

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

December 22, 2019
Fourth 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.

* 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

Advent Candle Lighting (*see insert*)

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

(The children leave for children's church after the candle is lit)

(Les enfants partent pour leur culte)

***Opening hymn** (Eng 1, 2; fr 3, 4) **VU 35/ NVU 211**

Good Christian friends, rejoice D'un cœur joyeux, chantez!

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this|

He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Ô mages d'Orient, guidés divinement sous l'étoile ardente,
voyez l'enfant qui dort.

Il comble votre attente; offrez-lui vos trésors!

Gloire au Dieu très haut! Gloire au Dieu très haut!

Lumière et vérité, vivante charité, claire soleil du monde,
Jésus, sois exalté!

Par toi la grâce abonde sur notre humanité.

Gloire au Dieu très haut! Gloire au Dieu très haut!

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 64

O little town of Bethlehem

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Romans 1:1-7

(NT 152)

Matthew 1:18-25

(NT 1)

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

Message

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 74

What child is this

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 90 (sung to the tune of VU 91)
Aujourd'hui, le Roi des cieux

***Benediction**

***Response**

MV 221

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

Postlude

Carol-singing around the piano

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The office will be closed for the holidays,
returning on January 7 at 9 a.m.

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 soeurs de fois ou de dénominations différentes en pratiquant l'écoute
- de promouvoir la justice et la paix dans notre ville et notre monde.

Announcements

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

Bienvenue à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! En ce 4e dimanche de l'Avent, l'Esprit nous inonde d'Amour.

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: Andrew Brown

Ushers: Andrew Brown & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Happy birthday to Kristi Roht (Dec. 24), Brett Bryant (Dec. 27), Zawadi Alenga & Hazel Innes (both on Dec. 28), Everett Boynton (Dec. 31), Jacqueline Mweta & Emil Bombardier (both on Jan. 1); and happy anniversary to Selma Chipenda-Dansokho & Samuel Dansokho (Jan. 3).

Christmas greetings from Lois Ogilvie Blanchette to “all my **wonderful** friends at Plymouth-Trinity”. Lois joined P-T in 1950 when she married and moved to Sherbrooke from Ottawa; “my gratitude for these years knows no bounds”.

Lois gave a generous gift to P-T when Samuel and Lois (the other Lois!) visited her recently. Our sincerest thanks to Lois Ogilvie Blanchette!

Snow fall warning: With the winter, snow and ice can collect on the edge of our roof. When entering the side door (into the

hall) always look up before coming in; that's where chunks of snow can drop suddenly.

My Christmas Gift, for the Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada. Envelopes for this special donation are available today and December 24. Please be generous.

Les enveloppes de don spécial *My Christmas Gift* (mon cadeau de Noël) pour le Fond Mission & Service de l'Église Unie du Canada sont disponibles aujourd'hui et le 24 décembre. Soyez généreux.

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 new 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. \$75 pays postage for 90 members of Vancouver's Downtown East Side community to send Christmas cards to someone they love. 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 sign-up 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. The 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. 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.

The P-T office will reopen on Tuesday, January 7. Office mail and telephone messages will be checked regularly over the break. But in case of emergency, do not hesitate to contact the minister. Samuel’s cell is 873-200-2011; his email is SVDansokho.ptucc@gmail.com .

Samuel wishes you a meaningful Christmastime and a happy new year!

La secrétaire sera de retour au bureau de l’église P-T le 7 janvier, à 9h. Les messages seront vérifiés régulièrement pendant cette fermeture. Mais en cas d’urgence, n’hésitez pas à contacter le pasteur, au 873-200-2011 ou SVDansokho.ptucc@gmail.com . Samuel vous souhaite Joyeux Noël et Bonne et Heureuse Année!

This week

Tuesday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eve service, with Holy Communion. There will be colouring books to keep the younger children busy.

Mardi, 24 décembre: Culte à 19h30 pour la veille de Noël, avec bougies, avec Sainte Cène. Il y aura du coloriage pour les jeunes enfants.

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, December 29, first after Christmas

NO worship service at Plymouth-Trinity or Lennoxville United

(happy holidays to all!). You could attend the service at Sawyerville United (46 rue Principale N.), a laid back “good-bye to 2019” service at 10:30 a.m.

PAS DE CULTE à Plymouth-Trinity, ni à l’Eglise Unie de Lennoxville (bonnes vacances à tous!). Nous vous suggérons le culte de 10h30 (en anglais) à l’Eglise Unie de Sawyerville (46 rue Principale N.).

Lectionary readings: *Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23*

Outreach

Moisson Estrie: The local food bank reports the demands for assistance have never been higher and seeks our help for non-perishable food items, especially flour, oatmeal and pasta. They also need personal hygiene products such as shampoo, deodorant and diapers. Let us remember the growing number of people in need in our region as we enter the Christmas season.

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 !