

Love



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: "Somewhere A Child Is Sleeping" Frank Mills
Solo: Debbie Banks

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

We are a people open to anticipation and ready for a celebration.

Behold, the birth of the Christ child is expected.

We are a congregation that remembers the message of hope, peace, joy, and love that God shared with us all.

Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near.

We are a community inspired to live lives of service and of wholeness.

Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near.

Come, let us worship.

(Written by Bill Steadman, Advent Gathering, p. 30)

***Hymn:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #64

Prayer of Approach:

In a spirit of love, we come, Holy God, on this fourth Sunday of Advent. The word of your prophet is given to us, the One who bears your love will come to us. O shine forth your wisdom on us that we might know your salvation. Prepare our hearts, we pray, to receive Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

(Written by Cindy Randall, Advent Gathering, p. 32)

Lighting of Advent Wreath

"It Only Takes a Spark" (on screen) #289

Lighting of the Love Candle

Nancy and Meika Breitenstein

Refrain:

We light this candle for Love.

**Await the new life within. May our hearts now
live each day, so Love can find a way, so Love
can find a way.**

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-32 and 39-45 NT p.69
Roger Shantz

***Hymn:** "A Candle Is Burning" #6 vs 1-4

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Luke 1: 47-55 NT p.70

Ministry of Music : "While Shepherds Watched"
John E. Coats

Sermon

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

To Respond in Faith

Offering

***Doxology:** #191 MV (on screen)

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Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

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

Benediction

Choral Blessing: VU #974

Ushers: Cathy & Terry Little, Ron & Laura Patterson

Announcements

Mon. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Family Service 6 pm

Worship with Communion 9 pm

Sun. Dec. 30 - Worship at 10 am

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.