

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service

John 8:12



Advent Conspiracy Summarized:



Worship Fully Christmas marks the moment where God's promise was fulfilled and love took form, tiny fingers and all. It is a moment that deserves our full attention and praise—a celebration!



Spend Less By spending wisely on gifts we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt so we can take in the season with a full heart.



Give More The most powerful, memorable gift you can give to someone is yourself. And nobody models this better than Jesus.



Love All By spending just a little less on gifts we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who are in need.

Why We Light Candles At Advent:

The candles are lit in the order of: Purple, purple, pink, purple, and finally, white. This is what each of the candles mean:

1 – Purple -**The Candle of Hope** – This candle reminds us that God keeps His promises. He promised a Savior, and He sent one.

2 – Purple – **The Candle of Preparation** – This candle reminds us to be prepared to receive the Lord.

3 – Pink – **The Candle of Joy** – This candle remembers the multitudes of angels that joyfully announced the birth of Christ.

4 – Purple – **The Candle of Love**– This candle represents the love of God. It was out of His incredible love that God sent His only Son Jesus.

5 – White – **The Christ Candle** – When this candle is lit on Christmas Eve, it symbolizes Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

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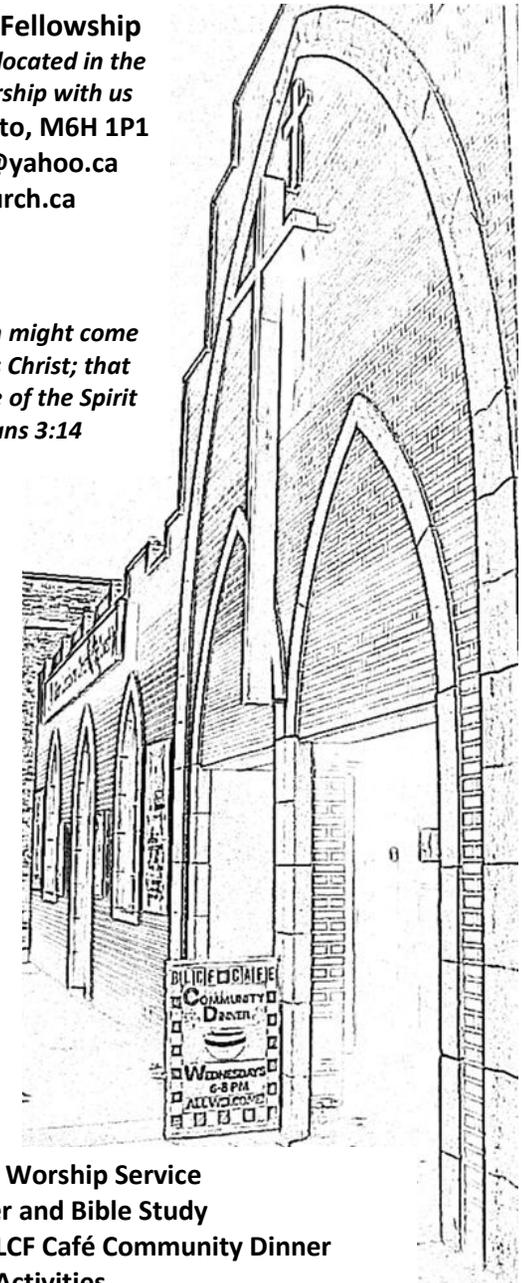
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That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. – Galatians 3:14



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00AM: Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30AM: Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday ~ 7:30PM: BLCF Friday Activities

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Announcements and Call to Worship and Prayer:
Responsive Reading #631 (*The Incarnate Christ – John 1*)

Opening Hymn #35: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Choruses

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*;
Prayer Requests

Today's Scriptures: John 8:12-20; John 3:19-21; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Message by Steve Mickelson:
Walking in the Light of Advent and Avoiding the Conspiracy

Closing Hymn #484: *It Only Takes a Spark*

Benediction - (Psalm 4:6b):
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!

1 John 1:5-7 (ESV) Walking in the Light

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that ^[a]they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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John 8:12-20 (ESV) I Am the Light of the World

⁸ ¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father ^[a] who sent me. ¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

Footnotes: a. [John 8:16](#) Some manuscripts *he*

John 3:19-21 (ESV)

¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.