

All Ages Service

WELCOME

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church!

Happy Birthday to you. To Jesus be true.

May God's richest blessings abide over you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

▲ Song of Invocation ***MV 7 Gather Us In***

Call to Worship (responsive)

V 1: We name this place a house of prayer.

V 2: And in this place we experience the fullness of life.

P: Times of struggle. Times of joy.

Times when we have felt God's presence

V1: We gather now in this mystery we call worship,
in this place we name a house of prayer,

V 2: Daring to believe that we can connect
with the One who made us.

P: Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of Invitation (together)

**As we take some time out of our busy week to think about you,
God, help us to take comfort in the knowledge that you are
thinking of us too. That you desire to live in relationship with us
and to fill us with the knowledge of your love and care for us. So
surround us with your presence, God, your peace, your love,
your joy and in the sound of silence may we hear your sure reply.
This we ask in Jesus's name. Amen.**

Prayer with Song ***MV 21 Open Our Hearts***

Prayer of Confession

Prayer with Song ***MV 21 Open Our Hearts***

Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of Baptism

(please see insert)

Growing in Faith

Matthew 6:5-15 ~ Matthew Riley

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

For the word in scripture among us & within us..

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

Knowing You ~ Barbara Pate

Reflection

Talking to God

Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

▲ Hymn

VU 229 God of the Sparrow

We Offer our Gifts

The Presentation of our Offering ~ *Vocalise by Sergei Rachmaninov*

▲ Sung Response (VU #538)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,

We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

▲ Prayer of Dedication

We Journey Forth

▲ Sending Hymn

VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal ***MV 219 Amen***

Postlude

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**A warm welcome is extended to all.**

**Visitors are invited to sign the guest book in the church entry.**

**Newcomers, please fill out a WELCOME card and place it**

**on the offering plate so we can get to know you.**

**There is a Social Time in the Lower Hall following worship. All Welcome**

**Thanks to Today's Participants:**

**Greeters:** Marilyn & John Elliott  
**Announcements:** Muriel Hale  
**Elevator:** Matthew Riley  
**Audio/Visual:** Bruce Jarvis  
**Bulletin Folder:** Kathy Morris  
**Social Time:** Eleanor & friends

*Hope United Church*

*October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*10:30 am*

**Social Time: volunteers are needed to host.**

This is an easy, one-time commitment to contribute to the ministry of hospitality at Hope. If you or your group can cover a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen.

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**THROUGH THE WEEK Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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|------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>11:00 am</b>    | <b>Chair Yoga</b>                        | <b>Parlour</b>      |
|            | <b>6:00 pm</b>     | <b>Guiding groups</b>                    | <b>Hall/Parlour</b> |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>10-11:30 am</b> | <b>Seniors Meet &amp; Greet</b>          | <b>Hall</b>         |
|            | <b>7:00 pm</b>     | <b>Choir practice</b>                    | <b>Hoyt Room</b>    |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>11:00 am</b>    | <b>Chair Yoga</b>                        | <b>Parlour</b>      |
|            | <b>7-8 pm</b>      | <b>Hfx Hawks</b>                         | <b>Hall</b>         |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>9:30-12</b>     | <b>Quilters</b>                          | <b>Parlour</b>      |
|            | <b>9-11:30 am</b>  | <b>BSM Board</b>                         | <b>Hoyt Room</b>    |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>1-4 pm</b>      | <b>Language class</b>                    | <b>Parlour</b>      |
|            | <b>CLOCKS</b>      | <b>Fall Back to Standard Time!</b>       |                     |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>10:30 am</b>    | <b>All Saints service</b>                |                     |
|            | <b>2-3 pm</b>      | <b>Dance Class</b>                       | <b>Hall</b>         |
|            | <b>2-4 pm</b>      | <b>Ministry to the Deaf</b>              | <b>Hoyt Room</b>    |
|            | <b>5-8 pm</b>      | <b>Berhan 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b> | <b>Hall/Kitchen</b> |
|            |                    | <b>Hope UC is Invited!</b>               |                     |

*Sloane Chrislyn Bottomley*

*Silas Edward Christopher*

*children of*

*Brad Edward Yeadon*

*Lora Beth Christopher*

## The Celebration of Baptism

### **Statement of Purpose**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit; we have hope in Christ.**

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**People: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

### **Presentation of Candidates**

Worship: On behalf of the board and congregation of Hope United I present Lora Christopher and Brad Yeadon who have brought their children to be baptized.

