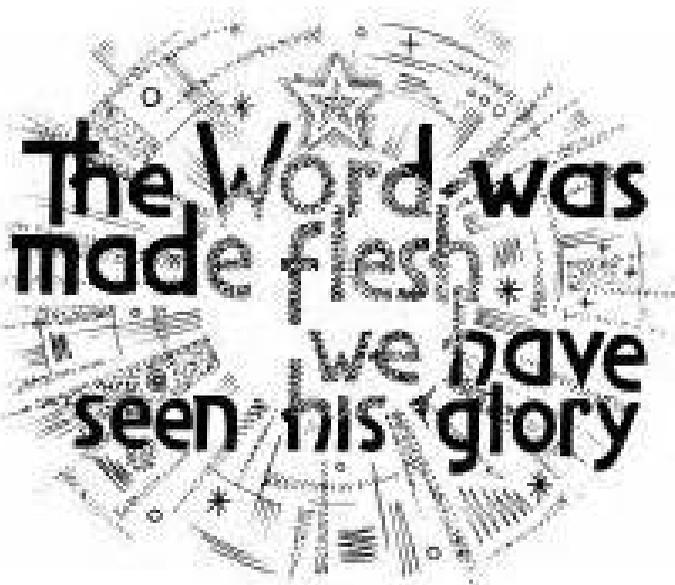


# ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Welcoming Christian Community in North Burnaby

DECEMBER 28, 2014  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



The Word was  
made flesh  
and we have  
seen his glory

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Readers for Lesson & Carols will be volunteers. Crucifer is Gwen Dixon.  
Today's Presider will be Becky Barnes.

## CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

**Processional Hymn:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CP #118

### A Bidding for Christmas

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us find new hope in the promise that God is with us and raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people. As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

## The Readings

**Lesson # 1:** Micah 5:2-4 (*From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel*)

Prayer

**God of small beginnings, you bring strength out of weakness and hope out of fear. By the power of your Spirit make us, your children, followers and partners in the grand design of your kingdom of love, rooted and revealed in Jesus. Amen.**

**Carol #1:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CP #121

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**Lesson # 2:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth*)

Prayer

**God of gentleness and peace, teach our hands to shun the tools of violence and our minds to conceive the paths of peace, that we may know with thanksgiving the joy of your generosity, made know to us in Jesus. Amen.**

**Carol #2:** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

CP #143

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**Lesson # 3:** Luke 2:8-15 (*Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened*)

Prayer

**O God our Mother and Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Carol #3:** “The First Nowell”

CP #139

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**Lesson #4:** Luke 2:16-20 (*All who heard it were amazed*)

Prayer

**Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Carol #4:** “While By the Sheep We Watched at Night”

CP #134

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**Lesson #5:** Luke 1:39-46 or 1:39-56 (*My soul magnifies the Lord*)

Prayer

**Almighty God, who looked with favour on your servant Mary, and called her to be the mother of your Son, nurture in us the humility and gentleness that found favour in your sight, that with her we may proclaim the greatness of your name and find the mercy you show to those who fear you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol #5:** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

CP #122

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**Lesson #6:** Hebrews 1:1-12 (*In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son*)

Prayer

**O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol #6:** “Good King Wenceslas”

CP #145

*An offering will be taken during the singing of this hymn.*

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### **Incarnation Litany**

*In joy and humility, let us pray to the Creator of the universe, saying,  
“Lord, grant us peace.”*

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord,

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

*Silence may be kept.*

Collect (said by all):

**Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Then the leader shall say,*

With joy in our hearts, let us gather our prayers in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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.**

### **Blessing**

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten our hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

**All: Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: “Good Christians All, Rejoice”

CP #153

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY**, we welcome one of our own, Becky Barnes, to preside at today's service. Many thanks for Becky's loving ministry.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** today are offered to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild members who have so faithfully served in this parish.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from December 24 to January 4, 2015. Regular office hours resume January 5, 2015. In a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Wardens through the Parish office at 604-299-6816.

**CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS LUNCH:** Sunday, January 4, 2015, come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at our Christmas Leftovers Potluck Lunch – bring a dish to share! Plus try a new face on the Tacky Gift Exchange! Wrap a used book which you think someone else should try or for which you no longer have space on the shelves. You may still bring a tackier gift if you prefer; the book is simply another option. See you there!

**TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED IN JANUARY.** If you would like your contribution for 2014 to be recorded this year, please make your offering by today! *Thank-you!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**In our companion Diocese of Taiwan:** St. James, Taichung – The Rev. Philip L. F. Lin, Rector; The Rev. Canon David Chee, English Priest; (twinned w/ St. James, Vancouver)

**In our Diocese:** The Diocesan Evangelism Unit – The Rev. Michael Fuller (Chair) and all those ministries that bring Christ to those outside the Church; The Cathedral Chapter – The Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Chair

**Our Church Leaders:** Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Fred Hiltz, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, Provincial Archbishop John Privett, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Greg Mohr, our Bishop Melissa Skelton

**In our Parish:** The family of Andrew Leduc (Melina's cousin), Bonita P. (Becky's mom), Celia, Lisa, Shannon B., the Symonds family, Lenora, Judith, Laura G., Trudi S., Helen H.

*If you would like your name or that of your loved one on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office with an update.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Jan. 04	11:30 am	Epiphany – Christmas Leftovers Lunch plus Used Book & Tackier Gift Exchange
Sunday	Jan. 11	10:00 am	Eucharist & Holy Baptism
Wednesday	Jan. 28	6:00 - 9:30 pm	Bishop Melissa visits St. Timothy's



