

Worship Service - Advent II - Peace

Message: Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski

December 4, 2016

Worship Leader: Kristina Gummatova

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.

GATHERING

Prelude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus/
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Glory (Let There Be Peace)* Shannon Woolfrey, organ
Worship Team

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Todd Thomason

PRAISE

Song *Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

Advent Wreath Candle II – Peace Reflection
Prayer
Lighting of the Advent Candle The Thomason Family

Songs *Away In A Manger
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

(Children Invited to Sunday School)

COMMUNITY

Belong, Grow and Serve
Scripture *Isaiah 11: 1-10* Mary Ann Klassen
Congregational Prayer Carl Friesen
Offering
Offertory *Still, Still, Still
O Come, Little Children* Shelley Neal & Shannon Woolfrey, harps

WORD

Scripture *I Corinthians 1: 1-10; 2 Corinthians 5:16-18* Helena Syptak
Message *"Giving Birth to Peace"* Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski
Silent Reflection

COMMUNION

Song *What Child Is This*
Communion

RESPONSE

Closing Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Benediction Rev. Todd Thomason
Postlude

KINGSWAY IN PRAYER

Remember to pray for:

*Ruth Gregory & family, Vlad Nuk, Ellen Perry
Barb Willoughby (West Park Hospital), 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	Serve Sunday



KINGSWAY THIS WEEK

Mom's group returns on December 12 with much Christmas cheer!

Tuesday, December 6:

7:00 pm "Follow the Star" Women's Christmas Event

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8:

10:30 am Thursday Morning Diamonds Christmas Luncheon
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Christmas with the Rajabieh Family? – To our Syrian family, Christmas is a mystery. They have had no prior experience with it and are surprised by the appearance of all the Christmas trees and lights. What better way to show them what Christmas is all about than inviting them into a home for a festive dinner with a family? Please consider whether you would be able to host the family for dinner (even Christmas dinner) sometime during the Christmas season. Contact Ramona Matthews, Pat Simon or Ken Crofoot if you are interested.

Christmas Eve Pageant Plans

It's not too late, your kids can still have a role in the pageant! Contact MJ with the role that your child may want. We will rehearse on December 11 and 18 after the service in the sanctuary. Please contact MJ for details!



Christmas Poinsettias. Each year on the Sunday prior to Christmas Day the Sanctuary is decorated with Poinsettia plants. Donations made to purchase these plants, in Memory of Loved Ones, enables you to participate in this floral celebration at Christmas. Green flower Slips are available in the pews. Please fill and use one of the offering envelopes to submit your flower donation and In Memory Of requests and put them in the offering bags. Kindly mark your slips clearly to indicate who your donation is for and from to ensure correct spelling of the donation to ensure accuracy on the final insert.



LIBRARY LINES

Enhance the Christmas season with good reading for all ages! See you after the service in the resource centre. Next Sunday is a special Double Double DVD Day: *Double* time (that's 2 weeks) and *double* the number (4 per family).



From the Hospitality Team - Hospitality would appreciate any offers to contribute a 'sweet or savoury' nibble to our fellowship time with the choir after the Cantata **next Sunday Dec. 11th**. Please contact the hospitality team if you can help out.

Thank you,
Karen, Donna, Judy, Ruth and Marlin

Preparing our Hearts and Feeding our Neighbours

Below is a list of groceries you might give to the Mabelle Food Program. If you need white bags, please proceed to the table in the Narthex after the service.

1. canned tuna & salmon
2. peanut butter
3. cereal
4. pasta and pasta sauce
5. canned fruits or vegetables



White Bag return Sundays – **December 11 & 18, 2016.**

If you are able to help deliver these full grocery bags to Islington United Church after the service on Sunday, December 18th would you kindly let Pastor Todd know by contacting the office? Many hands make light work.



"Follow the Star" - Tuesday December 6th at 7:00pm. A few tickets at \$12 are still available for sale in the foyer before and after the service. All women are welcome to this evening of celebration and fellowship!

Thursday Morning Diamonds Christmas Luncheon



Thursday Morning Diamonds: December 8th is our annual Christmas celebration with stories to be read, carols to be sung, and Yuletide Luncheon to be shared. Please see, phone, e-mail Linda Deterville by December 5th to RSVP. Cost \$10.

