

Worship Service - Advent I - Hope

Message: Rev. Dr. Todd Thomason

December 3, 2017

Worship Leader: Tim McCoy

Worship is an act of remembrance that elicits offerings of praise and sacrifices of self to God, and sends us back into the world to live as instruments of the Lord's peace. We remember who Christ is. We remember who we are in Christ.

Prelude *While By My Sheep* Shannon Woolfrey, organ
 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Kingsway Handbells

Welcome Rev. Dr. Todd Thomason

Songs *Everlasting God*
 No Sweeter Name

Advent Wreath Candle I – Hope *The Gray family*
 Responsive Reading *(Mike, Jen, Amelia, and Jordan)*
 Prayer
 Lighting of the candle

Song *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Baby Dedication *Matthew Ross and Allison Frances Deebank*
 (Parents: Andrea Morrell and Ross Deebank)

Belong, Grow and Serve Shannon Carkner

(Children Invited to Sunday School)

Scripture *Isaiah 64: 1-9* Paul Lintner

Congregational Prayer Alan Willick

Offering
Offertory *O Come O Come Emmanuel* Kingsway Handbells

Scripture *Mark 13: 24-37* JoAnne Kraulis

Message *“Setting Our Faces Towards Hope “* Rev. Dr. Todd Thomason

Silent Reflection

Song *Jesus Messiah*
Communion

Closing Song *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Todd Thomason

Postlude

KINGSWAY IN PRAYER

Remember to pray for:

Faye Klassen, Gloria Graham, Pearl Thomas @ Burton Manor

HAPPENING TODAY FOR KING'S KIDS

We gather in the gym (Nursery – Grade 5) for an open session then separate to the following rooms:

Nursery Care	Sunny yellow room behind stage
Toddler/JK/SK	Room off of the Gym
Grades 1-2	Board Room
Grades 3-5	Fellowship Room
Middle School	Nest door: Kingsway house basement



KINGSWAY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 pm Kingsway Youth (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, December 7:

10:30 am Diamonds Christmas luncheon

7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 9:

2:00 – 5:00 pm Kingsway Open House and Great Christmas Bake

Prayer Requests

We are always happy to be praying for you! If you have any prayer requests, please send them to prayer@kingswaybaptist.ca. We will share the prayer requests with our prayer partners. It is a gift to be part of a community that cares through prayer!

Christmas Poinsettias. Each year during the Christmas season, our sanctuary is decorated with Poinsettia plants. Donations made to purchase these plants, in Memory of Loved Ones, enable you to participate in this floral celebration at Christmas. Green flower slips are available in the pews. Please fill out the slips, put them in one of the offering envelopes along with your donation and place them in the offering bags. Kindly mark your slips clearly to indicate who your donation is for and from with correct spelling to ensure accuracy on the final insert.



LIBRARY LINES

Borrow from the Advent and Christmas collection for you and your family from your library today!



White Bags for Mabelle Food Bank



White bags for the Mabelle Food Bank are still available in the foyer. The white bag wish list is as follows: canned fish, canned meat (e.g. ham, turkey), pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned stew, canned vegetables, canned fruits and juice. Please bless a Mabelle family this Christmas by dropping off your filled white bag today and next Sunday, **December 10th**. If you would prefer to donate money, Stonegate Ministry is collecting money for food vouchers for families in need. Please make your cheque out to Stonegate Ministry and write “food vouchers” on it. Please give the cheque to *Graeme Quigley* or *Sumitra Robertson*. As Christmas approaches, M&O will be sharing other ways you and your family can make a difference in the lives of others locally and internationally, so stay tuned!

Kingsway Open House and Great Christmas Bake – Dec 9



Do you like to bake Christmas cookies? Do you like to eat Christmas cookies others bake? Do you enjoy eating Christmas cookies with your friends? Would you like to help our neighbours know more about our wonderful church by giving away Christmas cookies? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then do we have an event for you! Come out to KBC this Saturday, **December 9, between 2-5 pm.** for a warm

drink & a tasty treat. Invite a friend to come with you. We're hosting a drop in to show love to the community this Christmas season. Bring your baking talent, your welcoming spirit, or simply invite someone from the community over for a snack. Contact the church office for more information, or to let us know you'd love to bake some cookies for the event (on- or off-site).

