



## Welcome Video

**Carols:** (please stand as we sing together)

- Come All Ye Faithful
- Little Town of Bethlehem
- Silent Night

## Prayer

**Narration:** The Darkness: Creation

**Praise Video:** Creation Calls (you are welcome to sing along)

**Narration:** The Darkness: Sin Enters the World

**Special Music:** Redeeming Love

**Narration:** A Tiny Flame: God Makes a Promise

**Lighting the Christ Candle** (please refer to the bulletin insert)

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 2:1-20

**Message:** “Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More”

**Offering:** (supporting the work of Presbyterians Sharing)  
During the offering, the children are invited to place their candles around the manger as we sing together “Away in a Manger”

## Prayer

**Carols:** (please stand as we sing together)  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Hark the Herald

## Benediction

**Closing Carol:** (please stand as we sing together)  
Little Drummer Boy



## Announcements.

You are invited to join in our Christmas Morning Celebration tomorrow at 10:30am. Children are welcome to come in their jammies!

We are continuing to collect warm winter items on our **Mitten Tree**. After Christmas, these items will be delivered to Evangel Hall, a downtown Toronto outreach ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Please join us on **Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** to help deliver these items – we’ll meet at the Living Faith parking lot at 9am. Some of the items that are in demand this year include toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, deodorant, blue jeans, sweat pants, winter coats, running shoes, boots, new sock & underwear, sleeping bags and other warm winter items. We are also collecting extra items for our local **food banks**. You’re invited to place your donations under the Mitten Tree or in the bin in the foyer.

A note from Hope Acres:

Dear friends at Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church, at last check our winter needs have been met and the clothing locker has a good supply of boots, coats and gloves. We are so blessed to have the congregation at Living Faith partner with us as our men's lives are being renewed, reformed and rebuilt. It is with heartfelt gratitude the Men at hope acres thank you for the much needed donations and as always, your thoughtfulness.

Blessings and a very merry Christmas *Hope Acres Staff and Clients.*

Our mid-week Children/Youth Ministries are on a break for Christmas and will resume during the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Free Christmas Day Dinner** – everyone is welcome to come and Join the celebration. Home alone? Friends or family out of town? Bring the whole family or just yourself.

Dinner: Sunday December 25 between 12-2pm.

Held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Alliston.

Presented by “Friends in the Community “.

Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, turnip, other vegetables etc. then coffee, tea and dessert.

Call 434-1341 to guarantee your plate or just come by. Volunteers Welcome.

A final update from our Country Christmas Fair – The proceeds of the Country Christmas Fair after expenses - \$2233.81. As usual, the Bake Table and the Lunch earned the most money. In addition, \$590 was earned by three individuals for their Wilfred Challenges. This money will be submitted separately. Also, we were able to send a cheque to I.N. Network Canada in the amount of \$178.08 for the work of Nicanor and Liz Tamang in India and Nepal. Sincere thanks to all in the congregation. It was truly a team effort.

Please join us as we kick off the New Year with worship next Sunday at 10:30am.



*Living Faith offers an email prayer chain; however, if you'd like to be part of this prayer chain but do not have access to email, please contact Tamara Nemeth at 434-1529 to add your phone number to the phone prayer list*

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

All who are travelling this Christmas season  
Those who are lonely, grieving, facing illness this Christmas



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend Christmas in Malawi? PCC mission staff Todd Statham, his wife Annika and their children Sophia and Mio are about to find out, as their first Christmas in Malawi approaches. They have discovered that carefully packed advent candles melt in the scorching heat and that familiar Christmas songs about snow and cold just don't carry the same meaning in their new surroundings. Read about their experience of Advent in their blog at [www.pccweb.ca/toddandannika](http://www.pccweb.ca/toddandannika). Todd lectures in Church History and Theology at Zomba Theological College. He and his family receive support from *Presbyterians Sharing*.

