



THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELORA
Proclaim the love of Christ ✦ Engage & Involve ✦ Musical Outreach ✦ Open Doors

Church of St. John the Evangelist

*Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara*

*January 14, 2024
11:00 am*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome to St. John's Elora.

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

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 Haldimand 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.

Processional 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.*

"We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, full of grace and truth." - John 1.

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy

praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

(you may kneel or sit for prayer)

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit The Lord is my Light

Sarah MacDonald

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I call upon thee,

Be strong and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

All: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Canticle Venite

(remain standing)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lesson 1 1 Samuel 3.1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

(Congregation remain seated)

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.

Thou art but my path and about my bed, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.
For thou didst form my inward parts: thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
My frame was not hid from thee, when I was made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book were all of them written,
Even the days that were planned for me, when as yet there was none of them.
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them!
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.

Lesson II John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Canticle Jubilate Deo

John Ireland

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise.
be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

(Please stand)

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responses are sung.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: OUR Father **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. Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

All: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,
 The darkness is no darkness with Thee, But the night is as clear as the day:
 The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.
 God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.
 Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.
 For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Homily Canon Paul Walker**Offertory Hymn 439 Blest are the Pure in Heart**

Franconia

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

*1. Blest are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see our God;
 the secret of the Lord is theirs,
 their soul is Christ's abode.*

*3. still to the lowly soul
 his presence doth impart,
 and for a dwelling and a throne
 chooseth the pure in heart.*

*2. The Lord, who left the heavens
 our life and peace to bring,
 to dwell in lowliness with us,
 our pattern and our King.*

*4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
 may ours this blessing be:
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for thee.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world, and those in need.
(you may kneel or sit)

The Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 438 O Jesus I Have Promised

Thornbury

*1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the
 end; be thou forever near me, my Master and
 my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art
 by my side, nor wander from the pathway if
 thou wilt be my guide.*

*3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow
 thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy
 servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve
 thee to the end! O give me grace to follow, my
 Master and my Friend.*

*2. O let me feel thee near me; the world is ever
 near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting
 sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me,
 around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou
 nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*4. O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant
 mine own: my hope to follow duly is in thy
 strength alone. O guide me, all me, draw me,
 uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive
 me, my Saviour and my Friend.*

POSTLUDE

The flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pam Walker, the gift of her children.

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, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean
Greeters	Jane Anne Murray, Maureen MacIntyre
Readers	Lesley Bouza, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky
Technician	Heather Malek-Shankland

Events This Week at St. John's

Monday

2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)

7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

9:30 Knitters and Quilters

10:00 Holy Communion

4:00 Parish Council (on Zoom)

Thursday

7:00 Parish Choir

Friday

10:30 Song Circle

Sunday January 21 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00 Holy Eucharist

11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

3:00 "New Year's Follies" - a concert featuring Lesley Bouza and Alan MacDonald from the Parish Choir.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

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

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Learn More

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THE MINISTERIAL OF CENTRE WELLINGTON will be holding a worship gathering celebrating the unity of Christians in Jesus Christ regardless of denomination or congregation. The worship service will take place on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:30 am in the Aboyne Room at the Wellington County Museum. The theme is "Loving God and loving neighbour." There will be singing, prayers, Bible reading and reflections on the Bible reading. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

Bible Study - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Join Rev'd John Lockyer and others who are exploring themes in the gospel of Mark. The gospel of Mark is the earliest recorded gospel and is the focus of our liturgical calendar this year.

Volunteer Choir - Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

We resume rehearsals on Tuesday January 9 to participate liturgically on Sundays at 9:00 every other week. Contact Jurgen for more information.

Knitters and Quilters - Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Join a group of people who knit, crochet, or simply enjoy being together on Wednesday morning in the Parish Center.

Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Join Stan Litch as he leads an informal time of signing some old tunes on Fridays at 10:30. It's a fun and informal time together of signing and stories. All are welcome.

Concert - Sunday January 21, 3:00 p.m.

"New Year's Follies" featuring our own Lesley Bouza and Alan MacDonald. Admission by donation at the door (suggested \$30).

Evensong - Sunday January 28, 4:00 p.m.

Join the Parish Choir as we offer Evensong for Candlemas.

Vestry Reports

Please send your annual Vestry Report to Thomas Littlewood at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com before January 31.

Become Involved

There are many opportunities for engagement at St. John's. If you would like to become more engaged at St. John's liturgically, pastorally or with our ministry and mission, please let the Rector know. If you are interested in our music program and outreach, please contact Patrick Murray.

2024 Calendars

2024 Church calendars are available at the back of the church.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are at the back of the church for you to pick up.

Thank you for your generosity to support St. John's. If you would like Offering Envelopes please contact Thomas through the office or by email at parish.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Keeping Healthy

Here's what you can do to keep healthy:

Consider wearing a face mask when you are in a large gathering (like at church or a concert).

Wear a face mask if you have symptoms or a compromised immune system.

Stay home if you test positive for COVID.

Wash your hands frequently, and cover your cough or sneeze.

Ensure your flu and COVID vaccines are up to date.

Check the Ontario waste water index.

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).