



ST. JOHN'S UNITED, KEMPTVILLE, ONT.

December 30, 2018

St. John's United Church

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*Please note that an asterisk * invites you to stand as you are able
Assistive Listening Systems are available - see ushers*

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude: "What Child is This?" *Arr. Bob Walters*

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here! God's light of hope floods the earth.

God's light comes to us all.

Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others.

***Hymn:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #60

Prayer of Approach:

Light in our darkness! Joy in our song! Hope in our hearts! Faith on our journey! Come, O Christ, to each heart waiting here! Come in a new birth, a new incarnation; for this time and all time. Come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.

(Written by Kate Crawford, 2014 Advent Gathering)

***Hymn:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #36

To Open the Scriptures

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 VU#871

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Scripture: John 1: 1-14 NT p. 111

Ministry of Music : "Wexford Carol" *Traditional*
Solo: Helen MacGregor

Reflection

***Hymn:** "Hope Is a Star" VU #7

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

Refrain: *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.*

2. Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain*
3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born. *Refrain*
4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Jesus has com and will never depart. *Refrain*

***Hymn:** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" VU #48

To Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Doxology: #540

"Grant us, God the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully."

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

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

Benediction

Choral Blessing: "Gloria"

Ushers: Cathy & Terry Little, Ron & Laura Patterson

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Thank you to the Worship Committee for leading us in worship this morning.

Envelopes for 2019 are ready at back of church for pickup. If you wish to get a box of envelopes please see Helen in the office as we have spare boxes.

United Church Observer renewals and new subscriptions - please see Gertie Flay. Cost for 1 year is \$25.

Sun. Jan. 6 - Fellowship hosted by UCW.

Wed. Jan 9- Bible study resumes at 10 am.
All welcome.

Reports for the 2018 St. John's United Church Annual Report are due Monday January 7, 2018.

Mon. Jan. 14 - UCW meets at Bayfield at 2 pm.

Fundraising Dinner & Dance - Sat. Jan. 26 at St. John's celebrating Robbie Burns. Proceeds to support St. John's United and the Friends of North Grenville Public Library. Dinner at 6pm. Dinner and Dance ticket is \$40, Child 6-12 \$10 and child under 6 free.