

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: In a world that is lonely,

All: God has saved a seat for us.

One: In a world that is anxious,

All: God comes to still the storm.

One: In a world that is weary,

All: God comes to offer rest.

One: I am not alone.

All: We are not alone.

One: Gathered here this morning,

All: Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side, we worship,

One: the "Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

***Hymn:** "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1 & 2

VU#6

(*Lighting the Candle of Peace*)

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, as we worship this morning, we give thanks for the friends who know us, the families who love us, the church that welcomes us, and Your light that guides us. Gathered around Your candle of peace, may Your Word come to soothe our restless spirits, slow our racing minds, and calm our anxious fears. Fill us with Your comfort, hope, and freedom. In Jesus' name, the one for whom we watch and wait, Amen.

Personal Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:

"Hope Is a Star" vs. 2

VU# 7

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Our foundation dear God is found in You, who enters our lives making everything new. As we wait in wonder for the birth of Your Son, guide us and lead us, in peace, make us one. Soon to be among us is the light of all lights, love for our hearts, in Him we delight. Amen.

***Hymn:** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" **VU#18**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Lee

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: spoken for us and through our living. Amen.

Sermon "Will You Listen?"

Anthem "Glory Allelu" *Jill & Cathy*

Prayers of the People

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

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU 543 vs. 1**

*Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving God, as the Advent candle of peace flickers and dances shining its light into our lives, may the offerings of

our hands and hearts be blessed by You to be a blessing of peace for others throughout this community and beyond. In our giving, may we be inspired to follow in Your way and to reflect Your light out and into an anxious and wounded world. Amen.

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

***Blessing:**
 As we ready ourselves to go back out and into the world: May the Love of God go with you, the Friendship of Jesus, our light, guide you and the Presence of the Holy Spirit grant you peace this day.
Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Dec 8 Marlene & John	Dec 15 Sue Rogers & John
Screens: Dec 8 Erik	Dec 15 Tracy Dec 22 Kevin

This Week's Calendar			
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Women Unite Potluck	Boardroom
Wed	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

December upcoming dates:

Blue Christmas – Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm
Cider & Christmas treats – Dec. 22nd

(UCW invites you to a special treat after the service)

Children's Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24th @ 4pm
All ages Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24th @ 7pm

Announcements:

Grocery Cards are Here! This is an excellent way to support your church and one of our major fundraisers. Please plan to buy a card from Terry after church or stop by the office to purchase during the week.

WOMEN UNITE: Potluck & "Christmas Tag" craft. All women are invited to join us on *December 10th @ 6:30pm* for a fun evening! Please let the office know (by phone or email) what you plan to bring and keep in mind that if it's a warm dish, it needs to arrive warm as we won't have kitchen access.

Winter Item Donations for Advent: We are collecting winter items for folks at Ensemble. Some ideas of items: hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, hand warmers, socks, granola bars, water bottles.

UCW Notice: Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30am. **Christmas in the Board Room,** Brief business meeting, Share finger foods, Program with prizes! All are welcome!

UCW Invite: December 22, after the Sunday Service - Please join us downstairs for **Hot Cider and Christmas Treats.**

A friendly reminder that we do not "pass the plate" during our service. If you would like to leave a cash/cheque donation, please place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary beside the guestbook.

2025 Monthly Envelopes: Please pick up next year's envelopes from your mail slot. If you don't currently have envelopes and would like some, please let Emily know.

Memorial Tree Dedication

In loving memory of Jessie & Harry Donaghy	Karen & Terry Foreman
In loving memory of Pearl & Ray Foreman	Karen & Terry Foreman
In loving memory of Wayne Foreman	Karen & Terry Foreman
In loving memory of Jean & Fred Hurley	Karen & Terry Foreman
In loving memory of Joceline Donaghy	Karen & Terry Foreman
In loving memory of parents Jean & Fred Hurley	Sandra & Gil Webb
In loving memory of parents Jean & Louis Webb	Sandra & Gil Webb
In loving memory of Arthur Hurley	Sandra & Gil Webb
In loving memory of Bill Dutcher	Shirley & Family
In loving memory of Heather Dutcher	Shirley & Family
In loving memory of Eldon Freeman	Ina Freeman
In loving memory of Judy Marsh	Ina Freeman
In loving memory of Cedric & Kathleen Allaby	The Parrott Family
In loving memory of Leslie Parrott	The Parrott Family
In loving memory of Will Mah	The Parrott Family
In loving memory of Betsy Innes	The Parrott Family
In loving memory of Wayne Tremble	Valerie Tremble
In loving memory of Merlin Mullin	Carol Mullin
In loving memory of Jenny & James Bremner	The Bremner Family
In loving memory of Opal & Warren Dealy	The Bremner Family
In loving memory of Todd Goguen	Janet Goguen
In loving memory of Helen & Hilton MacLeod	Marlene MacLeod
In loving memory of Ed & Brian MacLeod	Marlene MacLeod
In loving memory of Margaret Ward	Jane Donovan & family
In loving memory of Lilian & Fred MacDonald	Jane Donovan & family
For all Reicker family members who've gone before	Mary & Bill Reicker
For all Gilchrist family members who've gone before	Mary & Bill Reicker
In loving memory of Walter McQuinn	Helen McQuinn

Sending prayers for **Gill Webb** Sandra Foreman-Webb

Celebrating **Ensor** in all the ways he helps the church Val Tremble

Thank you to **my friends** at Mount Royal for your kindness

Mildred Underhill

Thank you to **Rev. Scott Stuart**

Jean Lawlor

Thank you to **Cathy Elderkin**

Jean Lawlor

Thank you to **France!**

The Choir