

DEC. 8TH, 2019 **HOPE UNITED CHURCH** 10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

Second SUNDAY – *The Gift of Peace*

Advent Candle Lighting – Light of Peace

Choral Introit

Responsive Litany

On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

We long for peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between neighbor and nation.

We long for peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

We long for peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

We long for peace that surpasses all understanding.

Candle Lighting (Mary Stubbington Smith & family)

This morning we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of a starry night in a quiet stable when God changed the course of human history. Our hope is firm, for in our Savior's birth, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Sung Response

***Light of life, Maker of day,
Gather our shadows and cast them away,
Beacon of truth, gleaming and bright,
Shine in our hearts, shatter our night.***

Prayer (*together*)

Gracious God, we pray that you will help us to see glimpses of your peace in our fractured world. You alone are the Prince of Peace. Help us to remember this Advent that we can also be agents of peace to those around us and in our world. Help us to seek your perfect peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Music: Joy to the World

Mass Choir

Growing in Faith

Sparks Bible Luke 1: 68-79

~ Eva Hernandez-Jennex

We Hear the Word of God in Song

Music: *O Come to Us Emmanuel*

Hope United Choir

A Celtic Silent Night ~ with Mya Cogswell, violin

Music: *O Shining Star*

Port Wallis Choir

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Music: *Carol for Advent*

Port Wallis Small Group

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Music: *Away in a Manger*

Inclusive Choir

Music: *Jesus, O, What a Wonderful Child*

Hope United Choir

Music: *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*

Family Group

Good Christians Now Rejoice

Music: *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*

Port Wallis Choir

Music: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

Inclusive Choir

We Offer Our Gifts

The Presentation of Our Offering ~ *Welcome to Our World*

▲ Sung Response **VU 55 *In the Bleak Midwinter (v.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

We Journey Forth

Music: *Tidings of Great Joy*
please join Mass Choir with the familiar carols on screen

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal **VU 7 verse 2**

*Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth
Giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Postlude



Today's bulletin is dedicated in memory of Ken Grandmaison
by Rafael, Barbara and the Choir of Hope United.



Thanks to Today's Participants:

- Greeters:** Brad Oxner & Colleen Fitzgerald
- Announcer:** Bob Hayter
- Youth Reader:** Eva Hernandez-Jennex
- Elevator:** Matthew Riley
- Audio/Visual:** Jared Oxner/Bruce Jarvis
- Violin:** Mya Cogswell
- Bulletin Folder:** Kathy Morris
- Social Time:** Judy Ferguson & Ruth Douglas

Special thanks to our Hope United Choir
Port Wallis United Choir
The Inclusion Choir
for today's choral celebration

Mission Statement

Hope United is a welcoming, inclusive family of faith,
committed to a life of love and serving God
in the community and throughout the world.

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.

THROUGH THE WEEK Dec 9th – 15th

Mon	6 pm	BSM Board	Parlour
Tues	11:00 am	Chair Yoga	Parlour
	6-8 pm	Guiding groups	Lower Level
Wed	10-11:30 am	Seniors Meet & Greet	Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir practice	Hoyt Room
	7:00 pm	Mission & Outreach	Parlour
Thu	11:00 am	Chair Yoga	<u>Hoyt Room</u>
	11:30 am	Teacher's Dinner	Hall
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee	Study
	7-8 pm	Hfx Hawks	Hall
Fri	9:30-noon	Quilters	Parlour
Sat	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	Steak & Stein
	1-4 pm	Berhan Education	Parlour/Hall
Sun	10:30 am	Children's Christmas Pageant	
	2-4 pm	Ministry to the Deaf	Hoyt Room
	7:00 pm	Youth Group	Hall

Hope United gratefully acknowledges donations
in memory of Ken Grandmaison from:

- Ron Herold
- Gail & Ian Logie
- Laurie & Georgina Naugler
- Phyllis & David Smith
- Marilyn & John Elliott
- Geoff & Barb Lewis



Thank You to everyone in the church family who took part in the
November 26th service celebrating Tom's life. For those who sent
cards and messages and sustained us with food; and to everyone
who contributed to the reception.

