was born  
of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation:  
bless this crib, which we have prepared  
to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,  
who is alive and reigns for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ:  
hear the words of the angel to Joseph,  
“You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.”  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.  
Let us now admit to God our flaws and fears,  
our sins and our brokenness,  
confident in God’s forgiveness.

Priest: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Priest: May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself  
and cleanse you from all your sins,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Gloria: CP 135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding (v. 1)**  
*(tune: Iris)*

**Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Tell us when the seraph bright  
Greeted you with wondrous tidings,  
What you saw and heard that night.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## **The Collect for Christmas Eve**

Priest: Eternal God who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
bring us, who have known the revelation  
of that light on earth,  
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Solo: *O Holy Night* by M. Hayes; Erika Pryer, soprano

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9: 2-7**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 96: 1-4, 11-13**

**Response:** *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn: CP 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**(v. 1 and 4)**

*(tune: Forest Green)*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

**O Holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!**

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2: 1-20**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *(please be seated)*

Anthem: *Mary, Did You Know?* by J. Schrader;  
Mary Byrne (flute)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Apostle's Creed**

Priest: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.*

Leader: God of the starry heavens and the good old earth,  
tonight, you come among us in the figure of a baby,  
a newborn reaching out to us,  
to bring a smile to our lips and hope to our hearts.  
Thank you for your tenderness  
with which you touch our lives.

*Brief silence...*

**All: Eternal God, God with us,  
Hear us, we pray.**



Tonight, as we remember the baby lying in a manger,  
we pray for peace:

Peace in all the places

where there is anger or war or fear...

Peace in all the hearts that know sorrow or stress...

We pray for people who will not sleep safely tonight  
because of conflict in their lives...

Cradle all these people and places in your love,  
so the world may sleep in heavenly peace this night.

*Brief silence...*

Eternal God, God with us,

**All: Hear us, we pray.**

Tonight, as we remember

the mother Mary rocking her baby,

we pray for all children born this Christmas season...

Watch over mothers and fathers and grandparents,  
hoping for the best for their newborns...

Help us create communities

where every child is valued

and every family has enough ...

May families rejoice because Christ the Saviour  
is born for each of us and for all of us.

*Brief silence...*

Eternal God, God with us,

**All: Hear us, we pray.**

Tonight, as we remember the father Joseph

protecting his little one,

we pray for all those

watching over the helpless and the hopeless...

Be with all those who must work tonight

to keep the world safe and to care for those in need...

Be with those who are sick or sad or lonely,

so each one will know your comforting presence...

*Brief silence...*

Eternal God, God with us,  
**All: Hear us, we pray.**

God of the starry heavens and the good old earth,  
tonight as we remember the shepherds  
coming in haste and wonder,  
open our hearts to reach out to the Christ Child,  
to receive the gift you offer us in him,  
even as we offer our love to you in his name.  
Bless us in the year ahead, so we can share your love  
with all the lives that touch ours.

*Brief silence...*

Eternal God, God with us,  
**All: Hear us, we pray.**

Hear these prayers  
and all the silent prayers of our hearts, O God,  
and cradle them and us in your holy wisdom.

**All: Amen.**

**The Peace** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: May Almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 139 The First Nowell (v. 1, 2, 4 and 6)**  
*(tune: The First Nowell)*

**The first nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
Who has made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with his blood salvation bought. *Refrain*

### **The Preparation of the Table**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Good and loving God,  
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,  
who came among the poor  
to bring the riches of your grace.  
As you have blessed us with your gifts,  
let them be a blessing for others.  
With the trees of the field,  
with all earth and heaven,  
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayers – Common Worship, The Church of England (2000) The Archbishops' Council.]*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God  
we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*(From Common Praise # 719):*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

*Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.*

Priest: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Priest: And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we,  
in the company of Mary, Joseph, Luke,  
and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.** (*Sung 3 times - From Common Praise # 721*)

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread** (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: O Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,  
and grant us your peace.**

**The Giving of Communion**

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.  
It is the table of company with Jesus,  
and all who love him.  
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,  
you who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a while;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed;  
Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.*

*If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.*

**NOTE:** *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.*

**Hymn: CP 126 Away in a Manger**

*(tune: Cradle Song)*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus – look down from on high  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay,  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

**Hymn: CP 137 What Child Is This**

*(tune: Greensleeves)*

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the king  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.*

**Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain***

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain***

Trio during Ablutions: *A Manger Filled with Love*, by S. DeFord;  
vocal solos by Matthew Robertson and Maria Ross,  
with Mary Byrne, flute

*Please stand for the lighting of the candles. The flame from the Christ Candle of the Advent wreath will light the tapers and then all the other candles in the church will be lit. When all the candles have been lit, the church will be darkened and we will say the Prayer after Communion.*



## **Prayer After Communion**

Priest: Carry the light of God's love and blessings  
to friends and neighbours, to the lonely and lost,  
and to all who need our care and love.

**All: We will let our lights shine before others.**

Priest: Go out from this place knowing that God's gifts  
are for sharing with all God's people.