### **Profession of Faith and Promises**

Minister: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

**Parents: I do, by the grace of God.**

Minister: Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

**Parents: I will, God being my helper.**

Minister: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

**Parents: I will, God being my helper.**

Minister: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

**Parents: I will, God being my helper.**

Minister: In baptism, your children will take an important step on their journey of faith. Will you care for them and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

**Parents: I will, God being my helper.**

### **Congregational Commitment**

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations & to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness & celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support & care to those about to be baptized, as they live & grow in Christ?

**People: We do, by the grace of God.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God;  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

Minister: Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

Announcements for October 27<sup>th</sup>

**The Act of Baptism**

Minister: What is the name of your child?  
Minister: **Sloane Chrislyn Bottomley**, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always.  
People: **Amen.**

Minister: What is the name of your child?  
Minister: **Silas Edward Christopher**, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always.  
People: **Amen.**

**Declaration and Welcome**

Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, Sloane and Silas have been received into the holy Catholic Church, the body of Christ in the world. Let us join together in greeting... the newest members of our family.

**Presentation of Symbols and Certificates Caitlin Smithers**

Minister: Sloane & Silas, take these prayer shawls as a reminder that you are forever wrapped in God's love and always in our prayers.

Worship: Sloane and Silas, take these candles as a reminder to let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give Glory to God.

**Blessing**

Minister: Sloane and Silas, the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you.  
People: **Amen.**



**Trunk 'n' Treat:** TONIGHT! October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. A fun-filled Halloween activity for all ages. Kids can come in costume and gather treats from vehicles set up in the church parking lot. There also will be decorated pumpkins to vote on. There is still time to volunteer if you would be willing to park and pass out treats. Please speak to Caitlin or email [caitlin@hopeunitedchurch.ca](mailto:caitlin@hopeunitedchurch.ca)

**Sunday November 3 is All Saints Sunday** - a time in the church year when we traditionally pause to remember those people within and connected to our faith community who have passed away over the previous 12 months. During the morning service, the name of each person is read and a brief silence observed as a candle is lit in memory. If you would like the name of a loved one included, please contact the church office by Oct. 28 as we prepare the weekly order of service.



**Hope Cottage Day is Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.** We are serving **Forgotten Stew**. I will be in the church kitchen to receive donations by 1 PM. If you are able to contribute, please let me know or contact Nancy in the office. Thanks, Janet Ward

**FINAL WEEK! Mission and Outreach:** We are collecting snack food items for the youth at **Phoenix House drop-in Center** during October. If you have signed up, items need to be at the church in the basket provided by **TODAY October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions? Contact Janet 457-1607.



**The Fall Flea Market: Saturday, November 9** from 9-noon in the Church Hall. A great selection of unique and useful items including **household goods, jewellery, books, linens, art** and a Bake Table.

- **Donations** can be left at the church **Nov 4-8** 9am - noon.
- **Bake Table donations: Friday Nov 8**, from 1:30-3 and 6-7:30.
- **Volunteers are needed** to help with pricing on Friday evening and workers for Saturday including a clean-up crew. **Please speak to Margaret O'Riley 429-0044.**

**Help with Sunday School:** We are looking for Sunday School teachers and helpers as well as Sunday morning youth class helpers. No experience is necessary. An easy-to-use curriculum is provided. If you are interested or want more details, please contact Shanna at shanna.trenaman@dal.ca or 902-446-5155.

