

# Hope



*St. John's United Church*

December 1, 2019

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First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2019

*Please note that an asterisk \* invites you to stand as you are able*

## **Welcome**

## **Announcements**

**Prelude:** "All Earth Is Waiting" VU #5

## ***To Praise God***

### **Call to Worship:**

Promises are made and hope is the result.

**Advent is the glorious season of hope-filled expectation!**

Signs of anticipation and yearning surround us.

**We long for the Christ child – the One who brings hope!**

*(Written by Laura Turnbull, Gathering Advent 2019, p. 29)*

**Scripture:** Psalm 122 OT p.702

**\*Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"  
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**Advent Candle Lighting: Hope** (on screen)  
Kim Drake, Ethan Nimmo

**Sung Response:** "Hope Shines as a Solitary Star" MV 220 (on screen)

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"  
#605

## **Time to Wonder**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 2: 1-5 OT p.773  
Heather Nesbitt

## **Ministry of Music**

### **Sermon**

***To Respond in Faith***

**Minute for Mission:** Kim Drake

## **The Offering of our Gifts**

**\*Doxology:** #55 vs 4 (on screen)

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"  
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## **Communion** (on screen)

***We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith***

**Hymn:** "Joy to the World" #59

## **Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** #973

### **Ushers:**

**Bill Patterson, Barbara Rousseau  
Doug Hughes, Peter Wilkinson**

## **Announcements**

**UCW** will meet at **Bayfield Manor** on Dec. **2nd**, 2019 at 2:00p.m. The theme is "Sing Choirs of Angels".

**Wed. Dec. 4** - Official Board Meeting - 7 pm

**Sun. Dec. 8** - **Second Sunday** of Advent - Special Guests - Ottawa Valley Male Choir

**The UCW Christmas Luncheon** will be held on Monday, Dec. **9th**, 2019 at the Kemptville Family Restaurant, meeting at 11:30 a.m. We will be collecting toiletries for women which will be donated to the House of Lazarus for Christmas.

**Tues. Dec. 10** - **Advent Study Group** - 7 pm

**Sun. Dec. 15** - **Third Sunday** of Advent - Choir Cantata and Fellowship hosted by Worship Comm.

**Sun. Dec. 22** - **Fourth Sunday** of Advent

**Tues. Dec 24** - **Christmas Eve:**  
Family Service **6 pm**  
Worship with Communion **9 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 29** - **Worship 10 am**

**Envelopes for 2020** are ready at back of church for pickup. If you wish to get a box of envelopes please see Helen in the office. PAR forms are also available if you want to convert to PAR.

**Spencerville Community Choir** presents: Joy to the World, a concert of Christmas music and readings. Sunday, **Dec. 1** at 2:00 pm, Monday, **Dec. 2** at 7:30 pm at Spencerville United Church.

**The North Grenville Concert Choir** proudly presents "**Christmas Classics**", a wonderful mix of traditional carols and favourite crooner carols. Tickets \$15 at Brewed Awakenings in Kemptville or Helen in the office. Dates are **Dec 8, 13, 14, and 15.**

The **Ottawa Valley Male Choir** is getting that elf-ish feeling again. Please join us for our annual Christmas concert to be held at North Gower United Church on Sunday, **Dec. 15** at 7 pm. Contact Chris at 613-258-7559 for tickets (\$12).