

KING CITY UNITED CHURCH

*A Vibrant, Caring, Christian Family
Proclaiming the Good News of God's Love
Through Jesus Christ!*

November 28, 2021

Advent 1 - Communion

(* Please rise as you are able)**

(Words in **Bold** said by all)

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude:

"Hark the Glad Sound"

P. Manz

Welcome, Life & Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness." This candle reminds us of the presence of Christ in our midst.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Long ago, God spoke to the people of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. It was a time of uncertainty. The world was at war and the kingdom of Judah did not know where to turn.

Jeremiah told them to hope for a righteous Branch, a descendant of David, who would bring justice and righteousness to the land.

We too long for a world of perfect justice.

We too wait for God's righteousness.

We light this candle of hope, waiting with all creation for God's promise to be born among us.

(The first Advent Candle is lit.).

Let us pray.

O God of hope, we know there is much wrong with the world. We know how far it is from what you intended. Come to us again. Be born among us so that all the world may be made new. Amen.

**Advent Song: "Donna Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)" (x3)
Donna nobis pa-cem, pa-cem; do-nna no-bis pa-cem!**

*****Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #8 VU**

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Saviour when half spent was the night.**

Opening Prayer

Words of Grace

Our God is such a generous God, generous in faith, God believes in us. Generous in hope, God encourages us. Generous in peace, God comforts us. Generous in love, God invites us and welcomes us back. Thanks be to God who forgives us through Jesus Christ our Master. Amen.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#1 VU – vs. 1)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

Ministry of Music: "Prepare" A. Pote

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (page 204, NT)

Luke 21: 25-36 (page 85, NT)

These are the words of life, which in faith become the Living Word!
Thanks be to God.

Response: "Glory to God" (#37 VU – 2x)
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon "Waiting With Love" The Rev. Bruce J. Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

... WITH FAITH OPEN TO THE WEEK AHEAD ...

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

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Invitation to the Table

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" # 55 VU (verse 4)**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Communion Prayers

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Prayers)

Breaking the Bread and Raising the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others. May we, whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we, and all your children, shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*****Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #1 VU (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, great God of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain***

**O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain***

**O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain***

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

Return to the world with hope.

We trust and depend on God.

Abound in love for each other and for all people.

We go with hope and love.

And may the blessing of God who is ever faithful, the blessing of Christ who still comes to us, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit who moves within us and throughout the world rest upon us and abide with us, this day and forevermore

Amen.

*****Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

Christ has been with us sharing the light of life.

He says to us, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine."

We go forth taking with us the light of Christ in our hearts, and we promise to let it shine in the world through our good works, to the glory of God. Amen.

Postlude: "Tell Out My Soul"

P. Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir practice is on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. All government protocols will be followed including social distancing. New members are welcome to join.

Volunteers for Worship - Pulpit Assistants, and Offering Counters for all dates in 2021. Call the office if you can help.

Pastoral Visitation - Rev. Andrew Lee is offering pastoral visitation in the winter season. He will bring stories, scriptures, hymns, and prayers. If you are comfortable and interested, please contact your church office or Rev. Lee.

Offering - Thank you for sending your offerings to the church. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and have been much appreciated. Please mail a cheque to your church directly, or make an e-transfer: kcuc@bellnet.ca

Ukulele Gathering for Christmas Carols - YUM will offer 3 Ukulele lessons for Christmas Carols in November - December. The gatherings will be both virtual and actual formats. Contact Rev. Lee (416-999-5615 or leeky3@mcmaster.ca).

Nov. 30, and Dec 7 at 1:30 -2:15 in the King City United Church Chapel Room

Note: Bring your lunch and/or coffee and come around 1:00 p.m.

The format of the lesson will be both online and onsite. A few free quality ukuleles are available and will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

YAYA (Youth And Young Adult)

YUM YAYA group had a Virtual Game Night on Nov. 19th and is now planning to have SQUID GAME DAY on Dec. 18th (Sat.) in the afternoon. It is designed as a type of Bible game and the detail will be notified.

On-line Auction

New Hope launched an on-line auction on November 24th (6:00 pm) and it runs through to December 6th at 8:30 pm. The Auction website is located at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/nhuc2021>

It features such items as tickets for sporting events, gift baskets, wine tour, a homemade quilt and table runners. Log onto the website to view the items and easily set up an account to bid on any item you wish. Happy shopping.

York Pines Cookbook - One of YPUC congregants has suggested that the York Pines 50th Anniversary cookbooks make great Christmas gifts for grandchildren. They are available for \$10 each. Please contact the office at 905-727-8118 for a copy.

Book Club - The York Pines Book Club resumed their monthly Zoom meetings. You are welcome to join the club: please contact York Pines United Church at 905-727-8118.

Frozen Meals

New Hope UC has a selection of frozen dishes still available for sale. If interested, speak to either Linda Davis or Michelle Hunt for details.

Quilt Group - The Quilt group from New Hope has resumed the gathering in-person on Wednesday. If you want to join, please contact the New Hope office (905-738-6446).

Minute for Mission

For many of us these days, hope comes in the form of a vaccine. And Giving Tuesday on November 30—just around the corner from Hope Sunday—is a good time to share it. The COVID-19 crisis won't end for anyone until it ends for everyone. And in some parts of the world, no end is in sight.

Our Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance reports that out of all the vaccines administered around the world, less than 2 percent reached Africa and less than 7 percent reached South America. Many countries in the Global South and East won't even be able to start a vaccine program until 2022. If this continues, these countries won't reach vaccination goals until 2024...if ever.

Your gifts through Mission & Service continue to contribute food and relief items to those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling the distribution of personal protective equipment, and supporting programs to prevent and control the spread of the disease. Through the United Church's Gifts with Vision, we are offering an opportunity to give the ultimate gift—the gift of life. For just \$25, you can save a life(opens in a new tab) by providing a full vaccination to someone in the world who needs one.

Together we can make a difference. If you are planning to make a special charitable gift(opens in a new tab) this Giving Tuesday, please consider offering the gift of full vaccination. And thank you for faithfully giving through Mission & Service. Your ongoing support truly does help save lives.

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