

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Advent fundraiser this year will go to help the Bahama and Abco islands rebuild after being devastated by Hurricane Dorian in September. Please prayerfully consider how you may join with us in supporting this worthwhile cause. Place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it “**Christmas Appeal.**”

To date we have raised \$2980.00.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Invite your family and friends to join us for Christmas Eve. Tuesday, Dec 24th at 7 pm.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up. If you have moved recently please make sure you have given your new address to the church office.

Church Office: The office will be closed between Mon. Dec 23 through Wed. Jan 1st. Pastor John is away after Christmas till the New Year. Please contact your elder for any emergencies.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: As part of the celebration for St. Columba's 50th Anniversary, we will be publishing new Photo Directories in 2020! Everyone is invited to be part of the directory, whether you are a church member or a regular attendee. The photographer will be set up at St. Columba to take your pictures from **Wednesday, January 29th** through **Sunday, February 2nd** and you can sign up in Mahood Hall or call the church office to book your spot.



We wish all who will be travelling to visit family and friends a safe journey, and Christmas and New Year's celebrations filled with Joy and Blessing. Take care and God go with you.

St. Columba Presbyterian Church

WELCOME

We are glad you are here



December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

THIS MORNING

Sermon Title: “REGARDING HIS SON”

by Rev. John Paeng

Greeter: Fran Dunbar

Announcements: Don Kennedy

Scripture reading: Don Kennedy

Fellowship hosts: Nancy & Don Howlett

Advent Candle Liturgy: Katrina Isaak-Graham & Barb Svarich

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE APPROACH GOD...

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

We are easily distracted by the darkness of isolation and fear. Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your unending love.

***HYMN #137 “OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN”**

Welcome & Announcements

***HYMN #130 “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”**

Opening Prayer & Unison Prayer of Confession

You call us to live joyously within your creation, but we look for joy in things that do not last.

We build up possessions, expecting that we will find joy in their security.

We shut ourselves off from one another expecting that we can protect our joy from hurt and disappointment.

We chase after fleeting pleasures expecting them to satisfy our hungry hearts.

We hold riches and resources to ourselves expecting them to ward off fear.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to seek joy in loving you without reservation, and in loving one another with kindness.

Lord’s Prayer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (see insert)

TO LISTEN TO AND REFLECT ON HIS WORD...

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16 (p. 488/780)
 Romans 1: 1-7 (p. 795/1267)
 Matthew 1: 18-25 (p.681/1087)

Scripture Response: Lord, Thy word abideth
 And our footsteps guideth
 Who its truth believeth.
 Light and joy receiveth. Amen

Preaching of the Word: **“REGARDING HIS SON”**

AND TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***HYMN #116 “O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”**

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanks and For Others

***HYMN #114 “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”**

*Benediction and Threefold Amen



To all our guests and friends, welcome to St. Columba! Our goal is to gather as a community to celebrate the love of God, praise the name of Jesus and seek the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can begin a new week renewed to be a blessing to others. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare for worship.

Our offering box is located at the back of the Sanctuary and offering can be placed in the box before or after the service.

For those wishing to spend time in prayer before worship, our Prayer Room is located at the far end of the hall.

If you are a guest, please sign our guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Join us for fellowship after the service over coffee and tea in the Mahood Hall. We would love to welcome you!

Pastor John’s office hours are typically Mon—Wed 9am—Noon. He is always available for visitation. Please contact the church office to arrange a visit.