

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 9:00 am

Advent 2

Welcome & News of the Community

Basket of Blessings

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

All: Angels, what are you doing? Can we join you?

R1: We've been given an important job. We're taking a message to the shepherds.

R2: *It's a message of peace for the whole world. We're so excited that we can't hold our wings still.*

R1: We get to tell the world that Jesus has been born.

R2: *Please come with us and join in our song of peace.*

All: Thank you, Angels, for your faith and your gift of peace. We will join you on this Advent adventure.

(The First and Second Candles of Advent are lit)

Music:

"Hope is a Star" – vs 1&2

VU #7

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

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.*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. R
*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
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and none shall be afraid.*

Prayer:

We come on this second Sunday of Advent, still on the journey toward Christmas, preparing our hearts and our homes to welcome the Christ child. Help us to find quiet times to contemplate the miracle that you have come into our lives and into our world. We come, O God, we come. Amen.

Music: “Jesus Came Bringing Us Peace” MV #33 (v2, X2)

Jesus came bringing us peace
Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace,
hallelujah forever more!

Children’s Time

Sharing the Story: Luke 1:26-38

Focus on the Word

Music: “A Candle is Burning” VU #6

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: We gathered as people aware of the shadows that hunger and violence and division cast on our world.

All: We part as people who have celebrated the healing love of God: God's power to dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds and souls.

One: And so may the God of tenderness and compassion, who entered this world as a weak and vulnerable child, bless us today and every day.

All: The Maker, the Healer, the Holy Spirit.

One: And until we meet again,

All: May God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Music:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VU #1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*