

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

WORSHIP SERVICE December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018



Advent 1-Hope

^MUSICAL PRELUDE: (Leader & Choir Enter)

(^) means, please stand as you are able,

(Bold Print - Congregation Response)

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^ADVENT INTROIT: “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star”

*Hope shines as the solitary star. (More Voices 220)*

*Faith is the inner light.*

*You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the path-way home. (3 times)*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (Rev Jamie York)

^HYMN: VU#5 All earth is waiting

OPENING PRAYER: (Rev Jamie York)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—HOPE

PRAYER: *Holy Light, in the dawning of Advent,  
awaken us to signs of your presence.*

*Be with us in this time of waiting.*

*May eager anticipation, so much a part of this festive time, be  
transformed into a deep yearning for your reign of hope.*

*We pray in the name of the One who comes. Amen.*

^HYMN: VU#7 Hope is a star (verse 1)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (R)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “Dawning of a New Day”

^HYMN: VU#2 Come thou long expected Jesus

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36 (L)

Leader: In this reading is Good News for God’s people.

*People: May the Spirit of the Living God be with us today! Amen.*

SERMON: “The Cloud: Apple’s, Google’s or God”

^HYMN: VU#688 O day of God, draw nigh

ADVENT MOMENT:

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison) MV#191

*What can I do?... What can I bring?*

*What can I say?... What can I sing?*

*I’ll sing with HOPE... I’ll say a prayer.*

*I’ll bring my love... I’ll do my share. (Repeat)*

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*Through these gifts, Generous God*

*may we be agents of hope in your world;*

*lifting people up in love,*

*so that they can experience abundant life. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#232 Joyful, joyful we adore you

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

As we leave our worship this first Sunday of Advent

*We will enter this Advent week with hope.*

*We will enter this Advent week with patience in our waiting.*

May your waiting be rich and the presence of God be full and near to you.

*We will bear God’s hope to this world,*

*like a candle overcoming the shadows.*

^BENEDICTION: Rev. Jamie York

^CHORAL BLESSING: (Go Now in Peace)

*Go now in peace, never be afraid*

*God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe*

*Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

*God will be there, watching from above,*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)*

★ SEASON OF ★

Hope

