

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 31, 2017, 11:00 am

New Year's Eve

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Leader and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" VU #2, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

One: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

One: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

One: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

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

Listening

Children's Hymn: "Behold, Behold" MV #115

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading(s): Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Luke 2: selected

Special Music

Sermon: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

* **Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" VU #217

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" VU #55, v4

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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

* **Commissioning**

* **Choral Amen**

Music as We Depart