



PWRDF

Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

November 19, 2023

11:00 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity -

PWRDF Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Choral Eucharist (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's

Hearing Assist devices, hymn books and prayer books and children's activity packs are available from the Greeters at the back of the church.

Mass Setting Mass for 5 voices

William Byrd

Processional Hymn 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

*1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.*

*3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(congregation may be seated)

Introit Lift Thine Eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, "Thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

(congregation may be seated or kneel)

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Merbecke

(congregation please stand)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the hands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

People: Amen.

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Psalm 123 (sung)

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,

Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; for we are utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, and with the despitfulness of the proud.

(please stand)

GOSPEL **Matthew 25.14-30**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 25th chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 14th verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not

made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem He Watching Over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.

HOMILY Wil Postma, PWRDF Executive Director

Offertory Hymn 239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

St. Albinus

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome

1. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know thou,
O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

3. Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

4. Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

– Deuteronomy 33.27

INTERCESSIONS (You may kneel or sit for prayer)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the church, for our community, for the world. Let us pray for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples of Canada. Let us pray for all who need our prayers today, and all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept

our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Linda, our Primate, and Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.....Lord, in thy mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Today we remember.....Lord in thy mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to

time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, creator and Preserver of all things. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Cantor: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he give it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

All: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the**

**Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies
May be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious
Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

Choir: Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

All are welcome to receive communion as a reminder of your baptism. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing during the singing of the Agnus Dei. You are welcome to participate in receiving the chalice by either touching the base of it, or drinking from it. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know.

Communion Motet Oculi Omnium

Charles Wood

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.
OUR Father

All: **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 them that 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

*1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give the living water;
thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live".
I came to Jesus and I drank of that lifegiving
stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him.*

*3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright." I
looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my
sun; and in that light of life,
I'll walk till travelling days are done.*

POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso From Sonata #2

Felix Mendelssohn

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

*Please join us for a reception for
Walter and Mardy Langford downstairs
following the service.*

Choir	Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Daniel Cockayne, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Jane Anne Murray, Ian Rice
Readers	Ian Hornsby, Walter Langford
Chalice Bearers	Rev'd Lockyer, Ken Edwards, Ken Reid, Damaris Martin
Flower Guild	Dawn McClure
Altar Guild	Wendy Donohue, Meg Prichard
Technician	Jon Warland

St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

- 2:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Parish Centre)
- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study at Portage

Tuesday

- 5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters (Parish Centre)
- 10:00 Holy Communion

Thursday

- 9:00 Yoga (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Parish Choir
- 7:30 Evensong with Parish Choir

Friday

- 10:30 Song Circle (Parish Centre)
 - 7:30 Barrel Boys Blue Grass Band Christmas Concert
- Sunday November 26** - Reign of Christ - Sunday Before Advent
- 8:00 Holy Communion
 - 9:00 Holy Eucharist
 - 11:00 Choral Matins with Parish Choir

Concert Series

Join us (and bring friends or family) as we continue our fall concert series featuring "Musicians of the KWSymphony." Admission by donation at the door.

Friday, December 1, 7:30pm

Duo Thalia (Xueao Yang, violin; Kendra Grittani, cello)

An innovative evening of classical and contemporary music for string duo inspired by folksong and dance music across the centuries.

Saturday, December 16, 2:30pm

A Child's Christmas in Wales

Narrated by Tom Allen. With music by Lori Gemmel, Larry Larson, and Debbie Stroh.

N.B. This event is already 2/3 full, with seats remaining in the back portion of the church. [Please RSVP online at our Concert Series website](#) if you plan to attend.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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Welcome to St. John's Elora

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We are delighted you are here today. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex before you leave. To receive the weekly "Pastoral Letter" with a reflection from the Rector and updates on events, please send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Open Doors Update

As the project continues to go through the process of municipal approvals, we are happy to give you an on-site tour or meet with you so you can learn more about how this project is vital to our mission as a parish. Please speak with Peter Barr, Colleen Murray, the co-chairs of the Open Doors team, or to the Rector.

Appeals Issued for Holy Land

Thank you for your generous response to this appeal from PWRDF. We have received \$2,395 for Gaza Emergency Relief. This will qualify for the matching donation from the Canadian government.

PWRDF Sunday

Today we welcome Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF, as our guest speaker.

Reception for Walter and Mardy Langford

TODAY after the 11am service

Join us in offering our thanks and blessings to Walter and Mardy as they prepare to move to Ottawa.

Christmas Puddings!

Pick up your puddings today at coffee hour!

Gluten Free options SOLD OUT. Small \$10.00 Large \$ 20.00

Cash payments accepted or E-transfer to: treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com. Identify "Puddings" in the note area. Limited delivery available for seniors.

Contact Jane Anne Murray to place your order at jamconsults@gmail.com or come to church tomorrow!

Exploring the *Gospel according to St. Mark*

Monday, 2:00pm

Join us Monday in the Parish Centre as we continue to explore the ideas about the gospel of Mark. If you have an NRSV Bible, please bring it with you; otherwise there are some NRSV Bibles available to borrow from the back pew of the church.

TRC 94 Calls to Action - Tuesday, 7:30pm

Join in the conversation with a small group on Zoom as we continue to read through and learn about the 94 Calls to Action. Tuesday November 21, 7:30pm. For the Zoom link please contact the Rector by email.

Bruce Whitestone

A service to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Bruce Whitestone will be held on Saturday December 2, 11:00 a.m. at St. John's.

Bruce was a long time faithful member of St. John's Elora and died in the peace of Christ on October 15 in his 101st year. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Diocesan Campaign

Participate in a [survey](#) available for you online or at the back of the church to give your feedback about a diocesan campaign proposed for the new year.

Wednesday November 22, 6-8pm at St. George's, Guelph, the Bishop will outline the vision for a potential \$20 million campaign next year. All are welcome.

Learn more about the [vision of the diocesan campaign](#) in the booklet available at the back of the church or online.

Elora Children's Choir - Monday at 6:00

Their premier performance will be with the Centre Wellington Singers Christmas Concert on SATURDAY November 25, 3:00pm, at Melville United Church in Fergus. Tickets available at the door or contact

centrewellingtonsingers@gmail.com

The Barrel Boys at St. John's Elora

Back for a second year, celebrate the holiday season in Elora with The Barrel Boys' enchanting melodies and heartwarming harmonies!

Tickets are \$25 advance or \$30 at the door, and \$10 for under 13. Advance tickets are available

at thebarrelboys.com/shows

Evensong - Thursday November 23, 7:30pm

Advent Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 3, 4:00 and 6:00 pm.

Begin the new season of the Christian calendar with the annual Advent Lessons and Carols service. Invite friends and neighbours to join you for this inspiring service.

Compline - Tuesday December 5

6:30 - Compline Choir rehearsal. Let Patrick Murray know you are coming.

8:00 - Compline service. All are welcome.

Song Circle - Friday, 10:30

Join Stan on ukulele as he leads us in singing some favourite old tunes. Song books provided.

Memorial Flower Donations

To make a donation towards memorial flowers for Advent or Christmas, please leave a message for Elaine Dightam at the church office, 519-846-5911.

Keeping Healthy

Help keep one another healthy by ensuring that your flu and COVID vaccines are up to date. If you test positive for COVID please stay home; if you have symptoms or have a compromised immune system, please wear a face mask in large gatherings of people. Always practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church).