

PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

December 11, 2016 – Third Sunday of Advent - Human rights Sunday

Prelude

10:15 Carol-singing

Welcome and greetings

Call to worship

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



MV 220

Advent candle-lighting prayer

see p. 4

*** Hymn Hark the glad sound**

VU 29

Family time

Prayer of confession

Affirmation of grace

*** Response** Comfort, comfort now my people;
VU 883.1 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**

Hymn Jesus Christ is waiting

VU 117

Prayer for illumination

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More

Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Readings	Isaiah 35:1-10	OT 663
	Luke 1:46b-55 (refrain 1)	VU 898
	Matthew 11:2-1	NT 11

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

Sermon Jesus is coming! Let's get busy about Joy.

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** Once in royal David's city **VU 62**

Minute for mission

Offering

*** 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** Come, thou long-expected Jesus **VU 2**

*** Benediction**

<p>* Response Herald! Sound the note of gladness! <i>VU 28.1</i> 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!</p>

Postlude

Week 3: Joy / la Joie

C'est la troisième semaine de l'Avent. Notre réflexion sur cette saison a débuté avec le symbole de l'Espoir, suivi la deuxième semaine d'un symbole de Shalom / Salaam / Paix. Aujourd'hui, nous poursuivons notre chemin avec une bougie rose, le symbole de la Joie – la joie qui accompagne la naissance d'un bébé.

Yes, today we celebrate Joy, full and abundant joy. We celebrate the joy that comes when everyone has enough to eat, we celebrate the joy that comes when everyone knows that they belong, we celebrate the joy that comes from being thankful for the simple things in life, we celebrate the joy that comes from hearing the laughter of a baby.

La Joie est une bénédiction de Dieu, notre Créateur et notre Source de Vie. Nous poursuivons notre quête de joie abondante pour tous les habitants de la terre en allumant la troisième bougie sur notre couronne de l'Avent.

We light the third candle / Nous allumons la troisième bougie

The light of Christ shines brightly in the hearts of all who have real Hope, in true 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 de toutes celles qui ont un espoir réel, dans la Shalom / Salaam / Paix, afin que tous et toutes aient la Joie abondante en choisissant d'agir dans l'Amour.

Prions ensemble :

Dieu de l'espoir, nous te demandons une fois de plus de nous remplir de l'espoir réel. Dieu de la Shalom / Salaam / Paix, donne-nous une vision créative pour comprendre comment être des agents de ta Shalom / Salaam / Paix. Nous prions pour la Shalom / Salaam / Paix parce que nous désirons que notre communauté, que nos frères et sœurs de ce monde, que nos cœurs soient imprégnés d'une joie abondante.

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 peace, so we may find joy. **Amen.**

News and announcements

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

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

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

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: Andrew Brown

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Carol Imbeault

Organist: We are grateful to Pamela Eby for sharing with us her gift of music in Leslie Young's absence.

Happy birthday to Martha Welsh (December 15) and Hannah Elkas (December 16).

Belated happy birthday to Frieda Christelle Ngotjeck Nhinack who celebrated on Wednesday, December 7.

Happy anniversary to Françoise & Steve Elkas (December 13) and Roberta & Ron Clark (December 15).

Our sympathies to Everett and to the Boynton family in the passing of Mr Gordon A. Boynton.

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Brian Cullen & family in memory of mother Beth Cullen.

December 5 was the 34th anniversary of my ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacraments. A heartfelt gratitude to all of you who are helping me everyday to become a better shepherd and praises be to God for an unfailing Grace! **Samuel**

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

Christmas pudding fundraiser for UCW: Janet McBurney is again taking orders for Christmas puddings. Please order by Thursday, December 15 – delivery details to be confirmed with each person. Large pudding \$14.00 and small (syrup can size) \$6.00. Proceeds to benefit the UCW.

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

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, please speak to Kristi Roht or call her at 819-566-6296. Please let Kristi know if you wish to have your name printed in the bulletin along with the person or people in whose memory the flowers are given.

This week

Presbytery Executive: The minister will attend the meeting of the Quebec Presbytery Executive in Montreal on Tuesday, December 13.

Pot-luck supper: The UCW invites all women of the congregation to our Christmas pot-luck supper and meeting on Tuesday, December 13. Supper will be at 6 PM followed by the meeting in the parlour at 7:30 PM. The meeting will end with our Secret Pal gift exchange.

Next week

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectionary readings

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Special Sunday school: We'll be presenting the Children's ministry during the service, a fun and educational programme for children aged 3-12.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve service at 7:30 PM; we will be sharing in Holy Communion.

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 \$50, you can provide educational materials for the Indigenous People's Centre in the Philippines.

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: We don't give charity; we make a difference. The local food bank tells us that every \$1 donation provides \$12 of food. Three years ago Moisson Estrie distributed 450,000 kg of food through 18 different organisations; last year the amount was 800,000 kg, worth \$4.4 million, through 32 organisations!

The food bank thanks Plymouth-Trinity for making a difference.

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