

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service 

## Matthew 2:1-15 (ESV) The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to worship him."<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."



<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 2:1](#) Greek *magi*; also verses [7](#), [16](#) b. [Matthew 2:2](#) Or *in the east*; also verse [9](#)

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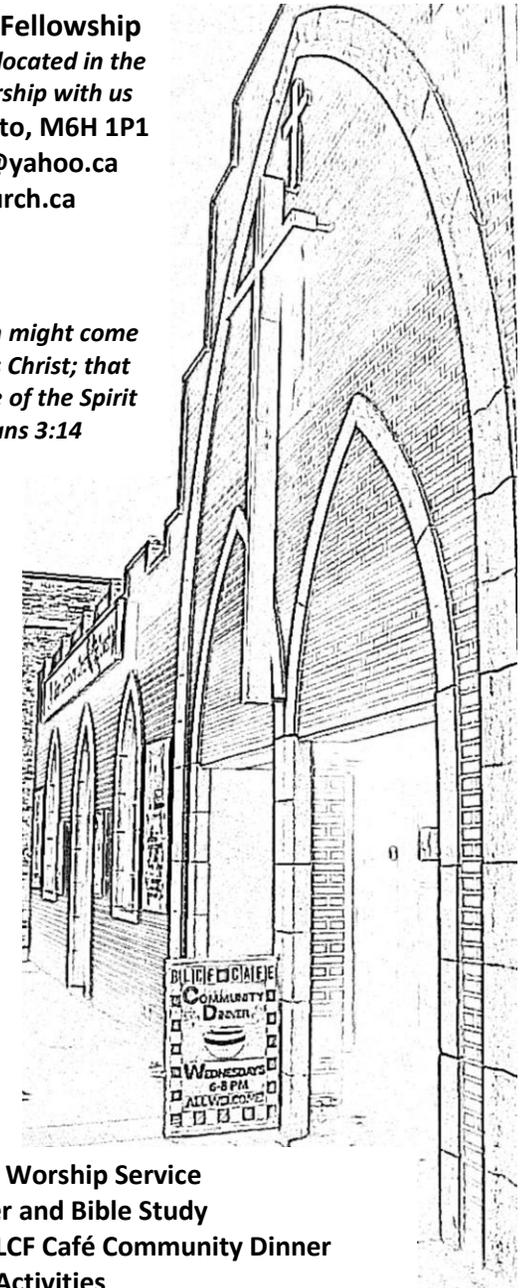
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come  
on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;  
that we might receive the promise of the Spirit  
through faith. — Galatians 3:14*



- ❖ 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:

Responsive Reading #632 (*God's Redeeming Love*); Prayer

Opening Hymn #248: *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Choruses

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

Prayer Requests

Today's Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-6; Romans 15:12-13

Message by Steve Mickelson:

'Advent: Filled with the Joy and Peace in Believing'



Hymn #102: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Peace (Luke 1:30-35)



Communion: (Matthew 26:26-29): Institution of the Lord's Supper

<sup>26</sup> *Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."* <sup>27</sup> *And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the <sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.* <sup>29</sup> *I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 26:28](#) Some manuscripts insert *new*

Benediction - (Romans 15:13):

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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## The Candles of Advent

In Catholic churches, the most popular colours for the Advent candles are violet and rose, corresponding with the colors of the liturgical vestments for the Sundays of Advent. In the [Western church](#), Violet is the historic liturgical color for three of the four Sundays of Advent: Violet is the traditional color of penitential seasons. Rose is the color for the Third Sunday of Advent, known as [Gaudete Sunday](#) from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice"--also from the first line of the traditional entrance prayer (called the Introit) for the Mass of the third Sunday of Advent. Rose-colored vestments are used on Gaudete Sunday, as a pause to the penitential spirit of Advent.

In Protestant churches it is more common to use four red candles (reflecting their traditional use in Christmas decorations) because rose [vestments](#) and decorations are not commonly used in Protestant churches. Blue is also a popular alternative color for both Advent [vestments](#) and Advent candles, especially in some Anglican and Lutheran churches. This is in keeping with the liturgical seasons; blue means hope and waiting, which aligns with the seasonal meaning of Advent. Other variations of the Advent wreath add a white candle in the center to symbolize Christmas, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It can be lit on [Christmas Eve](#) or [Christmas](#) Day. White is the traditional festal color in the Western church. Four red candles with one white one is probably the most common arrangement in Protestant churches in Britain.

In Medieval times advent was a fast during which people's thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ; but in modern times it has been seen as the lead up to Christmas, and in that context Advent Wreath serves as a reminder of the approach of the feast. More recently, some [Eastern Orthodox](#) families have adopted an Advent wreath with six candles symbolizing the longer [Christmas fast](#) in Orthodox tradition, which corresponds to Advent in Western Christianity. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advent\\_wreath](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advent_wreath)

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Romans 15:12-13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope."



<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.