

Queensway Free Methodist Church

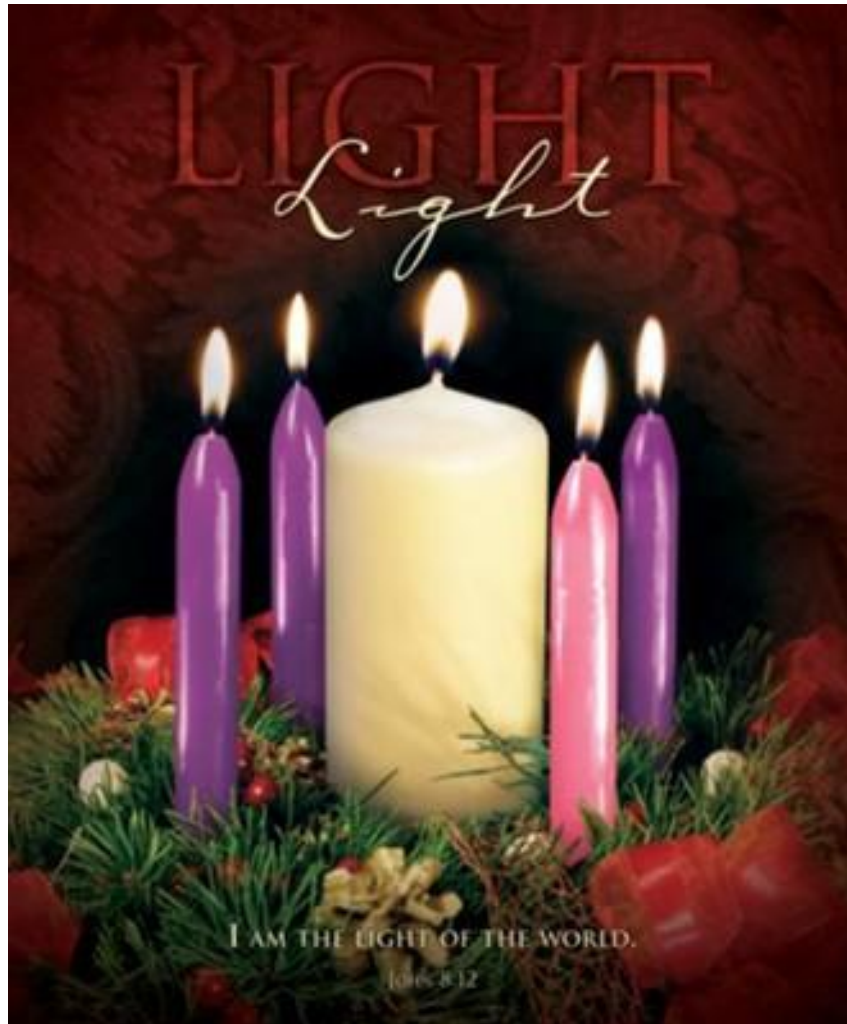
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Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2022

Prayer on Entering the House of the LORD

Father God, Your prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of Your Son, our Messiah, Emmanuel, God with us, and we have heard the angels proclaim His arrival in the most spectacular worship service ever experienced this side of glory. And so we come on this glorious Christmas morning to add our voices to all who celebrate the arrival of the Christ-child, born in a cold, dark stable in Bethlehem, born to save us from our sin. We rejoice at the good news which is for all people: The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! As we enter into Your holy presence this day, we do so rejoicing that You are with us, Emmanuel. O God, would You open our hearts to receive Your Son; would You make room in our hearts for Jesus, in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

Welcome & Opening Prayer	Pastor Brian
The Messianic Prophecy	Isaiah 9:2, 6 – 7 ~ Judy
Carol	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>
The Announcement	Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25 ~ Tom
Solo	<i>Make Room</i> ~ Jim & Sue
The Birthplace Messiah	Micah 5:2 – 5a, Luke 2:1 – 5 ~ Gloria
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
The Messiah, Jesus is Born	Luke 2:6 – 7 ~ Susan
Carol	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
Solo:	<i>All is Well</i> ~ Brian, Susan, & Sheila
The First Worship Service	Luke 2:8 – 14 ~ Susan
Carol	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>
The Shepherds Worship Jesus	Luke 2:15 – 20 ~ Pastor Brian
Message	Is There Room for Jesus?
Candle lighting	
Carol	<i>Silent Night</i>
Carol	<i>Joy to the World</i>
Prayer & Blessing	Tom

We welcome you to Queensway Free Methodist Church this Christmas Eve.
We are delighted that you have joined us for worship
on this most special night.

It is our hope and prayer that you will experience a sense of the Holy,
of hope, peace, joy and love on this Holy night.

If you don't have a community of faith to support you,
we invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
to hear God's Word of grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness proclaimed
and to experience the living Christ in our midst.

We gather for refreshments and fellowship following Sunday's service
and would be delighted to get to know you better.

*We wish you a very Merry and blessed Christmas
and may the peace of Christ abide with you
throughout the New Year.*

Merry Christmas

Welcome Center

Please join us in the Welcome Center for refreshments and fellowship following the service. We'd love to see you. Tonight's host is **Sheila**.

Mitten Tree

In partnership with The Salvation Army, we are collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to help local children keep warm this winter. Please place your items under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary here at QFMC. Thank you!

Food Pantry

In partnership with Niagara Worship Centre, we are collecting items for their Food Pantry. Their most requested items are breakfast cereal, peanut butter, pasta, canned foods, granola bars, juice boxes and fruit cups. Please place grocery items in the crate located in the upper lobby here at QFMC. Thank you for your generosity as you give over the next several weeks.

The Soup Kitchen

In partnership with Niagara Community Outreach Program, also known as The Soup Kitchen, we are collecting good quality socks, good quality mittens/gloves and dollar store gift cards. Please place items in the bin in the upper lobby here at QFMC. Thank you for your generosity!

'Twas the Night of Christmas

Written by Rev. Brian Hornibrook Dec. 23, 2012

Twas the night of Christmas, and all through the Land,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a lamb.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
their chores were accomplished, and their prayers had been said.

Joseph and Mary, so tired from their journey,
Had to settle for a stable, as there was no room at the inn.

When out in the fields there arose such a sight,
the shepherds were terrified at such a glorious light.
The angel Gabriel spoke tenderly and said, "be not afraid",
for good news for all people has come to you this day.
Then what to the shepherds' wondering eyes should appear,
but the heavenly host's singing, with angelic voices for all to hear.

The shepherds arose and said "let us go see
that which has happened for you and for me."

They hurried to Bethlehem to behold the great sight,
the Saviour which was born unto us that Holy Night.

They knelt down to worship the Christ-child in the cattle stall;
the gift of God's Son so gentle and small.

They told what had been proclaimed to them by the angel of God,
and all were amazed at what they had heard and saw.

Mary treasured these words of hope in her heart,
as she gazed at her child and thought, how great Thou art.

The shepherds returned singing praises to God,
and the world was transformed by this gift from above.

We still hear the story, and marvel at the sight,
as we gather to give thanks to God on this most Holy of Nights.

We still hear the angels as they sing out their praises,
"Peace and goodwill to all on whom God favours".

We give thanks for Emmanuel which means God with us,
and we celebrate again His coming to live among us.

So Merry Christmas to you all on this very special Eve,
I pray you will know the peace of Christ before you leave.

Merry Christmas.