

LECTIONARY READINGS



Dec. 9 - Advent 2

Malachi 3:1-4	I am sending my messenger
Luke 1:68-79	Zechariah's Song
Philippians 1:3-11	Prayer for your love to abound
Luke 3:1-6	Voice crying in the wilderness



AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SERVICE

<u>Dec. 2: Group 8</u>	<u>Dec. 9: Group 9</u>	<u>Dec. 16: Group 1</u>
Carla Simsic	Clement Birikukiye	Kathy Alexander
Pam Smith	Wayne Tillotson	Laura Armer
Jackie Steele	Donna Birkmaier-	Mary Ann Bailey
Anne Stephenson	Tillotson	Barbara Baillod
Gordon & Jean	Brenda Turta &	Dianne Barrett
Sukut	Reg Currie	Nellie Behersky
Dave & Cathy	Pearl Wood	Sue Brooks
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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

December 2nd, 2018

Advent I - "Hope"

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.

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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!

Word and music: Bruce Harding, 2004

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
(VU 2)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

sing: *Hope Is A Star* (VU 7) (vs. 1) 

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

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



Children and youth may join Sunday
School in the lower church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



It is a busy time of year. There are wonderful things to do and places to go. It's easy to get so caught up in the preparations for Christmas that

we lose sight of the coming of Godliness into the world, the message that lies at the centre of it all.

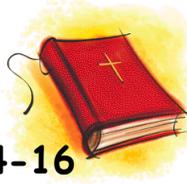
Let's not become so stressed by needing to be prepared for everything, that we stop preparing ourselves to receive Jesus again into our hearts and our living.

Let's not become so overwhelmed by the things we believe we need to do, that we want it all to be over and done. Let's enter into this season with spirits open to newness, rather than wishing to get back to our normal lives as if nothing has happened

May we be reshaped in this Advent season, so we can focus on receiving God's touch of holiness. May we be challenged to imagine a world so transformed by Jesus' ways that we hardly recognize it. Through this season, may the Spirit open us wide, and may our hearts and our world be renewed. Amen.

HYMN - *Lo, How a Rose* (VU 8)



WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scriptures Jeremiah 33:14-16

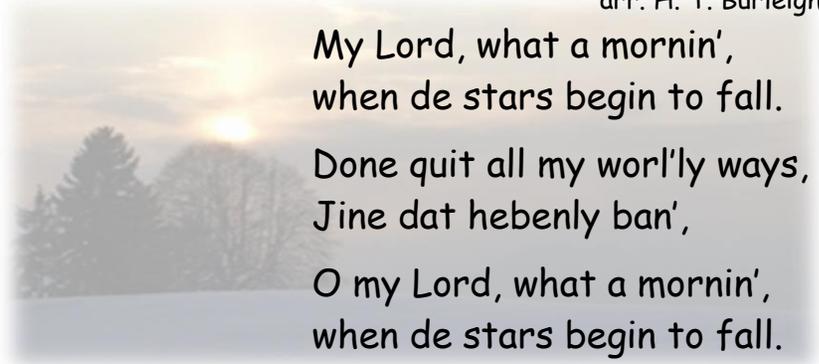
A righteous branch will come

Gospel Luke 21:27-36

Coming of the Son of Man

ANTHEM *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

words: Rev 8:10, music: African-American Spiritual,
arr. H. T. Burleigh



My Lord, what a mornin',
when de stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worl'ly ways,
Jine dat hebenly ban',

O my Lord, what a mornin',
when de stars begin to fall.

REFLECTION**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING**

HYMN - *We Gather Here* (VU 469)

COMMUNION**CAROL OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

- *In the Bleak Midwinter* (VU 55)

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