

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Advent 3

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

* Introit

VU 7 #3

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

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.

Call to worship/ Opening prayer

O God, we long for you, as we long for peace and long for love.
**We wait in excitement for your birth-day when we can celebrate
your coming into the world.**

Today, help us find time to rejoice, and show the world what we believe:

**that you are coming to share in our realities and our waiting will
soon be over. Amen**

*Hymn

Angels, from the realms of glory

VU 36

Advent candle-lighting

. OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

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* Choral closing:

VU 44 #4

For, lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which [soon] the angels sing.

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the Peace candle. We are invited as individuals and as a community to work toward Peace as, we actively await the coming of Emmanuel. Have a meaningful and blessed journey in Advent!

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

Please join us for fair-trade coffee or a cold drink after the service.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Vivienne Galanis

Ushers: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sextons: Carno Jiembou Tchuani and Dave Fowlis

Happy birthday to Kieran Marshall and Selma Touoyem (both on Dec. 19), and Florence Cloutier-Pratte (Dec. 21).

Happy anniversary to Irma and Jules Perron (Dec. 23)

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Theresa Wilkie in memory of her parents and her husband Harley.

Membership classes: Are you interested in better knowing The United of Canada and/or becoming a member of Plymouth-Trinity? Please check with our minister.

2018 Church calendars – the UCW is once again selling church calendars for \$7.00. If you wish to purchase one, please contact Janet or Lois.

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, please speak to Janet McBurney or contact her at j.mcburney@sympatico.ca or [819-565-9716](tel:819-565-9716) by December 18th. Please let Janet 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.

Next week

Sunday, December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent and . Christmas Eve

Lectionary readings. Isaiah 9:2–7, Psalm 96; Luke 2:1-20

Esaïe 9:2-7, Psaumes 96, Luc 2:1-20

Bilingual communion service at 7:00 p.m.

In the community

Today at 2 PM: Annual Stable Service in Georgeville with carols among the sheep, chickens, horses, donkeys and other farm animals, at Beachwood Farm (Coallier family farm) on Magoon Point road, about 2 km south of Georgeville, next left after Macpherson Cemetery. Come and enjoy this service celebrating the season.

Thursday, December 21: *Vivre et Oeuvrer Ensemble* will show the movie Luther followed by a panel discussion including Corentine Navenec and our minister. This event will take place at the University of Sherbrooke at 1p.m. For information contact Carno Jiembou Tchuani at 8196409006 or Olivier Dedingar at 8194371549

Outreach

Traces of mice have been spotted in the kitchen. Please be careful about not leaving crumbs or uncovered food around you.

Gifts with Vision 2017: The new United Church “Giving catalogue” arrived with the November issue of *The Observer*. There are copies available at the front and back of the sanctuary; you can also check the website www.giftswithvision.ca to choose gifts or make donations; tax receipts will be issued. The Gifts with Vision programme has given over \$1.7 million to United Church partners making a difference in people’s lives.

Example: A gift of \$30 will provide meals at the Red Road to Healing programme with a Salteaux Elder, in Sundre, Alberta, where residential school survivors and families gather for healing.

Mitten tree: We again have an outlet for winter shoppers and idle fingers! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks/Scarves) for homeless people, mostly men. The gift bags contain hats, underwear, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes, either hand-made or bought, as well as toiletries. Our mitten tree is ready to receive “fruit”, including toothbrushes, soap, etc. for HUGS, between Advent and Palm Sunday.

Give a Perfect Gift this Christmas: Are you looking for 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 a family member or friend. Hand-made gift cards are available, in English and French, on the table at the front and back of the sanctuary. We thank Janet McBurney for her donation of time and supplies for these beautiful cards.

Moisson Estrie: The local food bank has a Club des nouilles or Pasta Club. Members commit to donating at least \$5 per month for a

year. These extra funds will enable Moisson Estrie to stock the macaroni, spaghetti and other forms of pasta which are essential items, especially for low-income families. The money will also go towards other basic ingredients always in short supply, such as flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter and canned fruit and vegetables.

Because of generous partners, \$5/month is multiplied by 12, i.e. for each \$5, \$60 of food is distributed.

Each week the food bank assists about 300 individuals or families as well as supporting around 30 community organisations and a dozen schools.

Please remember Moisson Estrie when you do your weekly grocery shopping, with a special thought on our Super Sundays. Or join the Club des nouilles at www.moissonestrie.com.

