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* Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος * In the beginning was the Word * Au commencement était la Parole * An toiseach bhá am Focal * Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola" *

Reign of Christ

26 November 2023

** denotes standing if able*

**Port Wallis United Church is an Affirming Congregation
that openly welcomes you as a child of God,
made in God's Image, and loved by God.**

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

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CALL TO WORSHIP *

Servants of God, let us gather together to the side of the Saviour.

Let us enter God's House with praise!

Come before God with an offering of joyful adoration.

Let us enter God's House with praise!

Let us sing our faith and proclaim God's Glory!

Let us enter God's House with praise!

Let us worship God.

INTROIT (# 822 in *Voices United*) *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures high and low!

Praise God above ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

La grâce de notre Sauveur

L'amour du Père et sa faveur,

Et l'onction du Saint-Esprit

Soient avec nous par Jésus-Christ!

PRAYER OF APPROACH and the LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, Source of all creation,

revealed in Jesus Christ and present in the Holy Spirit,

pour out your blessings on us

that we may be equipped to be signs of your reign

on earth as it is in heaven.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord
who taught us to pray, saying,

**Our Father..... Notre Père..... Ar n-Athair.... 주님의 기도
Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre nuestro... Baba Yetu...
主の祈り 主禱文 أَبَانَا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν**

HYMN # 342 (VU) YOU SERVANTS OF GOD *

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Ruler of the Universe, benevolent and bountiful,
who loves us and lavishes upon us the richness of your realm;
forgive us when we claim to be masters of the universe,
when we claim to be completely in control,
and when we claim to be owners of everything.

Have mercy upon humanity's arrogance, pride and sinfulness.

Pardon us as we seek to return to You

from whom we came and to whom we shall return.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Singing ~ with tune at hymn # 95 MV.*

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence
of those whose hearts are healed.

TEACHING TIME and PRAYER

In peace, dear God, I come to You Through Jesus Christ who makes me new

And while I run or play or rest, be with those whom I love best,

Guide me in your Holy Way, as You walk with me each day.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, and 20 – 24

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 31 – 46 *

REFLECTION

OFFERTORY HYMN # 273 (VU) THE KING OF LOVE *

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 585 (VU) JESUS BIDS US SHINE *

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION *

CHORAL PARTING PRAYER (MV # 214) *

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you,
May God's nurturing arms, His cradling arms, sustain you,
And hold you in Their love! And hold you in God's love.

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Advent/Christmas Worship Services will be as follows:

December 03 Advent 1 – HOPE

9:00 Morning Prayer – come and get a deeper insight to the Advent and Christmas Scripture readings. This is a great learning experience as we worship together.

10:00 Main Liturgy as we celebrate Advent

7:00 Christmas Cantata – our choir and the choir from Hope United will lead us in evening praise.

December 10 Advent 2 – PEACE

9:00 Morning Prayer

10:00 White Gift Sunday – “What could go wrong?”

2:30 Worship at Oakwood Terrace Nursing Home

7:00 Dartmouth Concert Band – big band seasonal music!

December 17 Advent 3 – JOY

9:00 Morning Prayer

10:00 Main Liturgy with Communion

7:00 Celtic Christmas – come and join us for hymns set to traditional folk music and prayers said in rhyme.

December 21 – 7:00 – Blue Christmas – a not so merry time of the Year when and where it is OK to be real.

December 24 Advent 4 – LOVE

10:00 One Joint Morning Worship Service – In Person & Zoom

4:00 Children's Service – In Person

7:30 Family Christmas Eve Worship – In Person & Zoom

11:00 Late Night Communion with Christ – In Person

December 25 – 10:00 Christmas Morning Worship – In Person



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