

## O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches!

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Your boughs so green in summer's glow will never fade in winter's snow

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, your boughs will teach me also,

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, your boughs will teach me also,

That hope and love and faithfulness are precious things we can possess.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, your boughs will teach me also.

# Advent 2



*St. Paul's  
Presbyterian Church  
Peterborough, Ontario*

**ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

120 Murray Street, Peterborough. 705-745-1411

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**Minister:** Rev. George A. Turner December 4, 2011  
**Director of Music:** Mr. Douglas Schalin 10:00 a.m.

**2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**PRELUDE:** Harp & Flute

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** "O Come, Little Children" (insert)

**HYMN #161** "What child is this?"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (insert)

**PRAYER OF APPROACH** (insert)

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE** (insert)

**HYMN:** "O Christmas Tree" (insert) [Children will decorate their Christmas tree and then leave for Sunday School]

**THE WORD:** First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (O.T. 779)  
Second Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38 (N.T. 77)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND CONCERN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

**ANTHEM:** "What is this lovely fragrance?" [Healey Willan]

**DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER** (insert)

**HYMN #143** "Infant holy, Infant lowly"

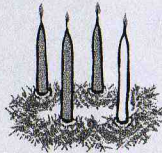
**SERMON: "BEST SUPPORTING ROLE"**

**HYMN #166** "Once in royal David's city"

**BENEDICTION** (insert)

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "What does the Lord require?" (insert)

**POSTLUDE:** Harp & Flute (please remain seated)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** to St. Paul's this morning. If you are a visitor, we hope you will feel very much at home here, and we invite you to join us for coffee and a time of fellowship in the Guild Room after the service.

**LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:** Please join with Eric, Mercy & Taonga Prugh as we light the Candle of Peace.

**GUEST MUSICIANS:** Thank you to our guest musicians today, Angelica Ottewill (Harp) and Veronique Kwakkemaat (Flute), for enriching our Advent service of worship. We are greatly indebted to them for sharing their wonderful musical talents with us.

**THANK YOU** to the members of the Flower Committee, Shawn Blackwood, our custodian, and Choir members for decorating the Sanctuary and putting up the crèche for the Christmas season. Also a big "thank you" to Carole Adams and Lydia Williamson for all the work they have done tidying up the garden and filling the barrels at the different doors with cedar branches and bows to brighten up the exterior of the church.

**SESSION MEETING:** Tuesday, December 6th – Committees meet at 6:30 p.m. followed by Session at 7:15 p.m.

**SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS:** Next Sunday, our Choir under the leadership of Director of Music, Douglas Schalin, will present their annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Please come along and enjoy the message of Christmas in word and song.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will take place after the service ***NEXT*** Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us for this special Christmas celebration.

**COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE** will be held here in St. Paul's on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music led by a combined church choir and Salvation Army Band. Special guests Donna Bennett and Brian Finley, S.A. Major John Murray and Graham Hart. Offering for the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund.

**DIARIES FOR 2012** - There are still a few diaries in the office, they are great stocking stuffers. The cost is \$8 per diary.

### LUNCHTIME ORGAN MUSIC

On Thursdays from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Murray Street (at Water), Peterborough

**December 8** – Douglas Schalin

**December 15** – John Jull

**December 22** – Giles Bryant and Beverly Bell (soprano)

Free Admission! Donations of food and money for local food bank programs will be accepted. For more information call 705-745-1411 or 705-755-1184.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FYD-L-STYX** Old Tyme Fiddle Band Presents its annual Christmas Charity Show on Sat. Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at St. James United Church.

**WELCOME WINTER:** The Jubilaires & Bonachords present Winter Welcome, on Sun. Dec. 4, at 2:30 p.m. at Murray Street Baptist Church.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL:** On Sun. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Peterborough Temple Salvation Army followed by fellowship with light Refreshments. Everyone welcome! Volunteers are needed to stand at the Salvation Army Kettles for 2 hour time slots call 743-9495.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF HOPE & REMEMBRANCE** at St. Anne's Church, on Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. A non-denominational service.

**COVENTRY SINGERS:** A Christmas Concert will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS IN STORY AND SONG** on Sun. Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., at Grace United Church.

### PRESBYTERIAN RECORD

It is time to renew the Presbyterian Record for 2012. If you would like to renew your subscription (\$22) - and we hope that you will—or order a new subscription, please give your name, together with the amount due, to the office as soon as possible or before December 15, 2011

**BETHLEHEM LIVE** will be held on Sat. Dec. 17 & Sun. Dec. 18, with performances at 6, 7 & 8. Sign up lists are outside the church office. Join in on this very special celebration. **We need villagers and angels please sign up today.**

**WEBSITE PHOTOS:** Photos of the recent Car Rally and the Christmas Fair have now been posted on the church's website at [www.stpaulspeterborough.ca](http://www.stpaulspeterborough.ca) Please have a look at them and enjoy these events over again.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Want to contact our new church administrator, Elaine Kempt, by email? Her new address is [elaine@stpaulspeterborough.ca](mailto:elaine@stpaulspeterborough.ca) Please save it in your list of contacts and remove other email contacts you may have for her. Thank you!

**CONSERVING ENERGY:** From now onwards, please use the Water and Murray Street entrances on Sunday mornings so that we can keep the main doors of the church closed and therefore conserve energy during the coldest months of the winter. Thank you for your co-operation.

**EGGS FOR INDIA:** Today the young people will be collecting change for Eggs for India.

**FOOD BANK:** Thank you to all those who have donated food today for the food bank.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** The special Christmas dinner will be served on Sunday, December 18 before Bethlehem 'Live. We are looking for donations of juice, frozen vegetables and desserts for this meal. If you can help out at all, please let the office know. Many thanks!

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** should reach the office by January 6, 2012 at the latest. It would be gratefully appreciated if these could be sent by e-mail in MS Word format to [elaine@stpaulspeterborough.ca](mailto:elaine@stpaulspeterborough.ca)

**2012 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES:** If you would like envelopes for next year, please call the office as soon as possible. If you had envelopes in 2011 and used them, you will automatically be given them for 2012.

