

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Plymouth-Trinity United Church
Order of Worship

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples. At Plymouth-Trinity, we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land through the ages.

***Call to worship**

***Gathering Song**

VU 32 (verse 3)

Quand notre foi t'espère, oh! viens, nous t'attendons.
Prends pitié de la terre, ne tarde plus longtemps.
La création soupire après la liberté.
C'est toi qu'elle désire en ton éternité.

Children's time

L'heure des enfants

Advent Candle Lighting (*see insert*)

Illumination de la couronne de l'Avent (*voir l'encart*)

* les personnes qui le peuvent sont priées de se lever

OT: Old Testament AT: Ancien Testament NT: New / Nouveau Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Opening hymn** (Eng 1, 7; fr 3, 4)

VU 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Oh! viens, Jésus, oh! viens, Emmanuel

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

Response

VU 23

Joy shall come even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness;
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.
For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;
for living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow.

***Hymn**

VU 18

There's a voice in the wilderness

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 11:1-10

(OT 640)

Psalm 72: parts 1 & 3 (VU p 790)

Romans 15:4-13

(NT 163)

Matthew 3:1-12

(NT 2)

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

Message

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

C'est ma chanson

(Lloyd Stone,
musique de Finlandia, Jean Sibelius)

C'est ma chanson ô Dieu de toutes les nations,
un chant de paix pour les terres loin et le mien;
c'est ma maison, le pays où mon cœur est;
voici mes espoirs, mes rêves, mon sanctuaire :
mais d'autres cœurs dans d'autres pays battent
avec des espoirs et des rêves aussi que vrais et grands que les
miens.

Les ciels de mon pays sont plus bleus que l'océan,
et le soleil brille sur le trèfle et le pin;
Mais d'autres terres ont soleil et trèfle,
et les ciels sont partout aussi bleus que le mien :
écoute mon chant, ô Dieu de toutes les nations,
un chant de paix pour leur terre ainsi que pour la mienne.

C'est ma chanson, ô Dieu de toutes les nations,
une prière que la paix triomphe en tous lieux;
et je prie pour mon pays bien-aimé ---
la réassurance de ta grâce continue :
Seigneur, aide-nous à trouver notre unité dans le Sauveur,
en dépit des différences d'âge et de race.

Minute for Mission

Offering

Response

VU 31 (verse 3)

A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high,
that will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever for you with praises new,
and from your name shall never withhold the honour due.

Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

VU p 883

Comfort, comfort now my people

***Benediction**

***Response**

MV 221

I am walking a path of Peace, I am walking a path of Peace,
I am walking a path of Peace,
lead me home, lead me home, I am home.

Postlude

Carol-singing around the piano

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Our mission statement

As people of Plymouth-Trinity Church we strive to:

- be a welcoming and caring community following the example of Jesus Christ;
- share in meaningful worship for those who long to hear the Good News;
- deepen our faith and share it with people of all ages;
- listen to and learn from our brothers and sisters of other faiths and denominations;
- promote justice and peace in our city and in our world.

Notre déclaration de mission

Nous, la communauté de l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity, nous nous efforçons

- d'être une communauté accueillante et attentionnée en suivant l'exemple de Jésus-Christ
- d'offrir un lieu de partage où la prière et la louange vivent tout leur sens pour ceux qui souhaitent ouvrir leur cœur à la Bonne Nouvelle
- d'approfondir notre foi et la partager avec des personnes de tout âge
- d'apprendre de nos frères et nos sœurs de fois ou de dénominations différentes en pratiquant l'écoute
- de promouvoir la justice et la paix dans notre ville et notre monde.

Advent Events at Plymouth-Trinity

L'Avent à Plymouth-Trinity

Sunday, 15 December, 10:30 a.m.: Advent 3 service, walking a path of Joy: White Gift Sunday! An intergenerational service led by the children's ministry team. Following our tradition of many years, we will collect non-perishable food – and cash – for Sherbrooke Elementary School's Christmas baskets.

-- *Notre culte de 10h30 sera le dimanche du « White Gift », les dons pour l'école Sherbrooke Elementary. Le culte sera dirigé par l'équipe du ministère des enfants.*

Sunday, 15 December, 7 p.m.: Ecumenical Advent carol and candlelight service at P-T at 7 p.m. Mulled cider to follow.

-- *Joignez-vous à nous ici à P-T à 19h pour un culte œcuménique de l'Avent avec chants et bougies.*

Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m.: Blue Christmas service, a time of prayer, comfort and solace for those for whom Christmas is a complicated time.

-- *Service de prière et reconfort.*

Sunday, 22 December, 10:30 a.m.: Advent 4 service, walking a path of Love. With children's church.

-- *Culte à 10h30 pour le 4^e dimanche de l'Avent, avec culte des enfants.*

Tuesday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eve service; there will be colouring books for the younger children!

-- *Culte à 19h30 pour la veille de Noël, avec bougies; il y aura du coloriage pour les jeunes enfants!*

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping here today. On this second Sunday of Advent, the winds of the Spirit fill us with Peace.