Blessings,
Cheryl MacRae & family

Announcements for December 8th

2020 offering envelope sets are available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary. Special envelopes for PAR givers will be available next week. If you plan any changes to your giving in the new year, please contact Nancy in the Church office: 902-455-0261 or office@hopeunitedchurch.ca.

The stockings have been hung under the windows with care! The Mission and Outreach committee would like you to consider taking a stocking to fill for **Metro Turning Point** or **Stepping Stones**. They need to be returned by **December 15th**. If you have questions or need further explanation, please contact Janet Ward at 457-1607. Thanks in advance for supporting our Christmas outreach projects.

Anyone with items to donate for any of our outreach work or projects **who may have difficulty transporting** your donated items to Hope, **please contact Jana Forgrave** at forgravejana@gmail.com or 705-994-5262 or on Hope's Facebook page. Jana will be happy to come and pickup the items from your home and bring them to Hope. We recognize that some of our members are unable to carry heavy/bulky items, and we want everyone to be able to participate.

Advent Canned Christmas Tree: Once again throughout advent we will be building a Christmas tree of canned goods collected for Parker Street Food Bank. The tree **started on Sunday Dec 1st with 1.36 L juice cans** and will continue upward each week 'til we reach the Star.

Advent 2, Dec 8: 796ml or 28oz - soup, stewed tomatoes

Advent 3, Dec 15: 540ml or 19oz - chunky soup, beans, kidney beans

Advent 4, Dec 22: 284ml or 10oz - soup, canned vegetables

Women's Christmas Potluck Luncheon: The women of Hope are invited to a Christmas potluck luncheon on **Tuesday, December 17, 12 noon for a 12:30 meal, in the church hall.** Come out and enjoy a time of socializing and great food, followed by a carol sing. The gathering will also include a shower of gifts for Adsum House and Phoenix House.



Men's Breakfast: The December breakfast will be held Saturday **December 14th at 8:30 am** at the Steak & Stein on Young Street.

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** or contact Barb 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month.

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.

The NEW "Gifts with Vision" order booklet is here! Please make yourselves acquainted with this "Giving Catalogue" designed to broaden knowledge and awareness of the work of the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. It is an opportunity for special family projects or to mark celebrations and honour special persons in our lives. Feel free to borrow a hard copy from the back of the sanctuary or access on line: **giftswithvision.ca**

Please email campkidston@campkidston.com for more information.

Community Announcements for December 8th

Out of The Cold Halifax, an emergency homeless winter shelter, will open again this season and is reaching out to Halifax congregations for volunteers who are open to working frontline evening, overnight, and morning shifts with guests, prepare meals, provide daytime assistance, or maybe ferry clothes to and from the laundromat. If interested, please contact Liam Power, Volunteer Coordinator, Out of the Cold 902-210-5426 volunteerotcs@gmail.com. There are sheets with further information on the sanctuary bulletin board.

Each summer for the past 50 years, **Camp Kidston** has brought hundreds of children and youth together to play, learn, and celebrate creation. We are **now welcoming new members to our Board and Committees** to help ensure the future of this very special part of the United Church. If you want to support youth in your community, if you enjoy team work, if you have skills in the areas of human resources, program development, faith education, leadership training, facility management, marketing, fundraising, environmental education, or other related fields, and if you can share a few hours a month of your time, we would love to hear from you.

Christmas on the Grand Parade, a wonderful evening of choral music, carols and readings featuring the St. Paul's Senior Choir, Junior Choir, organ, and the Bedford Brass Quintet. **December 9th and 24th, 7 pm**, St. Paul's Church Anglican Church, 1749 Argyle Street, (902) 429-2240 www.stpaulshalifax.org

Concert at St. David's: Prepare your spirit for Christmas with songs and music **Dec 9, at 7:30 pm** at Saint David's Presbyterian Church in Halifax. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students and seniors, and they are available at the door. Details on Facebook and at saintdavid.ca.

New Horizons: On **Tuesday, December 17** the Nova New Horizons band program will present its annual Metro based Christmas Concert at the Sea King Club on CFB Shearwater in Dartmouth starting at **7:30 p.m.** The admission price is \$10.00 per person.

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