

## Gathering in Expectation

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church

***Happy Birthday to you. To Jesus be true.  
May God's richest blessings abide over you.***

▲ Opening Song      **VU #79 *Arise Your Light is Come***

Call to Worship

Sean: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's bank,

Caitlin: Calling for us to repent.

**All: Our lives are easy and comfortable –  
we're not certain we want to respond.**

Sean: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's bank,

Caitlin: Confronting the powers that shape our world

**All: Our lives are easy and comfortable –  
we're not certain we want to get involved.**

Sean: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's bank,

Caitlin: Spelling out the chaos of your time.

**All: We know the failures of our day –  
we wonder if we have the courage to meet the challenge.**

Sean: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's bank,

Caitlin: Ready to baptize Jesus.

**All: We have established our path and ask ourselves –  
are we ready to answer the call?**

Opening Prayer (together)

**God, where do I find myself when the Christmas angels disappear  
and no longer sing of love and peace? When the shepherds go  
back to their flocks & the magi return to the east? Where do I find  
myself now, when the Christ Child has outgrown his manger bed?**

**Jesus calls us to join him at the River Jordan, to be baptized with  
him and receive the Holy Spirit. May it find me at the river beside  
Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn                      **MV #163 *River Running in You and Me***

## We Hear the Word of God

Growing in Faith

Godly Play story – Holy Baptism

Ministry of Music

*See Amid the Winter's Snow* ~ Barbara Pate

Reflection

Choosing the Call

Hymn

**MV #161 *I Have Called You By Your Name***

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

## We Offer Our Gifts

The Presentation of our Offering ~ *Jesus Paid It All*

(with *Girl With The Flaxen Hair* by C. Debussy)

▲ Sung Response **MV 115 *Behold, Behold***

***Behold, behold, I make all thing new  
beginning with you and starting from today.***

***Behold, behold, I make all thing new  
My promise is true for I am Christ the way.***

Prayer of Dedication

## We Journey Forth

▲ Sending Hymn      **MV #144 *Like a Healing Stream***

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal      ***Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (MV #220)***

***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.***

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.

**Thanks to Today's Participants:**

**Greeters:** Debby Jagger & Edison Taylor  
**Announcements:** Helga Wotherspoon  
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**JAN. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020    HOPE UNITED CHURCH    10:30 AM**

**Baptism of Jesus**



**Godly Play Story - Holy Baptism**

**THROUGH THE WEEK Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

|            |                    |                                 |                    |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>11:00 am</b>    | <b>Chair Yoga</b>               | <b>Parlour</b>     |
|            | <b>6-8:30 pm</b>   | <b>Guide groups</b>             | <b>Hall</b>        |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>     | <b>Board meeting</b>            | <b>Hoyt Room</b>   |
|            | <b>10-11:30 am</b> | <b>Seniors Meet &amp; Greet</b> | <b>Hall</b>        |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>     | <b>Choir</b>                    | <b>Hoyt Room</b>   |
|            | <b>11:00 am</b>    | <b>Chair Yoga</b>               | <b>Parlour</b>     |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>7-8 pm</b>      | <b>Hfx. Hawks</b>               | <b>Hall</b>        |
|            | <b>9:30-12</b>     | <b>Quilters</b>                 | <b>Parlour</b>     |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>1-4 pm</b>      | <b>Language class</b>           | <b>Lower Level</b> |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>10:30 am</b>    | <b>Anniversary Sunday</b>       |                    |
|            | <b>2-3 pm</b>      | <b>Dance Class</b>              | <b>Hall</b>        |
|            | <b>7:00 pm</b>     | <b>Youth Group</b>              | <b>Hall</b>        |

Hope United gratefully acknowledges donations:

from Rick & Marian Kelly in memory of Ken Grandmaison,  
 forever in our hearts and in our church memories

from Mary MacLeod in memory of husband David MacLeod,  
 parents Fred & Mary Beattie, brother Victor Beattie,  
 grandparents Victor & Nettie Beattie; Thomas & Blanche Weatherdon

**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.

## Announcements for January 19<sup>th</sup>

**2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary.

**There are still a few 2020 offering envelope sets to be picked up.** **Special envelopes for PAR givers are enclosed with Income Tax Receipts.** Please contact Nancy in the Church office with any changes for the new year: 455-0261 or office@hopeunitedchurch.ca.

**Storm Cancellation Notices** for Sunday service are posted on the office voice mail (902-455-0261), website (www.hopeunitedchurch.ca) and Facebook page as well as the Nova Scotia Storm Centre found at cbc.ca. **The Pastoral Care Team is also willing to call those without Internet/Computer access.** If you would like your name and phone number on the call list, please contact the church office.

**Annual Meeting** time is approaching. **Committee Reports** can be submitted to the office as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions will be **February 10.**

**Confirmation classes** are coming up **February 21-22.** Anyone interested should contact Caitlin or Rev. Sean.

**Social Time** following worship each week is an important part of Hope's ministry that brings us all into community with a chance to greet folks, familiar and new, in a relaxed, casual setting. Please check the **sign up sheet** in the Hall to see when you or your group could host!

**Bulletin Dedications:** Each week Hope offers the opportunity for a person or group to dedicate the church bulletin - in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. The sign up sheet is on the Greeter's Table at the back of the sanctuary. A donation in the amount of your choice is appreciated and helps offset the cost of bulletin covers and printing.

As of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Jana will no longer be **Administrator for Hope's Facebook.** Sabrina & Jana are moving and, although will still attend Hope some Sundays, Jana will no longer be as up-to-date on events as she'd need to be to update Facebook. **If you're interested, please let Jana or the office know.** This role simply requires access to internet, Facebook and email. The ability to take photos at events is a bonus!

**Coldest Night of the Year walk:** Hope will be participating as "Hope United for Change." All funds raised will be going to The Souls Harbour Rescue Mission. Please join our team to walk on **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.** You can participate in body, or in spirit, financially, or in prayers for those less fortunate (or, all of the above). Sign up at <https://cnoy.org/home>

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

**SCANS classes at Hope United on Thursdays:** Continue your life-long learning by joining the Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia: SCANS is a volunteer-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable non-credit academic courses to seniors (age 50+). Courses are for learning enjoyment, without tests or assignments. Annual membership (\$150) entitles you to enrol in any number of the 60+ courses offered per year.

For the Winter 2020 Term (Feb - Mar), Hope United will be hosting:

***Creative Writing with Gwen Davies***

Thursday afternoons 1:30-3:30 in the Hoyt Room

***How the Telescope changed who we are & what we know***

Thursday mornings 10-12 in the Hall.

Pick up a brochure on the Bulletin Board

**CHAIR YOGA:** Hope United is host to a **Chair Yoga class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11 am - 12 noon:** This class is designed using the assistance of a chair to support your yoga poses - to help restore vitality, strength, balance and mobility while rejuvenating the spirit with a sense of community. Regardless of one's age and physical condition, we can all experience the many benefits of yoga. Chair yoga can help clear the mind, reduce stress and improve focus. For more information contact:

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