Bienvenue à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! En ce 12e dimanche de l'Avent, l'Esprit nous inonde de Paix.

Des **Bibles en français** se trouvent à l'arrière.

If you are a visitor, please join us for fair-trade coffee or a cold drink after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation. You will find the candles on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank our volunteers

Reader: Vivienne Galanis

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Andrew Brown

Today's bulletin cover is sponsored by Brian Cullen & family in memory of his mother Beth Cullen who died December 12, 2007.

Happy birthday to Allan Marshall (Dec. 8), and happy anniversary to Françoise & Steve Elkas (Dec. 13)

The worship team is looking for 4 volunteers to prepare, set-up, serve and clean up for communion (in the pews) on Christmas Eve. Please speak to Janet McBurney by 6 p.m. on December 15th if you are willing to do this or if you have any questions.

Snow fall warning: With the winter, snow and ice can collect on the edge of our roof. We want to warn you when entering the side door (into the hall) to always look up before coming in; that's the spot where chunks of snow can drop suddenly.

Samuel has been appointed to the United Church's General Secretary Selection Committee, helping choose our next General Secretary.

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, please speak to Kristi Roht or contact her at kristiroht@gmail.com or 819-993-9609 by December 18th. 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.

Christmas baking: Janet McBurney is once again taking orders for Christmas puddings. Large pudding \$15, small (syrup can size) \$7. Please contact Janet at janetjammcb@gmail.com or 819-565-9716 by December 13th, for delivery December 15th. Proceeds to the UCW.

Perfect Gift cards: Looking for a gift for someone who has everything, or a gift with meaning? Consider giving a perfect gift this Christmas, 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 cards by Janet McBurney are available in English and French on the tables at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Gifts with Vision: The 2019/20 catalogue is here – to help us celebrate special occasions throughout the year – no wrapping paper necessary! More than 68 million people worldwide are currently fleeing danger, persecution or starvation. \$100 provides food, shelter, education and programs for displaced people around the world. There are gifts of food for people near and far, solar power gifts, gifts for beekeepers, gifts for reconciliation, and more at giftswithvision.ca . There are copies of the catalogue on the tables at the back of the sanctuary and opposite the coffee table.

Bulletin covers 2020: Would you like to sponsor one, or more? Inge Lunkenbein (819-346-7750) is collecting donations for the 2020 bulletin covers: \$10 a Sunday in memory of a loved one. Several people can be sponsors on the same Sunday. A signup sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Ecumenical curling bonspiel: Gordon Lambie has received an invitation for Plymouth-Trinity to participate in the “Battle of the Churches” again. This year's event will be held on January 25 (during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity), and he needs to tell the organizers if we have a team (or two) by January 15 at the latest. Last year we managed to put together a team and a quarter and had a lot of fun both among ourselves and in interaction with other local faith communities, even if we didn't do particularly well. Curling experience is welcome but not required. Anyone with questions can contact gordon.lambie@gmail.com .

Sunday sextons: We need you! This volunteer position involves opening the church for Sunday services (and locking up after). There is a team taking turns, once a month or so. Please speak to Dave Fowlis or the minister if you can help in this way.

This week

Tuesday, December 10: UCW Potluck supper at 6 p.m. in the P-T hall, followed by a presentation by Shanna Bernier on her pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine. The group will then adjourn to the parlour for the final meeting of 2019, which ends with the Secret Pal gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a feminine hygiene product or diapers for Moisson Estrie.

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, December 15, Advent 3

Lectionary readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
Worship at 10:30 a.m., with children's church

10:30 a.m.: White Gift Sunday! Following our tradition of many, many years, we will collect non-perishable food – and cash – at our 10:30 a.m. worship service for Sherbrooke Elementary School's Christmas baskets for which we are the principal donors. Please remember the needy families as you do your grocery shopping this week and next.

-- Notre culte de 10h30 sera le dimanche du « White Gift », les dons pour l'école Sherbrooke Elementary.

7 p.m.: Ecumenical Advent carol and candlelight service at P-T at 7 p.m. Those participating include members of Lennoxville United, St. Mark's Anglican (Bishop's University), St. George's Anglican (Lennoxville), St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Lennoxville), the deacon of Sherbrooke's Catholic cathedral and the Comité Écumenique de Sherbrooke. All are welcome; spread the word! Mulled cider to follow.

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Outreach

Moisson Estrie : With each \$1 donation the local food bank generates \$16 worth of goods - for their individual clients and the almost 50 organisations they support, such as the soup kitchen La Chaudronnée de l'Estrie and the palliative care residence, Maison Aube-Lumière. 33% of people - 1 in 3 - in households which benefit from the food bank are children. Moisson Estrie uses only 10% of donations to cover all their administrative costs. Please remember the food bank with a weekly offering of nonperishable food.

Moisson Estrie: Il y a des boîtes marquées « Moisson Estrie » à l'avant et à l'arrière du sanctuaire. Moisson Estrie fournit un secours direct à quelque 1500 personnes chaque mois. De ce nombre, plus de 30% sont des enfants !