

Gathering in Expectation

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude "Thy Word" ~ Hope United choir

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Light the Christ Candle

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church

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

▲ Opening Song **MV # 29 How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place**

Call to Worship

Leader: Every story has a beginning.

All: And ours begins with God.

Leader: Every story has a middle.

All: And ours continues in Christ.

Leader: Every story has an end.

All: And ours ends with Hope.

Leader: But before there was Hope

All: There were three.

Leader: This is their story.

All: This is the story of Hope.

Opening Prayer (together)

The wonderful thing about a story, God, is they never really end. Chapters do – and characters come and go – but the story itself goes on. Every ending a new beginning. And the same is true of us. So be with us as we tell our story – the story of how we became Hope. So that when we write our own chapter it will both start and end with you. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn **MV # 7 Gather Us In**

The Story of Hope

Scripture Psalm 84:1-4

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...
Thanks be to God!

Chapter 1: Edgewood

Georgina Naugler

Hymn: **VU # 675 Will Your Anchor Hold**

Chapter 2: Oxford Street

Bev Dauphinee

Hymn: **VU # 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

Chapter 3: United Memorial

Edith Clattenburg

Hymn: **VU # 660 How Firm a Foundation (v. 1,2,5)**

Chapter 4: Hope

Hymn: **VU # 510 We Have This Ministry**

Service of the Table

(Rev. Don Uhryniw ed. Rev. Sean Handcock)

Jesus was a baby, a child, a youth, and then an adult. Jesus loved children and told the disciples to let the children come to him. Jesus had a great wonder for the beauty of the earth. He spent a lot of time outside, under the sky and the stars, by rivers and lakes, and under trees.

All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

One time, his parents thought that he was lost, but then they found him in a holy place, teaching the teachers. All of us can teach each other a lot of things: love, friendship, wonder, and delight.

All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Jesus loved to play and make things. When he grew up, he became a carpenter. Just like children today, Jesus liked to build and create things, making community, welcoming everybody, helping others to see God in a new and different way.

All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

So today, we will share a small meal together. Jesus was very good at sharing. He shared God's love and he shared himself. Someone has shared their craft in making this bread, and someone else has shared the contents of this cup. So we share this meal together, because God loves everyone and welcomes us to the table.

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 6-Mar 12), Hope 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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Abra Morrison: abramorrison@gmail.com

Crystal MacNeil: crystalmacyoga@yahoo.com

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: Simmons family
Announcements: Geoff Lewis
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Bulletin Folder: Kathy Morris

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<u>THROUGH THE WEEK Jan 27th - Feb 2nd</u>			
Tue	11:00 am	Chair Yoga	Parlour
	6-8:30 pm	Guide groups	Hall
Wed	10-11:30 am	Seniors Meet & Greet	Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir	Hoyt Room
Thu	11:00 am	Chair Yoga	Parlour
	7-8 pm	Hfx. Hawks	Hall
Fri	9:30-12	Quilters	Parlour
Sat	1-4 pm	Language class	Lower Level
Sun	10:30 am	Worship & Sunday School	
	2-3 pm	Dance Class	Hall
	2-4 pm	Atl. Ministry to the Deaf	Hoyt Room
	7:00 pm	Youth Group	Hall



Announcements for January 26th

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

MEMORIAL HYMN SING: There is a Congregational Letter regarding our upcoming Memorial Hymn Sing service on March 8th. Be sure to read your invitation and respond by February 23rd to have your dedication included in the service bulletin. Let's all plan to attend and support this wonderful morning of music and memories.

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 28**.

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.

Volunteer Opportunity: As of Jan 31st, 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 22nd, 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>

Camp Kidston has been ministering to children, youth, and families for over 50 years, through our summer camping programs. As we launch our new Strong Roots: Bright Futures sustainability plan, we are welcoming new members of all ages and backgrounds to our Program Committee. This committee will play a key role in shaping the direction of present and future camping programs. If you have an interest in sharing or building your skills in the following areas, please consider joining us in this exciting, challenging undertaking: ministry, youth leadership, leadership training, recreational programming, faith development; outdoor or environmental education; musical education, direction, or ministry; event planning; evaluation; community relations; or grant writing. To learn more, please contact Kidston's Program Chair, Isabel Fearon, at campkidstonplanning@gmail.com

Education Fund: The Hope United Education Fund provides support for children & youth in the congregation who wish to attend United Church Camps at Camp Kidston and Sherbrooke Lake. Contact the office for an Education Fund application.

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