



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

ANGELICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

We are so glad to have you worship with us!

*We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.*



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First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM – Sunday, November 30, 2025

Preacher: The Rev. Tay Moss

Celebrant: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Deacon: The Rev. John Quaggin

Readers: Shiloh Hughes, Stuart Hughes

Intercessor: Vivian Clements

Candle Lighting: John Monahan & Michael Charles

Server: Christine Lambert

Music Director: Declan Tse

Soloists: Zyion Stephens, Tarquin Wongkee, Daniel Rojas, Hassan Khan

Hand Chime Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Welcome & Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Advent Hymn

CP 91 – *People Look East! The Time is Near* (verse 1)

People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

(Please remain standing)

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader 1 We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

The first candle is lit.

Reader 2 For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the Land.

All **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Hymn **CP 88 - Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (verses 1, 3, 4)**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

(Isaiah 2:1-5)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Choir I was glad when they said unto me,
'We will go unto the house of the Lord.'

Behold our feet now stand
within thy gates O Jerusalem.

All

**Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.**

**Wither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks
unto the name of the Lord.**

**For there were set the thrones for judgement,
even the thrones in the house of David.**

**O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may they prosper that love thee.**

**Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.**

**For my brethren and companions sakes,
I will wish thee prosperity.**

**Yea because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do thee good.**

Reader

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:11-14)

*Reader
People*

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel is carried down the centre aisle into the midst of the people gathered, as a symbol of God's sending out of Jesus—who is the “Word made flesh” into the world.

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

(Matthew 24:36-44)

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant

All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please sit or kneel for prayer)

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Sharing “peace” with one another is an ancient Christian tradition, not only in the words of Jesus, but also in the practices of the Christian community.

Passing the peace began as a way for people in the Christian community to be reconciled to one another before making their offering at the altar.

It is for this reason that the Peace always comes before Communion.

We impart the Peace of Christ with one another when we greet each other in this meaningful way.

(Please remain standing and join in singing)

Offertory Music

CP 89 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 4)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **[Refrain]**

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. **[Refrain]**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to Offering

We at St. John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.

We invite you to contribute financially as you can to the life and ministry of the parish.

If you wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please scan the QR code and follow the link. To sign up for pre-authorized giving, you may contact the Church Office at admin@stjohnsnorway.com or call us at 416-691-4560. Thank you!



(Please stand)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

*The Eucharistic Prayer will be sung this morning.
If you feel comfortable, please join in with the choir.
Alternatively, we invite you to enjoy this ancient way of praying
and allow the words of the liturgy to wash over you.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus Benedictus (St. Anne's Mass)

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he,
O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People

**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

People

Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei (St. Anne's Mass)

All

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

*We are pleased to offer communion in both kinds—the bread and wine.
You are welcome to take a small sip of wine from the chalice server,
guiding the cup with your hand, or you can simply pass the cup by.
Please know that you are receiving full communion with the bread alone.*

Communion Music

***Creator of the Stars of Night (M. Larkin)
CP 96 – Creator of the Stars of Night***

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power,
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a maiden mother's womb.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.
God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

People

Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant

All

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn CP 114 – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (verses 1, 3, 4)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the triumph sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music

*The flowers on the altar are given by Ruth Binns to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her late Uncle and Aunt, George and Mavis Tullett.*

St. John's This Week

Today	Table Service in the Sanctuary 5pm
Wednesday	Mid-Week Eucharist in the Chapel 12noon
Thursday	Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7pm
Sunday	In-Person & Livestream Holy Eucharist Service in the Sanctuary 10:30am Table Service in the Sanctuary 5pm

Welcome to St. John's Norway

No matter where you find yourself on your journey of faith, **you are so welcome to be here with us!** We are a community of people—young and old, from all backgrounds and walks of life, who are learning to follow Jesus. We ask questions, don't avoid the tough issues that life presents, and we want to love our neighbours. Please [fill out a Welcome Card online](#). We would love to hear from you!

Choir

The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

We are always looking for new members! If you're interested, please contact Declan at music@stjohnsnorway.com for more details.

Norway Needlework Group

The Norway Needlework Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30PM in the Prideaux Room. Anyone can join and there will be free knitting and crochet lessons as well. Come and see!

Car Pool for Advent Parish Retreat

Need a ride to the Advent Parish Retreat on Saturday December 13th? Email Edward at the office if you are interested in providing this service, or if you would like a pick up. Details to be finalized next week, but any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

Waiting for the Light – Children’s Advent Day Saturday December 13

Kids are invited to a free day of stories, games, crafts, and friendship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and discover how God’s love shines in this season of hope. Lunch and snacks provided! Whether you’re attending the parish retreat or just need a little space in the busy season, kids can join us for a joyful mix of faith, fun, and creativity-- for part or all of the day! Come and see!

Joyful Giving

Thank you to all of you who have returned their annual giving intention form to the Church. The ongoing financial support of the whole parish is graciously appreciated. It is never too late to make a commitment or increase your contribution, using the form found online under the Giving tab on our website: stjohnsnorway.com.



Notes

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TAKE A PIECE OF YOUR PARISH CHURCH
HOME WITH YOU THIS ADVENT!



