



December 9, 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:** "Cantique De Noel"

Lise Robinson & Jean-Jacques Rousseau

## ***To Praise God***

### **Call to Worship:**

Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

**Let us open our hearts to God's word and God's will.**

Come, draw near to God in faith.

**Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.**

**\*Hymn:** "On Jordan's Bank" #20

### **Prayer of Approach:**

**In a spirit of peace, we come, Holy God, on this second Sunday of Advent. Still our hearts that we might hear your Word for us this day.**

**Prepare our hearts, we pray, to receive the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

*(Written by Cindy Randall, Advent Gathering, p. 31)*

## **Lighting of Advent Wreath**

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

## **Lighting of the Peace Candle**

Eric, Tammy, Bree & Brooke McKenzie

**Refrain:**

**We light this candle for Peace.**

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

***To Open the Scriptures***

**Scripture:** Luke 1: 68-79 NT p.70

**\*Hymn:** "I've Got Peace like a River" #577

**Time to Wonder**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Luke 3: 1-6 NT p.72 David Estey

**Ministry of Music:** "Lost in the Night"  
Finnish Folk Tune

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound" #29

***To Respond in Faith***

**Offering**

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

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Affirmation of Faith** (on screen)

**Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Hymn:** : "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #44

**Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** VU #973

**Ushers:** Cathy and Terry Little, Ron Patterson

## Announcements

**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.

**Advent Study: Living Nativity** - Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm. This Advent Study is based on a resource called "Living Nativity" from the Prayer Bench by Janice MacLean. During this three week study we will take a closer look at the figures in the Nativity and how their presence in the story connects with the human spiritual journey.

**Sun. Dec 16** - Third Sunday of Advent  
Choir Cantata  
Fellowship hosted by Worship Committee

**Sun. Dec. 23** - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

**Sun. Dec. 30** - Worship at 10 am

**Reports** for the 2018 St. John's United Church Annual Report are due Monday January 7, 2019.

The **North Grenville Concert Choir** with members of Ottawa's **Divertimento Orchestra** proudly present Handel's **MESSIAH** on **today** at 3:00 pm at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa. Tickets \$20 at the door. Come and enjoy this wonderful music!

**Ottawa Valley Male Choir** with guest performers, The Humming Birds, present their "**Chrimoose Concert**" on Sun. Dec 16th at 7:00 pm at North Gower United Church. Tickets \$10 from Chris Morgan, Don Buwalda or Jean Jacques Rousseau or at the door.