

**St. John's United Church**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**1<sup>st</sup> of Advent**  
Worship Leader – Rev. Charles Reid

**Regular Office Hours**

10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

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**OPENING HYMN** VU # 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

**WELCOME**

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (*Please rise*)

Officiate: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

Come and let us build a new creation because the world feels bleak. Salvation is nearer to us than it ever has been before, but right now - You know in this very moment - as the great season of advent begins it feels like we might never learn war anymore. In the bleakness of this moment, we yearn for light that shines through all our fears as a beacon for all people. That light comes into the world and is never extinguished. We need light to hold on to that hope and so today we begin one candle for our HOPE.

**Reader 1:** with this one light, we pray: O God, we place this light in this holy space as a reminder that we are on this journey together.

**Reader 2:** Be light along our paths. Lead us to a more just world.

**All: help us to stay awake, and present to your love in each ordinary day. Amen.**

**All: We now light the candle of HOPE**

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If you would like to continue with weekly offerings they can be sent in by:

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**This Week: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Jeanette Poulin & Marjorie Matthews

Scripture: Michaela Emery

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Rita Goodheart

**Next Week: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Reid

Greeters: Shirley Highberg & Sophie Harasimiuk

Scripture: Kathy Cobler

Fellowship: Helene Severyn

**HYMN: # 1** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Go Now In Peace***

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;  
 God will go with you, each hour of everyday.  
 Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
 know he will guide you in all you do.  
 Go now in Love, and show you believe,  
 reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
 God will be there watching from above.  
 Go now, in Peace, in Faith and in Love.  
 Amen, Amen, Amen.

**HYMN # 7** Hope Is a Star (vs. 1)

**OPENING WORDS OF PRAISE**

Lonely places and deserts will be glad and blossom as the Rose.

**They will blossom, be joyful, and sing.**

Help the weak and support the feeble.

**Say to the fearful, "be strong, your God comes!"**

The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf also.

**The lame will leap like a deer, and those without speech we'll sing.**

In the wild places, springs of water will well up, and springs will flow in the desert.

**Dried up places will become like pools, and thirsty land will grow rich with grass.**

A highway will be there, called the way of loneliness, and no danger will be found there.

**The redeemed of God we'll use it to return to Zion, with songs of joy and gladness. Amen**

Holy one, no matter where we find ourselves, you are there with us. As we prepare to celebrate again the coming of your Christ into our world, we decorate our worship space with signs and symbols of hope. When we hear of tensions and difficulties in our world and in our community, we know that you offer us a new way to live, a way of justice and fairness and kindness for all people. Speak to us, through these decorations and through the halls of Hope. Amen

**CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Deck the Halls

**OUR PRAYERS TO OTHERS**

Lord let us remember those who are ill, and those who suffer through no fault of their own. May our prayers bring them strength, healing and Hope. Amen

**PRAYER LIST****OFFERING HYMN:** VU # 55 (vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, we offer these gifts to you, remembering to give all we can as the poor widow gave. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Reader: The words of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 122**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together

**To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was**

**decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

**For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."**

**For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

**In The Name Of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

Reader: The words of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Romans 13:1-14

Reader: The words of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: The words of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON****LET US CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**Lord, before we come to your table, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thoughts, words and deeds.**

**We have not love you as we should, and we odd time forget to love our Neighbours. Merciful God we ask for your forgiveness. In Jesus name we beg. Amen**

**COMMUNION LITURGY** (*insert*)**AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Lord we thank-you for bringing us to your table and sharing the body and blood of your son Jesus. Amen**