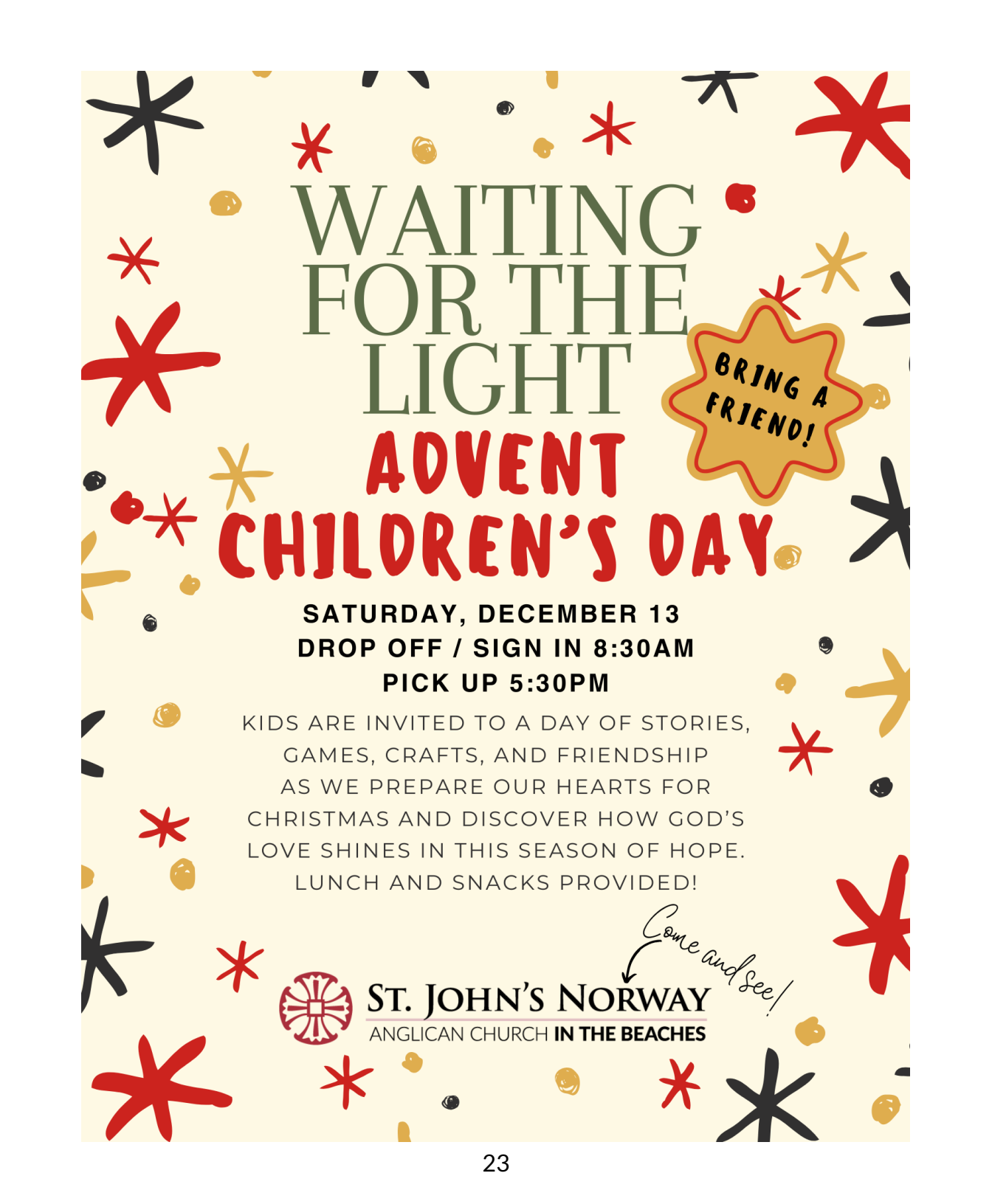
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and give one
to a friend!*

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OUR SJN MUGS TO VISITORS THIS
CHRISTMAS BY BUYING ONE FOR \$20!



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Come and see!

The background is a light cream color decorated with various festive elements: red and black hand-drawn stars of different sizes, small yellow and black circular confetti, and a yellow star-shaped sticker with a red border.

WAITING FOR THE LIGHT ADVENT CHILDREN'S DAY.

BRING A
FRIEND!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
DROP OFF / SIGN IN 8:30AM
PICK UP 5:30PM

KIDS ARE INVITED TO A DAY OF STORIES,
GAMES, CRAFTS, AND FRIENDSHIP
AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR
CHRISTMAS AND DISCOVER HOW GOD'S
LOVE SHINES IN THIS SEASON OF HOPE.
LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY
ANGLICAN CHURCH **IN THE BEACHES**

Come and see!

The background is a light blue gradient. Scattered around the central text are several stylized gift cards. Some are blue with white dollar signs and bows, while others are pink with white dollar signs and bows. They are tilted at various angles.

ADVENT GIFT CARD DRIVE

**UNTIL DEC. 14,
HELP US COLLECT
\$25 VALUE
GIFT CARDS
FROM LOBLAWS
GROCERY STORES
FOR OUR
FOOD PANTRY.**



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY
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Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 14 at 5PM



Come and see!



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY
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JOIN US FOR OUR

LESSONS & CAROLS

Service

DECEMBER 21 10:30AM



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY
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THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

John 1:5

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

5PM BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE CONTEMPLATIVE & COMFORTING

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

10:30AM LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE WITH HAND CHIME CHOIR

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

2 - 4PM NATIVITY ANIMALS VISIT IN OUR PARKING LOT

4PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE FOR FAMILIES WITH POP-UP
PAGEANT

7PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE CLASSIC WITH CAROLS

10PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE CANDLELIT & CHORAL

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

9AM CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

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Come and see!



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The land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many distinct First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

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