

FEB 2ND, 2020

HOPE UNITED CHURCH

10:30 AM

5th Sunday of Epiphany

Gathering in Expectation

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

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 **VU # 82 A Light Is Gleaming**

Call to Worship (responsive)

Sean: Thus says the Lord:

Caitlin: Things need to change.

All: Don't worry. It's fine.

Sean: Thus says the Lord:

Caitlin: You need to change.

All: Don't worry. I'm fine.

Sean: Thus says the Lord:

Caitlin: The world needs to change.

All: Don't worry. We're fine.

Sean: But it's not fine. We're not fine.

Caitlin: Nothing is fine.

All: Can't we just pretend?

Sean: Then nothing's going to change.

Caitlin: And we're running out of chances.

All: All right. We'll listen. Let's hear what God is saying.

Opening Prayer (together)

Very few things happen without warning. There's usually some sort of sign that things are headed downhill. Sadly, God, we often ignore them and assume that their message isn't for us.

But the truth is we can't keep going like this. The paths we're walking aren't taking us anywhere we want to go. So shake us up and rattle our calm so that we can hear what your prophets are saying. Amen.

Hymn: **MV # 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am**

Growing in Faith

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture

Jeremiah 7:1-15

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

Ancient Words

Reflection

Warning Signs

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

Hymn

MV #79 Spirit, Open My Heart

We Offer Our Gifts

The Presentation of our Offering ~ *Abide With Me*

(with *Two Part Invention # 14 in B^b* by Bach)

▲ 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 # 28 God of the Bible

▲ 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

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.

Announcements for February 2nd

The congregation of Hope United extends condolences on the death of Lloyd Naugler, brother to Laurie Naugler & Shirley Conrad

Thanks to Today's Participants:

Greeters: Diane Cairns & Dee Crawley
Announcements: Ron Butler
Elevator: Parker Verboom
Audio/Visual: Jared Oxner/Paul Verboom
Bulletin Folder: Kathy Morris

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**Percussion:** Brad Ruggles      **Webmaster:** Paul Verboom  
**Facebook admin:** Becky Campbell      rcampbell@gnsps.ca  
**Ministers Emeritus:** Rev. John Roberts, Rev. Diane MacVicar  
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2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

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.

We are pleased to announce that **Becky Campbell has volunteered to take over as Hope's Facebook Page Administrator** as of Feb 1st. Becky has been affiliated with Hope United since 1990 and has attended regularly since 2002. She's taken on several roles over the years. She's been a dedicated choir member for the past 8 years, and she is still going strong! You'll see her singing her heart out each week, and attending Christian Life & Growth Committee meetings. She can be reached by email at rcampbell@gnsps.ca, or through Hope's FB page. **Thank You Becky!** And **Thank You to Jana Forgrave** for her great work filling this role for the past several months.

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**.

<u>THROUGH THE WEEK Feb 3rd – 9th</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	CL&G	Parlour
Thu	7:00 pm	Choir	Hoyt Room
	10am – noon	SCANS	Hall
	11:00 am	Chair Yoga	Parlour
	1:30-3:30pm	SCANS	Hoyt Room
Fri	7-8 pm	Hfx. Hawks	Hall
	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
	7:00 pm	Youth Group	Hall

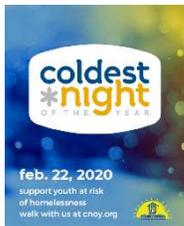
Confirmation classes are coming up February 21-22. Anyone interested should contact Caitlin or Rev. Sean.



Mission and Outreach is holding a collection of toiletries for the month of February in support of the Aids Coalition and the Elizabeth Fry Society. You can leave your items in the basket at the back of the church. Thanks for support. Janet Ward, Chair M&O

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.



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>

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.



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.

Camp Kidston is now accepting applicants for our paid summer staff and volunteers. We offer a range of jobs, suited to various levels of skill, training, and experience. In addition to counselling and program staff, we are looking for kitchen staff (including a Lead Cook), First Aider, Community Outreach Liaison, Administrative Support, and Environmental Education Lead. Government regulations and accreditation standards typically require that paid staff be at least 16 years of age. Youth between 14 and 17 years of age who are looking to build their leadership and employment skills are encouraged to consider our Counsellor-in-Training program. Interviews will start in a few weeks and will continue until positions are filled.

More information is available on our website: www.campkidston.com.

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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