

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 28th, 2021, 10:00 am

1st Sunday of Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Outreach Candle to cast warmth on our call to servanthood.

A light to caring for friend, neighbour and stranger.

We light the Unity Candle to shine on God's love of all people.

A light on the pathway to understanding and inclusion.

The Christ Candle remains unlit and as we wait in anticipation of Jesus to be born once again into our lives.

We wait and listen for the light to dawn, for the truth to reveal itself again.

* **Introit:** "A Candle is Burning" VU #6 vs.1

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Look, there's the Spark of Hope that God is placing among us.

All we can see is hectic lives, stores too crowded, sundown coming too early, apprehension and worry.

Look closer - the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Hope in the flesh.

May God bring that Hope to us today! AMEN.

* **Hymn:** "O come, O come, Emmanuel" VU #1 (Vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

* **Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Hark the Glad Sound!" VU #29

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Luke 21:25-36

The Word Of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Advent Reflection**

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Sermon: **Hard Dose of Reality**

* **Hymn:** "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "All Earth is Waiting" VU #5

* **Commissioning:**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**