

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
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**Sunday, December 01, Advent 1, 2024**

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**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Leader:** Let us light the candle of Hope.

*(The first candle-the candle of hope is lit)*

Leader: May this candle of hope brighten the parts of our dimming lives.

**All:** This serves as a reminder to build our hope in the promised light that illuminates our lives.

**Advent Hymn:** VU # 7 “Hope Is a Star” {verse 1 only}

**CALL TO WORSHIP WORSHIP** {responsively}

Leader: We, a diverse community, come together, each with our unique concerns in our lives, yet united in our faith.

**All:** We come hopeful for the light to shine upon our lives.

Leader: Let us hold each other's hand and journey throughout this advent season in oneness.

**All:** All earth is waiting; we are eagerly waiting for the hope promised to the whole world.

Leader: Let's fix our hope on our creator to lead us throughout this path of Advent toward our Bethlehem.

**All:** We gather with preparedness to worship The Lord, who, in His mercy, remembers our sins no more.

**\*\*OPENING HYMN:** MV # 33 “Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope.”

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION** (in Unison)

God of hope, who meets us where we are, in our fears, struggles of life, doubts, busyness, weaknesses, strength, and messiness, we thank you. We acknowledge that even though we know there is hope in you, we still cannot fix our eyes on you. As we prepare our hearts and minds in anticipation, we ask for our transformation to align our thoughts with your intent for the season.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Beloved, God grants us the strength to face life's uncertainties with grace and confidence. Let us trust in God's guiding star to illuminate our winter season. Amen!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

**All:** And, with you.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**\*\*CHILDREN'S HYMN:** VU # 73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy."

**SCRIPTURE READING:** LUKE 21: 25-36

The word of God to us, God's people.

**REFLECTION:** "WAITING IN CONFIDENCE"

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 55 "In the Bleak Midwinter."

**MISSION & SERVICE STORIES:** "Nurturing New Beginnings."

## **INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** MV #162 "Christ, within us Hidden."

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

Providing God, we can never thank you enough for the gifts you have bestowed upon us. With deep sincerity and gratitude, and from your abundance, we offer a portion of them, knowing that you will supply whatever we need to share with those around us and across the globe. Bless our giving and our gifts. Amen!

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let's join in the Lord's Prayer:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 220 "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star."

## **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