2017 Offering Envelopes

The 2017 offering envelope sets are ready to be picked up. This month, please look for *Linda Deterville* in the lobby before the service or in the lower hall after the service. If you miss those opportunities, you'll find your envelopes in the library.

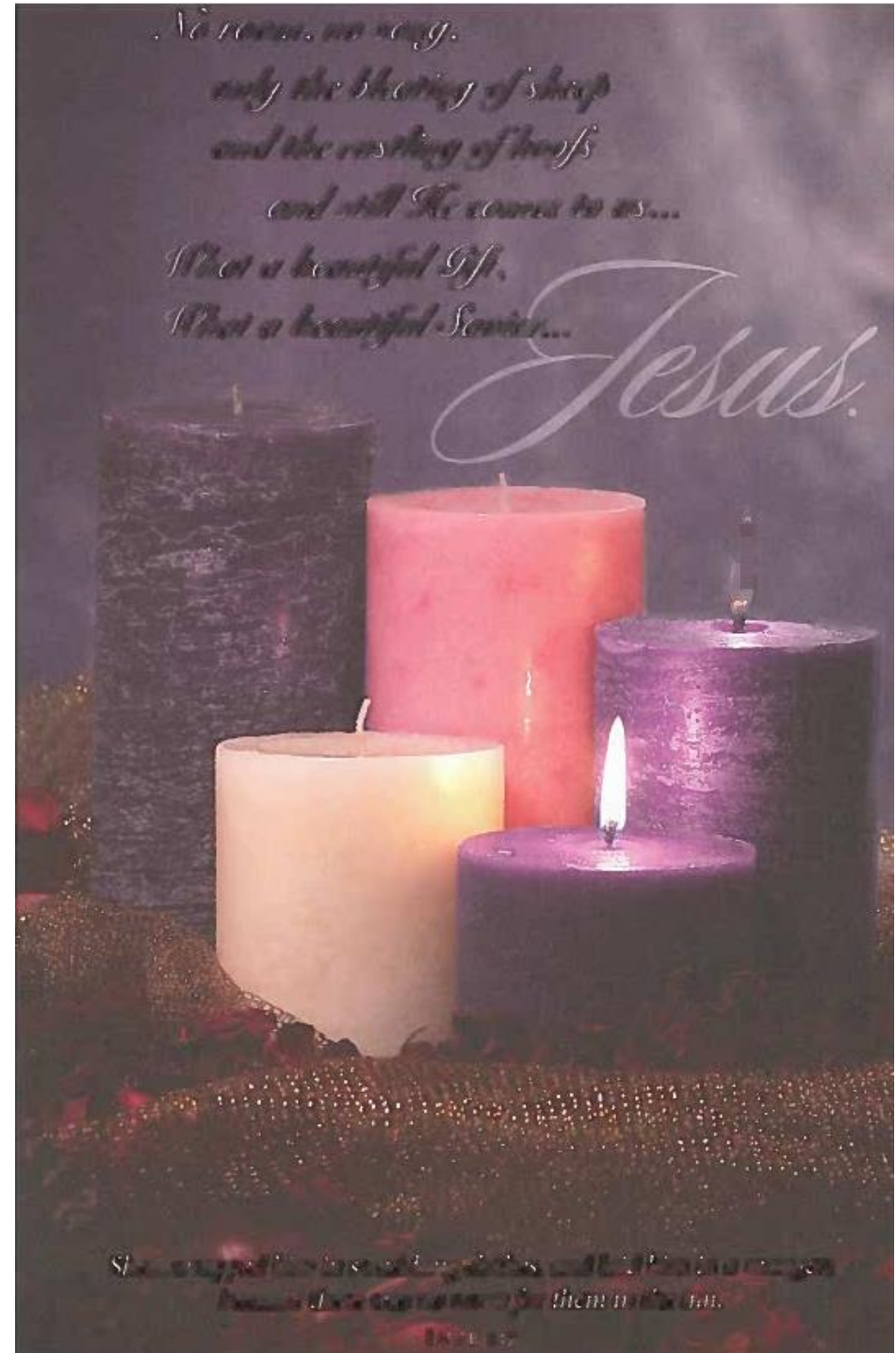
MINISTRY/OFFICE TEAM

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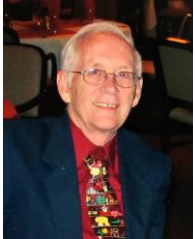
Welcome Our Guest Preacher Today – Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, LeDayne McLeese Polaski is a life-long Carolinian (having lived in Greenville, Durham, Rock Hill and now Charlotte). She is a graduate of Furman University in Greenville, and it was there that her commitment to issues of peace and justice began. She received her M.Div. in 1993 from the Divinity School at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and was ordained there in Durham at Watts Street Baptist Church. After serving for five and a half years as the Minister of Youth at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, LeDayne came to the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America in July of 1998. She has served in a variety of roles and in September of 2006, became the BPFNA's Program Coordinator. In 2015, LeDayne became BPFNA's Executive Director.

LeDayne is married to Tom Polaski, a professor of mathematics at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. They are active members of Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte.

LeDayne enjoys hanging out with family and friends, doing the daily crossword puzzle, reading, visiting wineries, and hiking. She is committed to the local church and excited about the ways that churches can and do work for peace grounded in justice.

PASSAGES



It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of **David Gregory**, loving husband of Ruth, and younger brother of Paul Gregory, on Thursday morning, December 1st at the seniors' residence at the Villages of Humber Heights. A Celebration of the Life of David Gregory led by Pastor Todd was held yesterday at 3:00 pm here at Kingsway Baptist. Please continue to be in prayer for Ruth and the whole Gregory family.

