

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

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 9:00 am

Music as We Gather

Advent Candle Lighting

One: In this season of Advent, we celebrate with joyful hearts.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

One: We count our blessings and give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

One: We strive to search for the good in neighbours near and far.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

One: We remember God has promised us full and joyful lives.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

*** Candle Lighting**

Welcome & News of the Community

Gathering Words:

One: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

All: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

One: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

All: Our praises ascend to God.

One: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

All: Surely God blesses us all.

One: Let all the people rejoice in God.

All: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Music:

“I Come with Joy”

VU #477
Vs. 1, 4, 5

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love he gave to me,
in love he gave to me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive within us here,
alive within us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Basket of Blessings

Music:

“Joy is Now in Every Place”

VU #45
Vs. 1, 3, 4

Joy is now in every place,
Christmas lightens every face;
now be with us, in your grace,
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

Through the New Year let it stay,
leading us upon your way,
making Christmas every day,

O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

Now and ever may we find
your good news to fill our mind:
peace and love to humankind,

O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

Children's Time *(Twinkle, Twinkle)*

God's love is for all to share.
We can show God's love and care.
God's love will go on and on.
God's love will go round and round.
God's love is for all to share.
We can show God's love and care.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Story: Luke 3:7-18

Focus on the Word

Music: **"Hope is a Star "** VU #7
Vs. 1,2,3

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.

*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.*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Friends, as we go into the world, let us work towards the world God desires for humankind.

All: May we speak God's truth.

One: May we be encouraged by John's words,

All: and find joy in doing for others.

One: May we be inspired by Jesus' way,

**All: and have the Spirit grant us courage to lead, to follow,
and to serve.**

Music: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

VU #48

Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'*

Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. **R**

Benediction