

Advent Worship Series – Week 4

Jesus is Here

December 24, 2023

They Shall Call Him Emmanuel

Musical Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Song: 104 “Come, thou long expected Jesus” 350 (P/O)

Prayer:

Lighting of Advent Candle

Announcements & Offering:

Offering Selection:

Responsive Scripture:

Song: 111 “It came upon the midnight clear” Willis (P/O)

Prayer:

Scripture Reading: John 8:37; Romans 8:28-30; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; John 12:47-50

Song: 118 “O little town of Bethlehem” 136 (P/O)

Vocal Selection: Traci & Debra Teakle

Message – Jesus is Here

Reflection: “Immanuel, Immanuel, His name is called” (P/O)
82 “Jesus, name above all names” 714 (P/O)

Benediction

Closing Song: 113 “Joy to the world” 87 (P/O)

INCARNATION

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Responsive Scripture:

Leader: This is how Matthew tells the Christmas story:

All: 18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.

Leader: 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

All: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Leader: 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

All: 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Leader: Matthew does not offer a fully developed theology of how God is at once Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But throughout the Gospel, Jesus is shown to do the things we would expect God to do. He heals the sick, opens the eyes of the blind, forgives sinners, miraculously feeds the multitudes, and even raises the dead. He controls nature, walks on water, casts out demons, and conquers death. Matthew was right to call him, Emmanuel, “God with us.”

(Incarnation, pp. 101-102)

**Welcome to
St. Catharines Citadel**

We are happy to have you here to worship with us today! We pray that you will sense God's love for you.

Prayers

And
**Pastoral
CARE**

Speak to Major Don our
Pastor /Corps officer
after our worship service or
Call 905-935-4804

THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas cards, greetings, wishes and prayers. I am truly blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. I pray that God will continue to use St. Catharines corps family to shine the Light of Christ in the city and region.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas and God filled New Year 2024.

Much love, Rose & family!



The Salvation Army - St. Catharines Citadel

Dec 24, 2023 -10:30AM

Major Don Feltham

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS EVE**



**NO WALK AEROBICS FROM
DEC 4 – JAN 4, 2024**

(Walk will resume on Jan 5th, 2024)

EVERGREEN 50+

January 11th, 2024 -12 noon
Evergreen luncheon
Guest - Major Don Feltham
& his trip to Greece.
Be sure to sign up.
See Donna for details!

CORPS OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

Please note corps office will be closed from
Dec 22, 2023, to Jan 4th, 2024 (Inclusive)



**Don't forget
to pick up
your
Christmas
Cards from
your mail
slots today!**

Birthdays This Week:

John Chilvers – 27
Carol White – 27
David Stevens – 31

Anniversaries

Carol & Alton White – 26
Shila & Francis Christie- 28
Annie & Fitz Christie – 29

Prayer Requests

Florence Merrick
Emily (Trims daughter)
Helen Hall
Geoff Page
Brian Page
Amy Puckering
Joan & Paul Scott
Wendy Stafford
Pearl Wilson

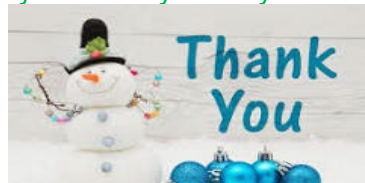
Remember our Church Families

Beryl Gibbon
Bob Grace
Margaret Garcia

Martyn & Margo Goodger
Gloria Gribble

Remember to pray for shut ins.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our wonderful volunteers for planning, sorting, packing, and distributing our Christmas gift hampers. And for manning our kettles in many stores. May God richly bless you! Amen



Merry Christmas

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