

PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

December 4, 2016 – Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

10:15 Carol singing

Welcome and greetings

Call to worship

Opening prayer



Introit Peace shines as the solitary star. **MV 220**
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the light of lights,
and illumine the pathway home.

Advent candle lighting prayer *see p. 4*

*** Hymn** **Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel** **VU 1**
1, 2 EN ; 3, 4 FR ; 5, 6, 7 EN

Family time

Prayer of confession

Affirmation of grace

*** Response** Comfort, comfort now my people;
VU 90.1 speak of peace, so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning under sorrow's load.

Cry out to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell them that their sins I cover
and their warfare now is over.

*** Affirmation of faith**

OT: Old Testament NT: New Testament VU: Voices United MV: More
Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Hymn **Lo, how a rose e'er blooming** **VU 8**

Prayer for illumination

Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 **OT 640**
 Matthew 3:1-12 **NT 2**

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem **Prepare the way, O Sion**

Sermon **Jesus is coming!**
 Let's get busy about Shalom / Salaam / Peace

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** **There's a voice in the wilderness** **VU 18**

Minute for mission

*** Offertory / Prayer of dedication** **VU 10**

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight path for him,
make a straight path;
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Announcements & sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** **May the God of hope go with us** **VU 424**

*** Benediction**

*** Response** Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
VU 28.1 Tell the news that Christ is here;
 make a pathway through the desert
 for the one who brings God near.
 Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
 Christ the Saving One has come!

Postlude

Advent candle lighting prayer

Nous voici dans la deuxième semaine de l'Avent, où nous continuons à cheminer vers la bonne nouvelle de Noël et à réfléchir sur Shalom / Salaam / Paix.

Yes, here we are the second week in Advent, where we reflect on everlasting peace, which is the promise of the Christ child. We begin by lighting our Candle of Hope from last week.

We live in a world longing for *Shalom / Salaam / Peace*: peace of mind, peace in body, peace within ourselves and peace as we interact with others. We hope for *Shalom / Salaam / Peace*, a real creative peace that will bring renewed life instead of death and war.

Oui, notre monde a vraiment besoin de la Shalom / Salaam / Paix. C'est pour cela que nous allumons cette deuxième bougie mauve, en nous souvenant que c'est dans la paix véritable que réside l'espoir.

We light the second candle /
Nous allumons la deuxième bougie

The light of Christ shines brightly in the hearts of all who have real Hope, in *Shalom / Salaam / Peace*, so that all will have abundant joy by choosing to act in Love.

La lumière du Christ brille dans les cœurs de tous ceux et toutes celles qui ont un espoir réel, dans la Shalom / Salaam / Paix véritable, afin que tous aient une abondante joie en choisissant d'agir dans l'Amour.

Prions ensemble :

Dieu de l'espoir et Dieu de Shalom / Salaam / Paix, nous te demandons une fois de plus de nous remplir d'espoir en cette saison de l'Avent et de bénir tous les membres de notre communauté. Tu nous donnes une vision de Shalom / Salaam / Paix, une paix en devenir et une paix qui englobe tout. Nous t'exprimons notre reconnaissance pour ce précieux temps que nous passons ensemble.

We are grateful for the hands that work to bring this community together, for the smiles that greet us as we walk through the door, and for the conversations that bring laughter to our spirits. Make us aware of your presence, this Advent season; fill us with your hope and teach us your *Shalom / Salaam / Peace*. Amen.

News and announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Second Sunday of Advent, may the Holy Spirit help us to wait actively and with PEACE!

***Bienvenue** à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Des **Bibles en français** sont disponibles à l'arrière.*

If you are a visitor, please join us for fair-trade coffee or juice after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Selma Chipenda-Dansokho

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Andrew Brown

Thank you to the children ministry who led worship last Sunday.

Thank you to the team of volunteers who put together a delicious M&S luncheon. It was a great community success with the presence of several francophone members.

Happy birthday to Vivienne Galanis (December 7) and Allan Marshall (December 8).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Vae Hershey in memory of Darryl Albright and her brother Darrel Hershey; Thelma Philbrick in memory of her father Percy Dunbar and her brother Percy Emerald Dunbar; Theresa Wilkie in memory of Harley and their parents.

Advent carols & Christmas songs: During the Advent, we will sing Advent carols every Sunday before service at 10:15 AM.

Membership classes: Would you like to join Plymouth-Trinity and become a member The United Church of Canada or do you want to know more about the Church? Please contact the minister.

2017 church calendars are now available for \$7. Please speak to Janet, Thelma or Lois to get yours.

Christmas baskets: The UCW will be preparing their Christmas baskets on Monday, December 5th. Anyone wishing to contribute cookies for the baskets can please leave them in the kitchen today, clearly marked 'UCW Christmas baskets'.

Today

Ecumenical Advent Gathering 2016: This year Lennoxville United is hosting the Ecumenical Advent Gathering; this will be a time for lessons and carols, stories and songs. We will celebrate today at 7 p.m. in the Lennoxville United sanctuary. Let us come together in Joy and in Hope, celebrating the Love and Peace we experience in Christ!

White Gift Sunday: Today is the last chance to give non-perishable food items and money to Sherbrooke Elementary School's Christmas Basket Campaign which looks after SES families in need.

This week

Meditation group: last 2016 session this Thursday, December 8 at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Welcome to all! The next reunion will happen somewhere in January.

Next week

December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Lectionary readings

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Le service en français de 9 h a lieu dans la chapelle; veuillez entrer par la porte arrière donnant sur l'aire de stationnement. Bienvenue à toutes et à tous!

English service at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Organist: We are grateful to Pamela Eby who will share with us her gift in music.

In the community

Annual Christmas Cantata, A Noel Celebration: Église Saint-Philippe in Windsor, Saturday, December 10 at 8 p.m. and Richmond-Melbourne United Church, Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. Freewill offering.

Outreach

Gifts with vision, Oct. 2016- Sept. 2017: *A giving catalogue from the people of The United Church of Canada*: The fifth annual *Gifts with vision* catalogue is available on the front and back tables. You can also choose gifts online at giftswithvision.ca.

For \$100, you can provide food, shelter and education programs for refugees and internally displaced persons in the Philippines, Kenya, and Colombia.

Give a Perfect Gift this Christmas: Are you looking for the perfect gift, a gift for someone who has everything, or a gift with meaning? Consider giving a *perfect gift*, by making a donation to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund or the local food bank, Moisson Estrie in the name of your family member or friend. Hand-made gift cards are available on the side table at the front of the sanctuary. We thank Janet McBurney for her donation of time and supplies for these beautiful cards.

Mitten tree: We again have an outlet for shoppers and idle fingers this coming winter! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) for homeless people. The gift bags contain hats, underwear, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes, either hand-made or bought. Our mitten tree will be ready to receive any fruit for HUGS you can provide, between the beginning of Advent and Palm Sunday.

Moisson Estrie: In this Advent season please remember the needs of the food bank for our cash or items for one of our food-bank boxes each Sunday. Cheques should be made out to Plymouth-Trinity and marked for Moisson Estrie.

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