

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96:11-13 NIV

- ¹¹ "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- ¹³ **Let** all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness."



Please donate hats, gloves, mittens, scarves etc. by December 25th to our mitten tree by the front door. These items will be distributed to a local charity and are very much needed this year!!!



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| December 14th | Joy Group Christmas Program (cancelled) |
| December 18th | Children's Christmas Program |
| December 18th | Church Family Christmas Turkey Luncheon |
| December 24th | Christmas Eve Service (6:30 p.m.) |
| December 25th | Christmas Worship Service |

WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
"Established to the Glory of God - 1876"
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JOY



Third Sunday of Advent

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TO KNOW CHRIST TO SHOW CHRIST
TO SERVE CHRIST

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Video and the Joy Candle Lighting

Songs of Praise Go Tell It On The Mountains (CSI)
 Angels We Have Heard On High (CSI)

Scripture Reading Psalm 96:11-13 - Janet Fletcher

Tithes and Offerings As You Find Me - Jade Jes

Song of Praise From The Inside Out

KIDZ Church Children dismissed.

Pastoral Prayer Roland Craig

Message Joy

Special Music Christmas Day (CSI Choir)

Closing Praise Joy To the World

Benediction

CHURCH FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Items:

* Please pray God's blessing on our sister church, Grace Baptist Church in Mississauga, as they prepare for the Christmas season.

Send praise and prayer requests to
office[at]grimsbybaptist.org

Thank-You!

We were so blessed by the ministry and music of Lee, Isaac, Andrew, and Seth Ripenburg (Country Reverence) at our Sip 'n Sing Christmas celebration last Sunday evening. Thank-you to everyone who helped make this evening happen and a blessing to all who attended! We appreciate you!

CPBC Music Committee

Upcoming Christmas Concert

Voices of Niagara Community Choir - Festival of Joy

Stoney Creek Church of Christ, 105 King St. E., Stoney Creek
 Friday, December 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$15

Thank-you for supporting the ministry of our church with your tithes and offerings.

CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join us Sunday, December 18th following the worship service for our church family Christmas luncheon. Don, Dave, and his crew are cooking up a turkey dinner for us! If you can contribute mashed/scalloped potatoes or bread stuffing or a salad, please sign the sheet on the Welcome Desk in the front foyer. Everyone, including visitors, are welcome. Come join in the Christmas celebration!!

New Wednesday Evening Winter Bible Study

“How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth”

By Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart

“Understanding the Bible isn’t for the few, the gifted, the scholarly. The Bible is accessible. It’s meant to be read and comprehended by everyone from armchair readers to seminary students. A few essential insights into the Bible can clear up a lot of misconceptions and help you grasp the meaning of Scripture and its application to your twenty-first-century life. Covering everything from translational concerns to different genres of biblical writing, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* is used all around the world. In clear, simple language, it helps you accurately understand the different parts of the Bible - their meaning for ancient audiences and their implications for you today - so you can uncover the inexhaustible worth that is in God’s Word.”

The Wednesday evening Bible Study will be starting up again on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Desk if you are interested in attending so we can order enough Bible study books for everyone. The cost of the study book is \$30.

Joy

As we light this third candle of Advent, we continue our journey to Christmas. The third candle of Advent is called the Joy candle; as we anticipate Christmas, let us remember the joy felt by those who realized what was happening.

“I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.” Jeremiah 31:13

Simeon and Anna, like many other, waited a long time for the coming Messiah, and they were filled with joy when they met the boy Jesus at the temple, but John the Baptist was filled with joy about the coming Messiah even in the womb!

“At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” Luke 1:39-45

And when Jesus was born, the angels declared that it was cause for great joy.

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:8-11

Scripture reminds us that true joy comes from trusting in God. Jesus Christ is the true answer for hope, peace, and joy in this season and for eternity.¹

¹ www.cornerstonewestford.com (Used by permission)

Thank You

Dear Church Friends,

We want to thank you for the very special time of fellowship following the worship service on November 27th. Thank-you too for the lovely Christmas planter. We really enjoyed our time to visit with you and to share memories of the good times we have had together. Over the last forty years we feel we have been so blessed by sound biblical teaching and the warm and lovely fellowship and friendship of our church family. As the chorus says, "I'm so glad to be part of the family of God". You have been a joy and a support to us over all these years and we thank God for it. We plan to come back from time-to-time as we are able, and we do sincerely hope that you will find your way to Welland. The door is always open. And now we are praying that God will direct you and bless you and your ministry as you seek to serve Him and to reach out to the community of Grimsby with His love. God bless you.

In His Love,

John and Lynda - Colossians 1:9-14

JOY Group Christmas Meeting

Please note due to the abundance of Christmas festivities the JOY Group Christmas meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th has been **cancelled**. The JOY group meetings will resume in the new year.

2023 Church Envelopes and Updated Church Directory

If you are new to our church and would like to have church envelopes for your tithes and offerings, please contact Joanne at the church office as soon as possible. Also, the updated church directory is available at the Welcome Desk. Please contact Joanne at the church office if your information is incorrect or if you would like to be added to the directory. Thanks!



Women's Bible Study

Starting Monday, January 16, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study group will be doing Dr. David Jeremiah's new study entitled "The World of the End: How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities". This is not a study of prophecy but rather a study of how to live in these sometimes-discouraging times in the light of God's Word. The format will be a video and group discussion.

Dr. Jeremiah's book on the subject is in our church library for preview. The cost of the study guide is \$12.00 but do not let the cost be a hindrance to joining the group (please speak to Michelle).

Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you plan to attend **by January 1st** so enough study books can be ordered for everyone. Merry Christmas!

Leader: Michelle Cline

Next Week's Church Office Hours

Please note Joanne will be out of the office tomorrow but back in the office Tuesday - Friday (Dec. 13th - Dec. 16th).