

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

## † Order of Service



Isaiah 9:2-6 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup><sup>[a]</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon <sup>[b]</sup> his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called <sup>[c]</sup>

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Footnotes: a. [Isaiah 9:2](#) Chapter 9:1 in Hebrew b. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or is upon c. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or is called

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### Luke 1:30-35

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Footnotes: a. [Luke 1:34](#) Greek *since I do not know a man* b. [Luke 1:35](#) Some manuscripts add of you

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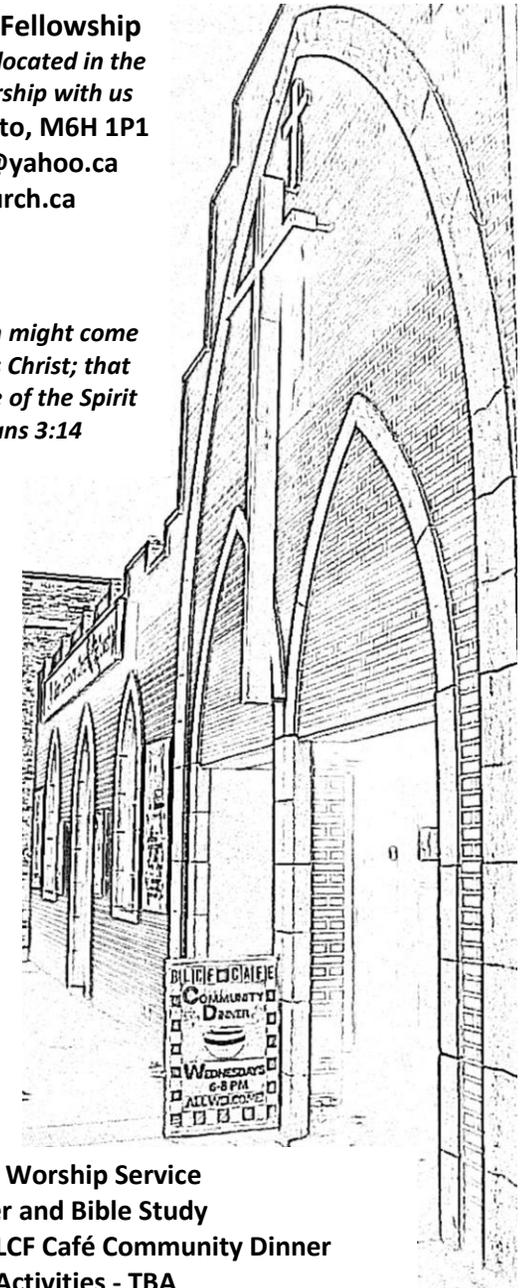
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* — Galatians 3:14



- ❖ 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 - TBA

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Announcements and Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading #632: *God's Redeeming Love*  
(from John 3 and 1 John 4); 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, Luke 1:30-35, 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)

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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In (Isaiah 11:10): *there shall be a root of Jesse.*

This prophecy is applied to the Messiah by the Jews, who say, "that when the King Messiah is revealed, there shall be gathered to him all the nations of the world, so that that Scripture shall be fulfilled which is written, "there shall be a root of Jesse""

This character, "the root of Jesse", may be understood of Christ with respect to his divine nature, who, as God, was before Jesse, and the author of his being, as of all creatures; just in such sense as he is called "the root and offspring of David", (Revelation 5:5) ( 22:16 ); the root of David, as he is God, and the offspring of David, as he is man; unless both are to be interpreted of his human nature, as the phrase here also may be, and denote his descent from Jesse as man; and so the Jewish writers interpret it as well as some Christian ones.

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/romans-15-12.html>

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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.

