

Welcome to our Worship Service, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

At Christmas we remember that God has given us the greatest gift ever, Jesus, God with us. The question I have this morning is, how good are we at receiving the gifts, especially incredible gifts from God? How should we respond knowing that there is nothing that we can offer that will ever come close to matching this incredible gift? In Luke's account of the Gospel, we see Mary, who in humility, recognizes and receives God's gift with an appropriate response,

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to Your word." (Luke 1:38a)

This morning, Pastor Greg will be looking at the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary, as a way for us to see the incredible gift that God gives to us and how to receive it and respond to God's incredible Love, Grace and Mercy.

Today's Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

This week at a glance...

Let us pray...

Prayer Meeting on Zoom	Mon 7:00 PM	The following people have asked for Prayer: Michaelle Fontenel - healing; Cher Coursolle - health; Gladys Ntibareha's father, Ernest Ntibareha - healing; Glen McWatch's wife, Catherine.
Bible Study	Wed 7:30 PM	
Home Bible Study	Thurs 7:00 PM	
Youth Group	Fri 7:30 PM	

Announcements

Prayer Meeting - Join our Prayer Meeting on Zoom on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 PM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880533618> or by telephone - (647) 374 4685 or (647) 558 0588. Meeting ID: 828 8053 3618. If you are asked for a password, simply hit #. Pray with us in December. For the list of prayer requests please click [here](#).

Children's Christmas Choir Saturday Practice - Please make every effort to have your children at the church and on time.

- December 14th - 9:30am - 2:00pm (lunch will be provided)

Children's Christmas Choir Performance - Sunday, Dec. 15th at 7pm. Matinee performance at 4pm.

YU Elevation Retreat - Fri., Jan. 31st - Sun., Feb. 2nd, 2025. Open to all Grade 6-12 students, this weekend retreat in Parry Sound focuses on the message and mission of Jesus with a lot of winter fun. Forms available at the back. Space is limited. Cost is \$165 per person.

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Serving Today

Worship: Margaret McKenzie | **Ushering:** Team 1 - Suzanne Douglas | **Elders:** Latan / Chris | **Trustees:** Sharon / Paul | **Nursery:** 9:00 - Brigitte, 11:00 - Sue / Leona | **Coffee Time:** N/A

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TCM Christmas Dinner

HPBC will be serving and providing dinner for TCM families on December 17. Thanks to all who volunteered to serve and provide food. For more info speak to Elouise Hedd-Williams or Andrea Hudson-Lindsay.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14:

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In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. Luke 1:1-4

The Gospel of Luke was written so that his friend, and us, would be certain that what we have heard about Jesus Christ is true. It was as much a defense of the faith as a comprehensive and detailed account of Jesus's life, death and resurrection.

This morning, Pastor Dan will share a message from Luke chapter 1 and encourage each one of us to hold firm in the faith, because the story of Jesus Christ is true – and provable!

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