Thursday Morning Diamonds Christmas Luncheon- December 7 at 10:30 am



We'll gather in the lower hall for our Christmas program of songs (led by Shannon Wooldrey) and stories (read by Bruce Neal) prior to a special luncheon. Cost will be \$10 per person. Please RSVP and pre-pay to Lynda Wright today, December 3rd.

Savoury and Sweet for the Choir Cantata Luncheon

Our Choir Cantata on Dec. 17th needs Savoury and Sweet treats for our Meeting Place luncheon. If you can contribute a savoury or sweet treat, please see *Karen Rankine* or *Donna Quigley*. Thank You from the Hospitality Team

No Meeting Place on December 24th and 31st

There will be no Coffee Time/Meeting Place after church service downstairs on Dec. 24th and Dec.31st. The Hospitality team will be taking those two days off.



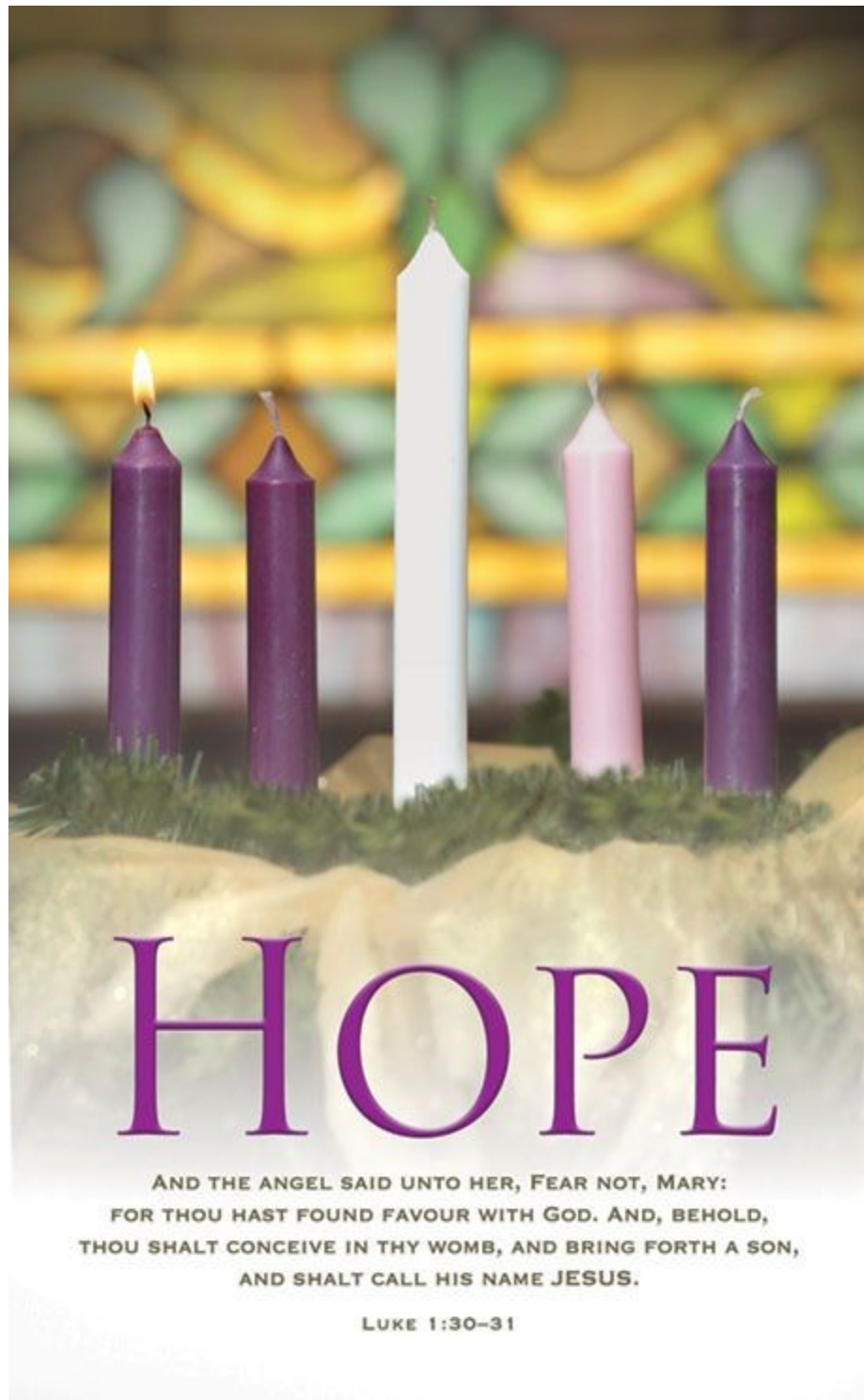
MINISTRY/OFFICE TEAM

Senior Minister: **Rev.Dr. Todd Thomason** tthomason@kingswaybaptist.ca
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*on leave (December 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018)
**on mission trip to Indonesia (October 8, 2017 – April 6, 2018)



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2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelope sets are now ready for pick up from *Linda Deterville*. If you do not yet have an offering envelope set and would like to have one, please speak to *Linda*. It would be appreciated if those who give regularly use a designated envelope set rather than the pew envelopes. Thanks for your co-operation.

Hopeful Gifts for Change

Looking for meaningful gift ideas this Christmas? The CBM *Hopeful Gifts for Change* catalogue is available in the foyer! Please pick up a catalogue for your family after the worship service, or visit hopefulgifts.ca to purchase gifts online. This Christmas, give the gifts of hope and change.



Benevolent Offering

Each year our **December Benevolent offering** goes to the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) to help support our retired missionaries and ministers, many of whom have very small pensions. Kingsway has generously supported this need for many years. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks and indicate amount under "Benevolent Fund". Help us support these special messengers of God's love!

Christmas Eve Hot Beverage Service



Our Christmas Eve Service was enhanced last year by having cookies, hot chocolate and apple cider available as people walked in the door. We want to continue that evening tradition -- but we need a few more volunteers to help with set-up, serve and tidy-up before the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Please contact *Karen* or *Marlin* if you can help in any way. Thank you from the Hospitality team

