



# The Week @ Bridlewood PC

## BRIDLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun.	05	Worship & Communion via ZOOM and in-person	10:30 am
Wed.	08	Bible Study via ZOOM - Book of Acts Series	7:00 pm
Thur.	09	Prayer Meeting	10:30 am
Sun.	12	Worship Service via ZOOM and in-person	10:30 am

## PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

### **AMICA (Bayview/Sheppard)**

Hazel Quan

### **AMICA Whitby)**

June Macaulay

### **Chesley, ON**

Martie Dorland

### **Home**

Camita Burrell  
Margaret D'Aguiar  
Gord Dickie  
Wanda Fletcher

### **Home cont./...**

David Leggett  
Rose Lowe  
Bev Money  
Bill Newstead  
Giah Purificacion  
Bill van Zyl

### **Shepherd Lodge**

Velma Bricker

### **Shepherd Village**

Marva Khan

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## **WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE December 5, 2021**



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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Prepare The Way

Welcome and Call To Worship

*Prepare The Way*

Candle Litany and Lighting

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
All Who Are Thirsty*

Prayer of Confession  
Good News and Passing of Peace

*You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)*

Prayer for the Children

### WORD

Scripture – Acts 11:19-30  
Sermon – “**The Life Of The Church**”

### TABLE/RESPONSE

Offering  
**Membership**  
Communion

### SENDING

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Benediction  
Postlude

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### PREPARE THE WAY

Jacques Berthier

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

### COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

W&C #124

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.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

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.

### ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Brenton Brown/Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
be washed away  
In the waves of his mercy,  
as deep cries out to deep.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come (3x)**

**Holy Spirit come (3x)**

**As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep**

### YOU ARE HOLY

Mark Imboden / Tammi Rhoton

Verse

Men: You are holy (Women ECHO)  
You are mighty (ECHO)  
You are worthy (ECHO)  
Worthy of praise (ECHO)  
I will follow (ECHO)  
I will listen (ECHO)  
I will love You (ECHO)  
All of my days (ECHO)

**Chorus (Women)**

**You are Lord of lords  
You are King of kings  
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything  
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace  
who is the Lamb  
You're the living God  
You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever  
You are Ancient of Days  
You are Alpha Omega  
Beginning and End  
You're my Savior Messiah  
Redeemer and Friend  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You**

**Chorus (Men)**

**I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
And I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You**

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

W&C # 133

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;  
Christ, the Everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
Hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild, He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

### **Supporting Vulnerable Children**

Antony Misoya, a 15-year-old orphan from Mitumbira village in Malawi, is HIV positive. He attends a program managed by the Mulanje Mission Hospital where he receives care and support with his antiretroviral medication regimen. Staff began to notice Antony's visits to the program had become less frequent. When asked, Antony told them, "I go around looking for work to support my two brothers and sister; sometimes I miss my treatment because I am working." Program staff visited Antony and his guardian and discovered that it had become difficult for her to provide for all four children, so the team provided them with support that made it possible for Antony to attend the clinic regularly and focus on his studies. This project that provides care and support to orphans and vulnerable children in Malawi is supported by **Presbyterian World Service & Development**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLANNING AHEAD:** This is to give you an early heads up that following the COVID protocols of being double vaccinated, social distancing and wearing of masks throughout the Service, the **Annual Candlelight Service** on Christmas Eve will take place both in-person as well as streamed on ZOOM starting at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24th**.

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**The New Year's Eve Service** will be streamed on **ZOOM only** and the link will be sent out on the morning of the service which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will take place during that service and pre-packaged elements for that purpose can be picked up from the Church Office either the Sunday before, or during the last week of December.

## **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)** We pray for **peace** in the world: in our churches, in our families and circle of friends, and in our spirits as we prepare to welcome the Christ child among us again.

**Monday, December 6** We pray for ministries that are exploring new ways to welcome, include and support LGBTQI+ people and families.

**Tuesday, December 7** We thank God for those who are engaging in God's mission in the world and finding effective ways to share the Gospel of Christ with neighbours.

**Wednesday, December 8** We pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly and provide comfort to all who are ill, struggling or mourning this Advent season.

**Thursday, December 9** We pray for the Rev. Chen Hsin-Liang, the new General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

**Friday, December 10 (Human Rights Day)** We pray for families living in situations of conflict or in exile, and we give thanks for the church's support of Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that protect the rights of refugees.

**Saturday, December 11** We give thanks for the education the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program provides to raise awareness and support people with disabilities in Ghana so that they can lead fulfilling lives free from stigma.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

### **The Testimony of Emmanuel Sikile:**

I grew up in a Christian home and was educated with Christian values, but never gave it much thought. I just did what I had to do to get by and never gave it any importance. When I moved to New York City after high school in India, that's when I saw a whole different world and very much forgot or essentially didn't care much, and my identity was rooted in worldly pleasures. Around 2012, I started to go to a new church where people took interest in teaching the gospel and living it. It took a while for me to understand the implications of the sacrifice of Christ, but God pursued me and continues to do so. I am grateful for God's grace and Bridlewood Presbyterian Church for their love and affection.

## **NEW MEMBERS CONT./...**

### **Testimony of Joseph Sikile:**

As I'm writing down my testimony and looking back, I can only look back with humble gratitude towards God's goodness and grace throughout my life. I was fortunate to have been born to God-fearing parents who instilled the love of Christ very early on in my life. Memorizing bible verses, Sunday school, church and VBS all played a central part in my early life.

When I was 9 years old I had an episode of epilepsy which was subsequently misdiagnosed and I was prescribed a drug regimen that resulted in a serious overdose. It was only God who brought me through that ordeal and healed me. Through his healing, my faith was strengthened at a very young age and God continued to draw me towards a closer walk with him through my teenage years.

I was baptized after I graduated high-school and moved to the States in the year 2000 to pursue my undergraduate studies. God was faithful to me, and blessed me with a great career. However, I made an idol out of my career and it took years of difficult and uncertain times for me to realize my sin. While learning my lesson wasn't fun - God's love and mercy were a constant presence. I learned that being a good steward of my talents and gifts meant the pursuit of God's glory and purposes, and not my own.

In 2011, I moved to Canada to pursue a new job and got married in 2013. God blessed me with the gift of fatherhood when Moses was born on May 3rd 2017. My marriage did not survive but Moses was and continues to be a bright ray of sunshine and joy and a reminder of God's sovereignty that all things work 'together' for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Being a father continues to be an eye-opening experience in both a spiritual and worldly sense. God's love and faithfulness abounds every day in my life and Lamentations 3:21 - 23 is my constant reminder - ***"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."***

God in his sovereign plan has graciously led me to Bridlewood church and I'm grateful for the way everyone at church welcomed us. I've been blessed through the singing, preaching and the fellowship of like-minded believers in this congregation. I'm also grateful for the opportunity to use my talents and time to serve the community at Bridlewood church and by the grace of God, I'm looking forward to worshipping with all of you for years to come.