

2. May the light of this candle remind us that Jesus Christ is the child of hope and the Redeemer of promise.

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of God."

1. Let us sing of Advent hope, "Hope is a Star."

*****Hymn: "Hope Is a Star" # 7 VU (vs. 1 and Refrain)**

**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.**

Opening Prayer

Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Sung twice) 85 MV

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

Words of Grace

Response: "Don't Be Afraid" 90 MV

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

*****Affirmation of Faith: New Creed**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe
in God: who has created and is creating, who has
come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to
celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in
Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and**

resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

... WITH OPEN MINDS ...

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

- 1 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.**
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Romans 13: 11-14* (page 162, NT)
Matthew 24: 36-44 (page 27-28, NT)

Response:

These are the words of life, which in faith become the Living Word!

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "An Advent Carol"

J. Linda

Sermon: "Hopeful and Expectant Waiting"

Rev. Bruce Roffey

Time for Silent Reflection

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

Invitation to the Table

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" 55 VU v. 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.

(Prayers)

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.
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.

Prayers of the People

*****Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

1 VU (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

**1 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.**

**3 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. R**

**4 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. R**

**6 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. R**

*****Commissioning / Benediction**

God has enlightened us with a vision of hope: hope for the reign of peace, hope for a world filled with joy, hope for love reborn. Return to the world with hope.

We trust in God's vision and depend on God.

Go then with your way lit by God's guiding light.

We go with hope. We go walking in the light of God.

We go to be part of God's work transforming the world.

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.

*****Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*****Extinguishing of the Worship 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: "Praise to the Lord"

F. Ritter

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A warm welcome to all our visitors. All are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Auditorium following the worship service.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Date	December 4th	December 11th	December 18th	Saturday, December 24th
Preacher	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Bruce Roffey	Rev. Andrew Lee	Rev. Andrew Lee
Church Year	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	Christmas Eve
Liturgical Colour	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	Blue/Purple	White

Greeters/Readers/Coffee Time Volunteers Needed at KCUC

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for Greeting (without shaking hands); Readers; and someone to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies.

New Offering Envelopes

As options for tithing increases (PAR, eTransfer, Canada Helps) and in an effort to save both money and waste of paper, KCUC has decided to number your offering envelopes ourselves. Please contact Kristen at 905-833-5181 or kcuc@bellnet.ca to request envelopes and she will be happy to prepare some for you. When your supply gets low, please contact her for more. Or, she can set you up on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) if you would like to tithe as a monthly automatic Debit from your account.

Collection plates can be found at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone. Your support is much appreciated.

In-Person and virtual Pastoral Counselling/ mobile communion service

Rev. Lee offers pastoral counseling and visitation including mobile communion. Please contact Rev. Lee (leeky3@mcmaster.ca) to make an appointment.

New Hope Fundraiser

Let the bidding begin. New Hope's 2022 on-line auction launches on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 pm and runs through to Wednesday, November 30th at 8:00 pm. For you sports fans, we have tickets to both the Raptors and Leafs games. There are a number of gift baskets, homemade jams, crafts, a painting by Roy Robson and a beautiful quilt made by our quilter's group. Over 60 items in all. Get your Christmas shopping done early this year. Go to www.32auctions.com/nhuc2022. It's easy to set up an account and start your bidding!

Minute for Mission

Your gifts will be put to work in the areas where they are needed most.



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People facing the worst crisis of their lives urgently need our support.

- While some refugees are returning to Ukraine, over 6 million are still displaced and have no home to return to.
- COVID-19 cases are starting to rise again, and some countries still have no access to vaccines or boosters.
- In Africa, food prices are soaring, leaving 146 million people hungry.
- Entire communities in Pakistan are left without shelter, farmland, healthcare facilities, and basic necessities of life because of flooding and landslides.

After the headlines fade, the emergency remains. You can help. November 29 is Giving Tuesday, a day that is all about generosity. This year, Giving Tuesday gifts will support the United Church's vital emergency response work. Your gift will help provide critical support like food, water, shelter, personal care, rebuilding efforts, and trauma counselling.

Your gifts will be put to work as soon as they are needed in the areas where they are needed most. And your support will be there to help rebuild long after the headlines fade.

Every gift counts. Make a life-saving gift this Giving Tuesday.