

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Gathering Song: The advent of our God
with eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise Him in this hour
With hymns and anthems sweet.
397 R (St.Thomas VU#715)

Call to Worship:

Rejoice, for today is a new day, and the beginning of a season to celebrate!

This is indeed a new day, for today we begin a journey to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son.

Let us set our minds on the God of love, and prepare our hearts for God's great gift.

God has promised that good things are yet to come.

Singing: O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU#1 vs. 1,2, 3,6

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: God of all creation, we remember Your goodness to us and to all people. We wait in expectation for the Christmas Season and the birth of hope for the world that Christ Jesus brings. Yet our remembering so easily becomes mushy nostalgia for the past and our waiting so easily becomes a lazy expectation that we are already prepared to meet You. Forgive us, Lord, and ignite our remembering and waiting so that we might boldly follow Jesus and help create the future of our longing. We pray together...Our Father (sung)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

Today, we light the candle of Hope.

Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

Singing: Hope shines as the solitary star,
Faith is the inner light,
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
And illumine the pathway home.
220 More Voices

Children's Time

Singing: Hope Is a Star VU#7

**Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 p. 645
Luke 21: 25-36 p. 856**

Anthem: Blow, Blow Bethlehem Wind

Reflections: Waiting in Hope

Singing: Hark the Glad Sound VU#29

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

**Doxology: All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity (tune VU#715)**

Offertory Prayer: O Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent Season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives.
Amen

We come to prayer singing:

You are Lord of Creation and Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You are Lord of the Heavens before there was time
And Lord of all lords you will be.

**We bow down and we worship you Lord (3X)
Lord of all lords you will be.**

You are King of creation and King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens before there was time
And King of all kings you will be.

**We bow down and we crown you the King (3X)
King of all kings you will be.**

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending VU#25

Benediction ~

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the Prayer Fellowship.



Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Rebecca Gilles, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Jamie Moreau, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

- The **Montreal Welsh Male Choir & the Village Ringers Trio** will be giving a Christmas concert at **OLPH on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm.** This lovely concert features a reading of “A *Child’s Christmas in Wales*” along with Carols & Bells. Richard is the Master of Ceremonies for this event...and he also sells tickets! Please see him to buy yours.
- We are coming into the season of **inclement weather** – if you are in doubt as to whether the service will be cancelled, please check CJAD and also your email messages. You can also call your elders. Please make sure the church office has your email address if you would like to be notified in this manner.
- Please remember our **food pantry.** Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the **Sunday School.**

Announcements

- Our **Christmas children** are posted in Memorial Hall. Some are older but still enjoy receiving gifts. Often the gift they receive from you is their only one. Thank you so much for helping them through difficult times.
- The **Seniors (and almost Seniors) Luncheon** is being planned for **Monday, Dec. 3rd.** If you would like to help by way of food, please sign the list on the bulletin board along with what you hope to bring. (e.g. salad, hot dish, dessert) Thank you!
- **UCW Calendars for sale -- \$8 each.** These are beautiful & informative (and they help support the church) – we hope you pick one up today. See a UCW member or ask at the office.
- Our **coffee-pot piggy bank** is really hungry! We use the proceeds to buy coffee, tea, and cookies. So if you can spare a bit of change, our piggy would be very happy. Thank you all for your generosity!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	11:00 am	Senior Lunch
Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Session Dinner & Meeting
“ “	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP ~

December 2, 2018 ~ 10:30 am

Advent I ~ Hope



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Erich Bauer

Stewards: Andrew Ford & Cliff Henderson