

“MINISTER’S Message”

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Let your light shine ...

We certainly can't complain about our winter, however, as I put my proverbial pen to paper, I am looking out the window at a gloomy, foggy, snowy cold day. I find myself, after just a few days of this weather, missing the brightness of our usual blue skies, and the sunshine that we Albertans are so very proud of. It doesn't help that several hours of my last few days have been spent in the car, driving in this gloomy dark weather.

What does help is reminding myself that in the church, we are in the season of light, the season of Epiphany. It is a time when we celebrate the coming of the Christ child into the world, God, in human form, God incarnate, bringing light and hope to the world.

It does help that in this season, we are, as people of the way, encouraged to seek ways of reflecting that light of Christ in how we live our lives. When we, in community, strive to live as faithful disciples of Christ, we can find places of warm compassion and love - so warm that even the coldest days are not so very cold.

So, how do we do that? Perhaps it's to take time each day in prayerful contemplation - lifting up to God our search for meaning and purpose. Perhaps it is to engage in acts of kindness, with no expectation for return, just simply to be kind. Perhaps it is to find ways to join with others in community to share our time and talent, in building relationships that matter.

Let your light shine, and reflect God's love!

Blessings and Peace,

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