Christmas Trees Delivered to your Home!



Get a natural fir Christmas Tree delivered directly to your home for \$45. Delivery date: December 12. Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please contact Jenna Syptak (416-833-2799) or email jenna@syptak.com. Deadline for ordering: December 7, 2016. . All proceeds will go towards Kingsway Youth Dominican Republic Mission Trip in March 2017.

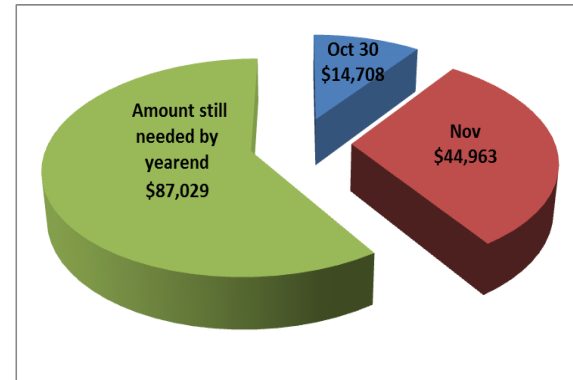
Benevolent Offering

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 mark your regular envelope under "other, Benevolent Fund", or use the envelopes in the pew racks under "Benevolent Fund". All monies collected and thus noted during December offerings will be forwarded to CBOQ. Help us support these special messengers of God's love!

The December issue of Homefront, A spiritual parenting resource is available now in the narthex! There are some great recipes and cool prayer activity to do with the Christmas Cards you receive. Pick up your copy today!

FINANCE UPDATE:

General Fund Ministry Report	
Average weekly offerings (Jan-Oct 23)	\$ 7,300
Offerings needed to cover full-year expenses	98,494.05
November 20 offerings	11,465
Amount still needed by yearend	\$ 87,029.05
Number of weeks to yearend	4



Our sincere gratitude to all who felt led to respond and we continue to pray for how God will nudge us all.

Stewardship Team

Save The Date: Princess Tea – January 28, 2017

Mark your calendars! **The Princess Tea is January 28, 2017 from 3-5pm.** All daughters of the King are invited to come and be celebrated! See MJ if you would like to be part of the planning, baking, or day- of jobs!

Next year is our congregation's 75th anniversary, and a working group is being formed to mark this important milestone. We're seeking both a chair for this group and members to make plans happen. Contact **Ramona Matthews**, Elder contact for these celebrations, if you feel called to be a part of this group. Blast from the past photo: November 27, 1948, almost ready for the roof! In the meantime, church services were being held in the Kingsway Theatre.

