

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

Sunday, December 9, 2018, 9:00 am

Music as We Gather

Advent Candle Lighting

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

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

One: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbours.

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

One: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

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

One: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

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

Welcome & News of the Community

Gathering Words:

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!

Music:

“Hope is a Star ”

VU #7
Vs. 2,4

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.*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart. **R**

Basket of Blessings

Focus on the Word

The Spirit of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20

Music:

“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

VU #18
Vs. 1,2,4

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass, like a dream, away.

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a highway for our God!
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the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

Prayer in Action

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation:

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.

Music:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

VU #60
Vs. 1, 2, 5

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: **R**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **R**

Benediction