

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

December 16th, 2018

Advent III - "Joy"

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all people through worship, service and care.

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

All Hymn words printed by permission. All rights reserved.
OneLicense # A720662

SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 62)



There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock
in whom I trust,"
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2004

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *Hark the Glad Sound* (VU 29)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Prayer: We open ourselves to God, trusting that God made us for joy-filled hearts and lives. May we be shown the creative power of hope, and be taught the peace that comes from justice. May we be filled with a joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. May our hearts be prepared to be transformed by the coming of Jesus once again, so we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

sing: *Hope Is A Star* (VU 7) (vs. 3)

- 3 Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.
R: 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.

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

CHRISTMAS POETRY

- Sunday School -

Would You?

by Ruth Somers

A Christmas List

by Marilyn Helleberg

Sing: **Away in a Manger (VU69)**

A Lasting Christmas

by Garnett Ann Schultz

Christmas Bells

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Sing: **I Heard the Bells (see insert)**

Love Came Down at Christmas by Christine Rossetti

Sing: **Go Tell it on the Mountain (VU43)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



One of our deepest yearnings is to be people of strong faith, sure in our place as followers of Jesus.

We want to work for justice and peace, yet there are times when we ignore those in our community who most need our voice and our help. We want to bear good fruit of faithful

living, yet sometimes we get in our own way. We want wholeness in the ways of faith, yet we block ourselves with self-interest and comfortable ways, shying away from newness and fearing the stranger.

May the fires of God's fierce compassion ignite our souls. May we let go of those things that are holding us back from living more fully the ways of Jesus. May the gifts of the Spirit blossom in our speaking, in our doing, and in all our living.

May we be born anew as creations in God's image. Amen.

HYMN - People Look East (VU 9)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Hebrew Scriptures Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout! I will bring you home

Early Letters Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord

Gospel Luke 3:7-16

Cautions and promises

ANTHEM *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Words from Philippians, 4:4,6,7 Ed.: A.T.D., Music: Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

Rejoice in the lord always,
and again I say, rejoice!

Be careful for nothing,
but in ev'ry thing by pray'r
and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our lord;

Rejoice in the lord always,
and again I say, rejoice!

REFLECTION

HYMN - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (VU 58)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

Offering Music: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni Emmanuel French Melody, 15th c., Words: Latin, 9th c.
Tr. by John M. Neale and Henry Coffin, Arranged by Lloyd Larson



Solo - Phyllis Rugg

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule, music: John L. Bell

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

**CAROL OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON -
Angels From the Realms of Glory (VU 36)**

CHOIR BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now in Peace

music by Joyce Elaine Eilers

Go ye now in peace,
and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you
showing you the way.
In your time of trouble,
when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will never leave you.
He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent his son
to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone
in his beloved world.
Go ye now in peace.

POSTLUDE

LECTIONARY READINGS



Dec. 23 - Advent 4

Micah 5:2-5a Bethlehem is not the least
Luke 1:46b-55 Mary's Magnificat
Psalm 80:1-7 To the Shepherd of Humanity
Hebrews 10:5-10 Made holy by Jesus' sacrifice
Luke 1:39-45,46-55 Mary & Elizabeth (leaping babe)



AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE

Dec. 16: Group 1

Kathy Alexander
Laura Armer
Mary Ann Bailey
Barbara Baillod
Dianne Barrett
Nellie Behersky
Sue Brooks
Cynthia Cole-Hynski

Dec. 23: Group 2

Georgie Davis
Bill & Inger
DeCoursey
Marcel & Alison
de la Gorgendiere
Paul Denham
Brenda Derksen
Josh Dolinski

Dec. 30: Group 3

Lindsay & Joan Fast
Victor & Dorothy
Friesen
Jake & Mary Ellen
Froese
Irene Gaspar
Ellen Gaunt
Mark Gobie
Gary & Audrey
Gullickson

Ministry

Rev. Brian Maitland
knox.min1@sasktel.net

Administrator

Pam Frigon

Organist

Patricia Deibert

Music Director

Mary Lou Beck

Church Custodian

Terry Afseth

Weekend Custodian

Eric Linotac

Event Custodian

Roger Giesbrecht

General Board Chair

Marcel de la Gorgendiere

Office:

306-244-0159

knoxunitedchurch@sasktel.net

Website:

www.knoxunitedchurch.ca