**Snack donations for Sunday School & Youth Group:** We are looking for things like goldfish, granola bars, crackers (e.g. Ritz, Veggie Thins), frozen juice concentrate, veggie sticks... This will defray costs for this portion of our programming. Preferably low sugar and nut free.

Dee is ordering **United Church 2020 Calendars - \$8**. Calendars go fast so please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church to reserve.

**An advisory committee is being formed** to follow through on the decision to update the sanctuary, including new church seating. The committee will include two volunteers from the congregation. If interested, please speak to committee members Janet Ward or Barb Baker, or contact the office at 455-0261.

**Hope needs a New Treasurer** - I am stepping down as Treasurer as of Jan 1, 2020. If you are interested and able to volunteer an average of 4 hours per week and have knowledge of Quick Books, please call or write Sue Hawkes at suehawkes11@gmail.com or 902-483-0728.

**Haven't tried Fundscrip yet?** This easy-to-use program allows our church to turn your everyday spending into ongoing fundraising. Simply buy gift cards from us or on-line for participating retailers and up to **15%** is donated back to the church. Many of these are retailers you already use - plus cards can be used as a great gift alternative on special occasions or as a donation. Use invitation code **3M3RWE** at [www.fundscrip.com/retailers](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) or contact Barb 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month.



**Hope is Invited!** Berhan Education & Cultural Centre, a group that meets at Hope United on Saturdays, is celebrating their First Anniversary **Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Congregation members are invited to attend from 5-8 pm to see presentations about the language and culture of Ethiopia, hear about the school, and sample some Ethiopian cuisine. Please let the church office know if you are interested so we have some idea of the number attending.

If you would like to support the programs and outreach of Hope United Church through **Offering Envelopes** or by **PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) please contact Nancy in the Church office. 902-455-0261 or office@hopeunitedchurch.ca. PAR brochures and forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Hope on FaceBook:** Thank you to Jana Forgrave who has volunteered to administrate Hope's FB page. Jana is happy to get any info and especially pics of news & events. Let's spread the word about all the great things happening at Hope United. [forgravejana@gmail.com](mailto:forgravejana@gmail.com)

**The Pastoral Care Team:** If you or someone you know in the congregation has a pastoral care concern, please contact Rev Sean 329-9057, the office or the Pastoral Care Team (chairs: Diane Ashton 454-4785 & Gail Logie 429-2699.)

## In the Community

Saint Mother Teresa Parish is holding their Annual Fall Fair on **November 2** from **10-1 pm** at the Parish Hall on Robie Street. Includes cake walk, gift walk, games, craft table, bake table, homemade knitted items and much more.

Fall Flea Market, **St. James Hall**, 181 Portland Street, Dartmouth. Saturday, November 2 from 8 am-12 noon. Admission: \$2

Loss and Grief Workshop. Saturday, November 2 from 9am to 12pm at Fairview United with the Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Atlantic School of Theology. The workshop is ecumenical and open to lay persons and clergy. Free will offering at the door. Participants must pre-register with Gayle Heisler 902-443-5485, [gayleheisler3@hotmail.com](mailto:gayleheisler3@hotmail.com)

Book reading by Paul Hutchinson "Between the Bells: Stories of Reconciliation from Corrymeela" Sunday Nov 3 at 1 pm. St John's Halifax invites you to hear Paul reading from his new book "*Between the Bells: Stories of reconciliation from Corrymeela*" in the **Judith Grant Rm, Maritime Conservatory**, 6199 Chebucto Rd. This book is a collection of true stories exploring various aspects of reconciliation in tales that are funny, sad, strange, provocative & stirring. The backdrop is Northern Ireland; however, these narratives resonate deeply with all people trying to live well in this broken beautiful world.

Climate Justice: Are you a person of faith who is passionate about climate justice and helping your church to be more involved in taking action? You are invited to participate in the United Church event **Nov. 1 - 2, at Tatamagouche Centre, "Climate Crisis: What's Faith Got to do with it?"** See poster for details.