

# PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

December 18, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## Prelude

**10:15 Carol-singing**

**Welcome and greetings**

**Call to worship / Opening prayer**

**Introit** Love 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 Angels, from the realms of glory**

**VU 36**

**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 There was a child in Galilee**

**MV 134**

**Prayer for illumination**

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OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More

Voices

\* the congregation standing, as able

**Readings** Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**OT 636**  
**NT 1**

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

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

**Personal reflection**

**\* Hymn** What child is this **VU 74**

**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**

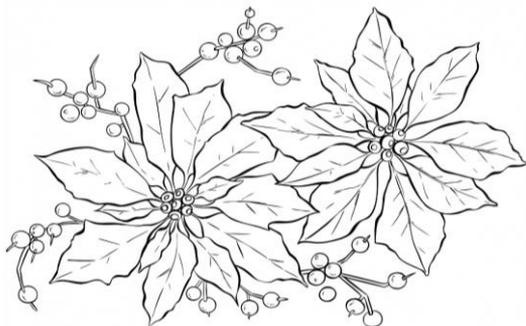
**Prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn** Hark! the herald angels sing **VU 48**

**\* 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**



## Week 4: Love / l'Amour

Here we are, a week away from our time to celebrate the birth of a child, to celebrate new hope for a new generation. Today we remember love, for it is through love that Shalom / Salaam / Peace will truly be achieved, it is through acts and words of love that the whole world will experience joy. Love embodies our hope.

C'est la quatrième semaine de l'Avent. Notre réflexion sur cette saison a débuté avec les bougies de l'Espoir, de Shalom / Salaam / Paix et de la Joie. C'est dans la Joie et l'Espoir que nous travaillons pour Shalom / Salaam / Paix. Ce travail se fait par la compassion, la coopération et l'amour. À Noël, nous nous souvenons de notre appel à aimer tous les enfants de Dieu.

Yes, Christmas is a time to remember that we should love all God's children. We light this candle as a symbol of the love we are called to share.

*We light the fourth candle / Nous allumons la quatrième 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 Shalom / Salaam / Paix, afin que tous aient la joie abondante en choisissant d'agir dans l'amour.

Prions ensemble:

**Nous remercions Dieu pour l'occasion de nous retrouver ensemble durant ce temps des Fêtes. Aide-nous à redoubler d'efforts pour aimer nos voisins, les étrangers, notre monde. Inspire-nous à travailler pour Shalom / Salaam / Paix, pour l'environnement, pour toute l'humanité et pour nous-mêmes.**

**Continue, O Creator, to teach us how to love you, through loving your world and all your children. 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 and fill us with your love. Amen.**

## News and announcements

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

***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:** Ann Fowlis

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

**Sexton:** Carno Tchuani

**Thanks** to Pam Eby who shared with us her gift of music last week in Leslie Young's absence.

**Happy birthday** to Kieran Marshall & Selma Collins (December 19) and Florence Cloutier-Pratte (December 21).

**Happy anniversary** to Irma & Jules Perron (December 23).

**Holidays:** The church will be closed from December 25 to January 3; on Sunday, January 1, a bilingual service will be led by Allan Marshall at 10:30 AM.

**The pastor will be on vacation** from December 25 until January 6. In a case of pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Marty Sadler at 819 342-8699.

**Bulletin announcements:** Please send by next Wednesday (December 21) your announcements for December 24, January 1 and January 8 bulletins.

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

## Today

**Christmas Stable Service:** For over 20 years now, the Georgeville community enjoys a wonderful tradition: we gather in a local barn to sing carols and hear the Nativity story. All this happens with sheep wandering among the worshippers baaing their own carols; a donkey is off to one side, occasionally braying while a few chickens cluck away. The horses in their stalls seem to pause to enjoy the music. Adults and children enjoy the atmosphere that seems more reminiscent of the night that Christ was born.

The ministers of the Georgeville United and St. George's Anglican Church share in the leadership of this very informal but meaningful Christmas tradition. As a special feature this year, the carols will be led by musicians. As always, a committed group of Georgeville voices will lift the rafters with song.

The Stable service takes place on **Sunday Dec. 18 at 2 PM** at the Coallier Family farm on Magoon Point Road, Georgeville. To get to the farm, bear right at the Y in front of the red school house in Georgeville and go 2 km. The farm is the first on the left after the MacPherson Cemetery.

**Worship Team:** A special meeting will take place immediately after the service.

## Lectionary Christmastide

**Saturday, December 24** – Christmas Eve

**Bilingual service** at 7:30 PM.

We will be sharing in Holy Communion.

There will be no service on Sunday, December 25.

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**January 1** – New Year's Day

**Lectionary readings**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

**Bilingual service** at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

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**January 8** – Epiphany Sunday and Baptism of Jesus

**Lectionary readings**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

***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.

# 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](http://giftswithvision.ca).

For \$10, you can provide two art canvases for the River Bend Integrated Community Ministries in Saskatoon.

**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 or the local food bank, Moisson Estrie, in the name of a family member or friend. Hand-made gift cards for this purpose, courtesy of Janet McBurney, are available on tables at the front of and back of the sanctuary.

**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, until 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!

We gave 26 kg of food to Moisson Estrie for December.

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

## Poinsettias

Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas poinsettias!

<b>Donated by</b>	<b>in loving memory of</b>
Beverley Lepine	Ken and Polly Broadbelt
Carol and Michel Gosselin	Aline, Helen, Phileas Gosselin
Carol and Michel Gosselin	Dorothy Imbeault
Erin, Martin, Markus and Anna Lunkenbein	Erin's mother, Jane Mallory
Eva & Renaud Scheib	their parents
Inge Lunkenbein	Dieter and Bob
Jack & Pam Eby	Pam's parents and Jack's father
Janet McBurney	her parents and grandparents
Jim Atto	his wife Ruth
Ruby and Stuart Robinson	Jessie and Harry MacLeod, Wilda and Fred Robinson
Vae Hershey	her husband Darryl

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Friday 8-11 & 11:30-14:30

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