

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 9, 2018, 11:00 am

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

**Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

**\* Clergy & Choir Enter**

**Advent Candle Litany**

**\*Hymn:** "Loves Pure Light"

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
And end this gloom of night.  
Bring hope to the world,  
Bring peace to the earth,  
And fill us with love's pure light.

One: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

One: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

One: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

One: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

**All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

## \* Candle Lighting

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Call to Worship:

One: As we continue to wait for the miracle birth...

**All: the prophet calls us to change our lives!**

One: We prepare ourselves for the way of Jesus...

**All: by preparing a just and peaceful path!**

One: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

**All: We will welcome all – family, friend, and stranger.**

One: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

**All: The Lord is coming! Let us worship!**

### \* Opening Prayer:

One: O God whose purpose is to make peace abide among all your creatures...

**All: make us a new people, ready to make peace among all.**

One: That your peace may reign within us

**All: and within our relationships...**

One: within our land...

**All: and around your world.**

One: We pray all this in the name of the Christ who brings all peace.

**All: Amen.**

## Listening

### Giving Tree Acknowledgements

**Message:** John Receives the Word

**The Spirit of Christmas** *Luke 2:1-20\**

**Hymn:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82

**Message:** Catch the Spirit

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

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

**\* Offertory:** "Praise God, From Whom  
All Blessings Flow" VU #541

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Thank you, God of Peace and Love, for the promise this season holds. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joy among us, for the sake of all your children. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

VU #38

**\* Commissioning:**

One: we leave here today with eyes to see, ears to hear...

**All: and voices to proclaim:**

One: With our bright lights!

**All: We show Jesus as our light and our joy.**

One: With invitations to friends and families and guests...

**All: We show how Jesus welcomed all into God's world**

One: And with our presents...

**All: We remember our greatest gift found in Jesus.**

**\* Benediction**

**Choral Blessing** "Go Now In Peace"

**Music as We Depart**