**All: We will show our thanks in giving.  
We will show our love in caring.**

## **Hymn: CP 119 Silent Night**

*(tune: Stille Nacht)*

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

## **The Blessing**

Priest: May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son  
from before the foundation of the world,  
shed that love upon you his children.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: May Christ, who by his incarnation  
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing  
Mary became the God-bearer,  
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*The lights in the church will now be turned on. Please extinguish your  
candle by pinching the wick. Return your candle to the sidesperson  
after the service.*

**Recessional Hymn: CP 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*(tune: Mendelssohn)*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled”.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate deity,  
Pleased as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King”.**

**Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King”.**

**Dismissal:**

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

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Postlude

*Thank you to all who assisted with tonight's service.*

Special Thanks Tonight to:

Soloists Mary Byrne, Erika Pryer,  
Matthew Robertson, and Maria Ross;  
the Choristers of St Luke Cedar Hill; and  
the Altar Guild and all who decorated the church  
so beautifully for Christmas.



Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!  
May the Peace of the Christ Child  
be with you to guide your steps,  
strengthen your resolve,  
warm your heart,  
and fill you with Love.

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for** The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Right Revd Oscar Christian Amoah. **In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; and Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator (Anglican); **for** Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; and Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship (Lutheran); **and for** The Rev. Melissa Johnson, president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province. (Moravian). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Chaplains and Chaplaincies. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame. **This Christmas, we pray for** the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, for its staff, volunteers, and the people it helps through the World of Gifts Programs including gifts such as buying goats for families in Kenya, who are food insecure and with little or no income.

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*\*The Christmas Day Service is at 10 am tomorrow.**

**\*The Church Office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Church Office will be open on December 30<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*\*The Service for the First Sunday after Christmas (December 29<sup>th</sup>) will be a Service of the Word at 10 am.** There will **not be an 8 am service this Sunday.**

**\*\*The Next Fantastic Friday will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – It will be an Epiphany Party in the Hall starting at 4:30 pm.** The evening will include Fantastic Friday crafts and the Epiphany tradition of chalking the church door. Everyone welcome!

**\*\*On January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.** The 10 am service will be an Epiphany Lessons and Carols Service **with special music.**

**\*\*Our January Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm** – The January Reflections will feature **Flutist, Dr. Mary Byrne.** When paired with inspirational readings, we hope that this Reflections service will bring a sense of light and peace to all who attend.

**“Help Wanted” for Sunday Morning Coffee Times** including baking, set up, and clean up. Volunteers have a choice to just set up or clean up or both. Baking is always welcome and thoroughly enjoyed at Coffee Time. Our Coffee Times after the 10 am services have become very popular and we can only continue if we have enough volunteers. **If you can help, please email Heather Simpson, Rector’s Warden ([hsimpson@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:hsimpson@stlukecedarhill.ca))** or chat with her on Sunday. Dates needed now are the **Sundays in January.**

**\*Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR)** – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke’s Givings e-mail ([givings@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:givings@stlukecedarhill.ca)) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR,** include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (e.g. January 1, 2025 or February 1, 2025, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one’s account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. **To start using PAR,** send an e-mail to St. Luke’s Givings e-mail ([givings@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:givings@stlukecedarhill.ca)) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

**\*Christmas Stocking Project** – We have chosen a World of Gifts Project through the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund as our Christmas Stocking Project. **We started our Christmas Stocking Project on the first Sunday**

**of Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day.** Our project will be buying goats for families in Kenya who are food insecure and have little or no income. You are invited **to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled “Goats Project”.** Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to the PWRDF to buy goats for families in Kenya. **Thank you for your donations to date totalling \$145 - 1½ goats! Let’s see how many more goats we can buy.**

**The Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites you to join their Donate & Double Your Impact Campaign!** From December 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, every dollar donated will be matched up to \$15,000. With inflation and rising food costs, the need for food security has never been greater and so far this year The Kitchen has registered more than 300 new participants, including seniors, families, and newcomers for support. This is our community's chance to make twice the difference. Every donation—big or small—will be doubled, amplifying the impact and helping The Kitchen meet the growing demand for support. See more information and a link to make a donation at the **News page of St. Luke’s website.**



## **Donations**

If you wish a **receipt for your donation to use for a tax deduction**, please fill out one of the **Welcome Envelopes** in the pews or at the back of the church. Put your donation into the envelope and put the envelope into the collection plate. Please include your name and address, with your postal code. **Charitable donation receipts will be issued for amounts of \$10 or more.**

To make a donation later or **by credit card or debit card**, visit St. Luke’s website ([www.stlukesvictoria.ca](http://www.stlukesvictoria.ca)). The **Donate Now button** at the top of the home page provides information on other ways to donate such as **by e-transfer from your bank**

**account** to St. Luke's via the Church office e-mail ([admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca)). You can also donate by credit card at Canada Helps. Further information is at the Donate Now page.



## FLOWERS

The flowers for the services  
on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
are given to the Glory of God  
and

in loving memory of husband and father Ernest,  
and sons and brothers, William and Ronald,  
from Laura Stoyles and family;

in loving memory of her beloved parents,  
Margaret and John Silver,  
with many happy Christmas memories,  
from Claire White;

in loving memory of the Knight family and John Fuller  
from Sandra Lindberg;

in loving memory of family and friends  
from Gillian Bloom;

and in thanksgiving for family and friends  
from Harry and Barbara Felsing.

*Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.*

## Welcome To St. Luke Cedar Hill



Thank you for visiting today.  
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or phone: 250-477-6741.

We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3: 12-17  
Luke 2: 41-52

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