Last week's Ministry Budget Meeting

The Ministry Budget is what financially defines our church. It represents our vital ministries: our creative **Children's** and **Youth** ministries, our outreach to **Missions** and our support for our gifted **Staff** (2/3 of the budget).

The 2018 Ministry budget of \$606,800, an increase of 1 percent, was unanimously approved. The obvious question is why? - when we are currently struggling to meet our obligations. The reason is simple. The Finance Team and the Elders scrutinized the requests and were unwilling to reduce any of our vital ministries pending year-end results. However, a review is possible in the new year.

While God has been faithful many times using his people to meet our needs, a realistic projection indicates that a \$50,000 deficit is a real possibility. A major factor may be gifts to Designated Funds, such as the 75th Anniversary, Mission Trips, and earlier, the Refugee Fund.

We have not emphasized enough that, while these special time-limited projects are very worthwhile, they are secondary to our core ministry programs, and gifts to Designated must be "**in addition to**", not "**diverted from**" our giving to the vital Ministry Fund.

Graeme Zuigley

Finance Team Leader

KINGSWAY FAMILY NOTES

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, phone calls, delicious soup and visits during the recovery period from my surgery. Truly appreciated and felt the warmth and caring love and support from our Kingsway family!

Gloria Graham

Baby Dedication

Matthew Ross and Allison Frances Deebank
(Parents: *Andrea Morrell and Ross Deebank*)

Questions for the Family

Andrea and *Ross*, do you come before the congregation of Kingsway Baptist Church today to dedicate Allison and Matthew to the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ? **We do.**

And do you come to dedicate yourselves to instructing them in the ways of the Christian faith, and to setting a positive Christ-like example for them in your home and in your relationship with them? **We do.**

And do you come humbly, prayerfully, and faithfully seeking God's guidance and blessing in this most challenging but rewarding journey as parents? **We do.**

Questions for the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, Kingsway Baptist Church, pledge your love, support, and care for *Andrea* and *Ross* in their parenting journey by your example and through acts of prayer and service?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: And do you promise your Christian love, support, and care to *Allison* and *Matthew*, pledging to assist with and reinforce the Christian instruction they receive at home?

Congregation: We do.