### THIS WEEK AT LIVING FAITH

Tomorrow: Christmas morning celebration! 10:30 am  
 Tuesday: AMPed Sr. Youth Group, 7-9pm ON HOLIDAY  
 Wednesday: Coffee & Conversation Bible Study, 10am; ON HOLIDAY  
 Praise Team Practice, 7:45pm  
 Thursday: After School Club, 4-5:30pm, ON HOLIDAY  
 Friday: NRG Jr. Youth, 6:30-8:30pm ON HOLIDAY  
 Sunday: New Years Service, 10:30am

**Duty Elder for December: Darrell Gauley**



**Last Week**  
 Attendance: 118  
 Offering: \$3864

Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church is a "**Leading With Care**" congregation, providing a safe place for children and vulnerable adults according to the requirements of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

This past year, we celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> year in our new building, and our leadership team has been visioning about what things might look like at Living Faith by the time we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The following is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vision Plan as developed by our Session. Let's keep this vision before God, praying that He would bless and direct all that we do in His name.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vision

1. **120 people attending weekly**
2. **We would meet or exceed our annual Presbyterians Sharing allocation as well as donate an extra \$5000 to local, national, and international missions**
3. **Our Youth Director position would become full time to provide expanded leadership for our mid-week and Sunday morning children's and youth ministries**
4. **We would be mortgage free**
5. **We would expand our Christian Education wing to include more space for classrooms and fellowship**
6. **We would continue to intentionally create a welcoming environment where all people would draw closer to God and to one another**

#### LEADERSHIP AT LIVING FAITH AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Coordinator of Visitation: Larry Brolley, 458-9346  
 Director of Student Ministries: Nancy Gallant, 435-2602  
 Director of Music: Janine Leonard, 458-8700  
 Nursery Care Coordinator: Sherry Patey, 890-1244  
 Librarian: Theresa Gauley, 435-1880  
 Clerk of Session: Bryce Hawkins, 435-7259  
 Treasurer: Sarah Elines(458-4236) Heather McFarland(458-4281)  
 Finance & Stewardship: Carol Cochrane, 705-352-0689  
 Maintenance Team: Kevin Merkley, 458-9097  
 Adult Bible Study: Harry & Myrna Austen, 458-0562  
 Mid-Week Bible Study: Heather Malnick, 424-6352  
 Friends of Living Faith: Rosemary Thomson, 435-4513  
 Catering Committee: Larry Brolley, 458-9346  
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#### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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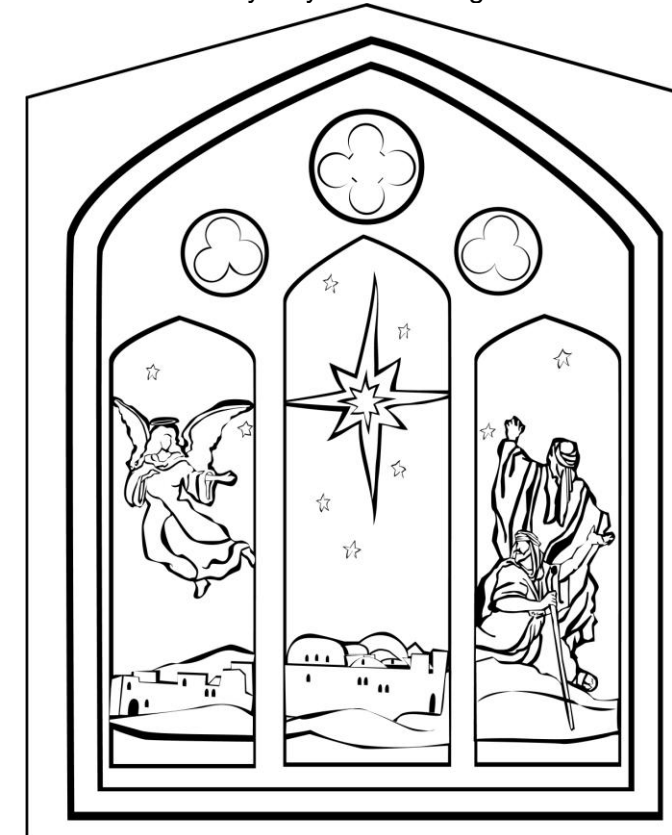
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## Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church

*Bringing God's Word to life,  
 passionately serving Jesus Christ,  
 each other, and the community!*

Rev. Heather Malnick  
 Larry Brolley – Pastoral Visitation Coordinator  
 Janine Leonard – Director of Music  
 Nancy Gallant – Director of Student Ministries  
 Tobey Boyer – Theological Student



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